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Special Statement

** AIR QUALITY ALERT ** Through noon Wednesday. Smoke will continue to significantly impact areas across the forecast area. See link to alert below. An additional two smoke monitors will be setup today. One near Espanola and the other in Tesuque. They should be operational by this evening.

Fire

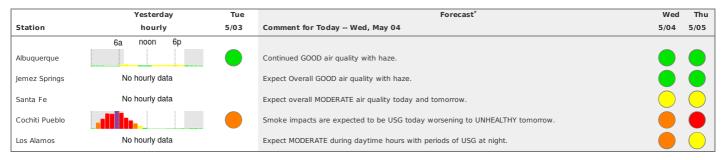
Fire Size: 25004 Acres, 13% contained. Today, winds will be lighter but remain slightly stronger than the typical diurnal speeds. Temperatures will be several degrees lower than yesterday. Weather and fuel conditions will continue to support active fire behavior across the eastern half of the fire.

Smoke

Smoke will start to move more to the southeast impacting Santa Fe down to Santa Rosa State Park. Expect mostly MODERATE air quality today in Los Alamos with the potential for periods into UNHEALTHY tonight. Communities along the Rio Valley should expect smoke to settle in tonight and into Thursday morning with periods of UNHEALTHY. Thursday expect smoke conditions to be similar to today with potential for more smoke along the Rio Valley. Albuquerque and areas west of the fire will likely continue to have GOOD air quality with periods of MODERATE. Chance of smoke moving into Jemez Springs Thursday morning, clearing by mid-day.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday --



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| Air Quality Index (AQI) | Actions to Protect Yourself |
|-------------------------|---|
| Good | None |
| Moderate | Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| USG | People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion. |
| Unhealthy | People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity. |
| Very Unhealthy | Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| Hazardous | Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity. |

*Disclaimer: This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

Additional Links

Inciweb for Cerro Pelado -- https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8075/

Air Quality Alert -- https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php? site=NWS&issuedby=abq&product=AQA&glossary=0

