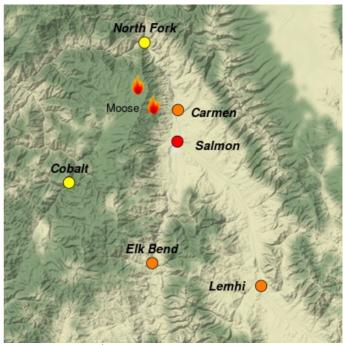
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Fire

We are in a hot, dry weather pattern for one more day. The western edge of the fire, near Haystack and Copper Mountains, continues to be the most active. Starting tomorrow, we will shift into a more unstable weather pattern which includes monsoonal moisture and chance of thunderstorms. While we may have a shot at getting some moisture on the fire, we will also have a chance for strong downdraft winds and lightening. Stay alert to changing conditions. Details on the Moose Fire are available at "Moose fire Inciweb"

Smoke

We will have another day of poor air quality in Lemhi Valley. Areas starting the day with smoke should see some improvement by noon. But smoke will make its way back into the valleys and Salmon, Carmen, North Fork, Elk Bend, and Lemhi could again see 'Unhealthy' air quality by late afternoon/evening. We should have a break in the smoke tomorrow with the changing winds. Please see 'Actions to Protect Yourself' below.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

	Yesterday	Wed	Forecast*	Thu	Fri
Station	hourly	8/17	Comment for Today Thu, Aug 18	8/18	8/19
	6a noon 6p				
Salmon			Unhealthy air quality with periods of Moderate in the early afternoon		
Carmen			Moderate air quality this morning with periods of USG/Unhealthy this evening		
Lemhi			Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups/Unhealthy with periods of Moderate this afternoon		
Elk Bend	No hourly data		Unhealthy in the morning and the evening with Moderate during the day		
North Fork			Mostly Moderate air quality with periods of Unhealthy		
Cobalt			Mostly Moderate air quality with potential periods of Unhealthy in the afternoon		

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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

Moose Fire Incident Information -- https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8249/ Smoke and Fire Map -- Moose Fire -- https://fire.airnow.gov/? aqi_v=1&m_ids=c05598cd18efa3c7_840MMFS10019&pa_ids=# Moose Fire Twitter -- http://#MooseFire Idaho Dept of Environmental Quality -- https://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/
Purple Air PM 2.5 Monitoring -- https://www2.purpleair.com/
Montana Dept of Environmental Quality -- https://deq.mt.gov/air/



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