



Smoke Outlook

9/17 - 9/18

Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys : Mill and Blodgett Lake Fires

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Fire

Fire behavior will be largely smoldering today with isolated pockets of fuel continuing to burn. Cool weather and higher humidity are anticipated through the rest of the weekend, which should help to moderate fire behavior. 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 temperatures and higher humidity are forecasted again today which should continue to moderate fire activity on all fires. Haze may become more noticeable as southerly winds carry regional smoke aloft into the Outlook area. 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 Saturday

Station	Yesterday			Fri 9/16	Comment for Today -- Sat, Sep 17	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18
Hamilton	[Graph showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect Good to Moderate air quality.	●	●
Missoula	[Graph showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect Good to Moderate air quality for the day.	●	●
Stevensville	[Graph showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect Good to Moderate air quality for the day.	●	●
Seeley Lake	[Graph showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect Good to Moderate conditions today.	●	●
Darby	[Graph showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect Good to Moderate air quality for the day.	●	●
Frenchtown	[Graph showing AQI fluctuations]			●	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/>

[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>

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

[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