



Smoke Outlook

9/16 - 9/17

Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys : Mill and Blodgett Lake Fires

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Fire

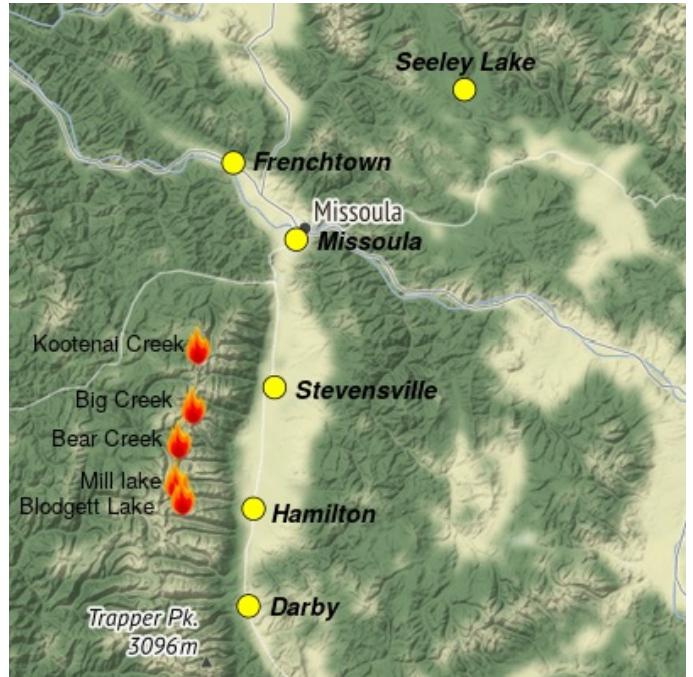
Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering is expected today with the possibility of isolated pockets of fuel picking up mid to late afternoon as the smoke clears out. Fire Information for these fires can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/>

Smoke

Smoke conditions today are expected to be overall Moderate in the forecast area. Cool and showery conditions are forecasted today which should moderate fire activity on all fires. Predicted strong Westerly winds has the potential to help lessen smoke impacts in the Bitterroot Valley. There is a possibility, in the next coming days, for smoke filtering back into the forecast area from fires burning to the South and West. Smoke impacts will be heavily dependent on fire activity.

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 Friday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Thu 9/15	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Fri, Sep 16	Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17
	6a	noon	6p				
Seeley Lake					Expect overall Moderate AQI with possible degraded air quality in the afternoon.		
Darby					Expect overall Moderate air quality for the day.		
Hamilton					Expect overall Moderate AQ with possible degraded air quality in the morning.		
Stevensville					Expect overall Moderate air quality for the day.		
Frenchtown					Expect overall Moderate air quality for the day.		
Missoula					Expect overall Moderate air quality for the day.		

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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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 *Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health