



Smoke Outlook

9/15 - 9/16

Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys : Mill and Blodgett Lake Fires

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Fire

Yesterday, The Northern Rockies Team One assumed the responsibility of Blodgett Lake, Mill Lake, Bear Creek, Big Creek and Kootenai Creek Fires. Fire Information for these fires can be found at:

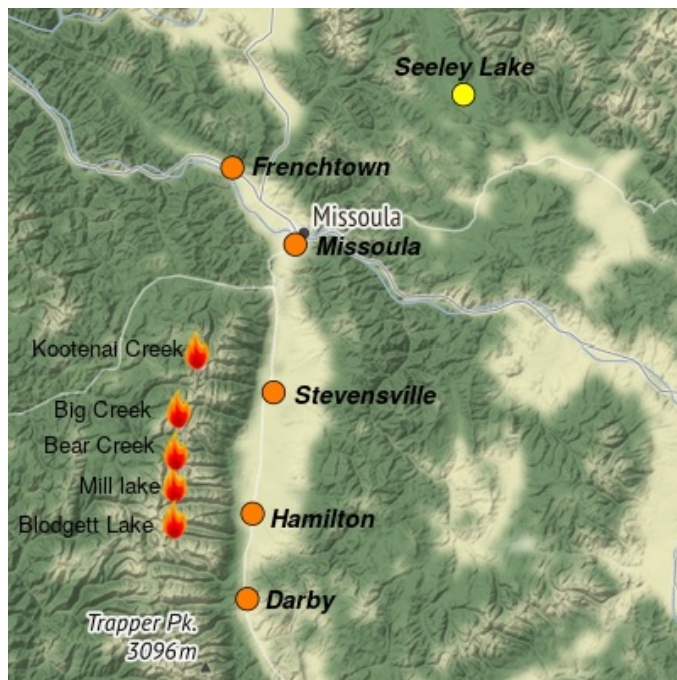
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/>

Smoke

Air quality will be much improved across the forecast area today due to moderated fire behavior from predicted precipitation. Missoula and Bitterroot Valleys should see overall AQI of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) while Seeley Lake should see overall Moderate AQI. All areas can expect to see continued better air quality in coming days.

Other

Air quality may change unexpectedly. If you begin to notice health effects from smoke, you are encouraged to follow the "actions to protect yourself" listed below.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

Station	Yesterday			Wed 9/14	Comment for Today -- Thu, Sep 15	Forecast*	
	hourly					Thu 9/15	Fri 9/16
Stevensville	6a	noon	6p	●	Expect USG conditions in the morning gradually improving through the afternoon.	●	●
Darby	No hourly data				Expect USG conditions in the morning gradually improving through the afternoon.	●	●
Seeley Lake				●	Expect overall Moderate AQI with possible degraded air quality in the afternoon.	●	●
Frenchtown				●	Expect overall USG with possible periods of Unhealthy.	●	●
Missoula				●	Expect overall USG with possible periods of Unhealthy.	●	●
Hamilton				●	Expect degraded air quality in the morning with improved AQ 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

[Mill and Blodgett Lakes Fire Information](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/) -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/>

[Montana Department of Environmental Quality](https://deq.mt.gov/air/index) -- <https://deq.mt.gov/air/index>

[Missoula City-County Public Health Department](https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/home-environment/air-quality/current-air-quality) -- <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/home-environment/air-quality/current-air-quality>

[AirNow Fire and Smoke Map](https://fire.airnow.gov/#) -- <https://fire.airnow.gov/#>



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 Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/6c87beb9>
 *Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health