



# Smoke Outlook

## 9/18 - 9/19

### Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys : Mill and Blodgett Lake Fires

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#### Fire

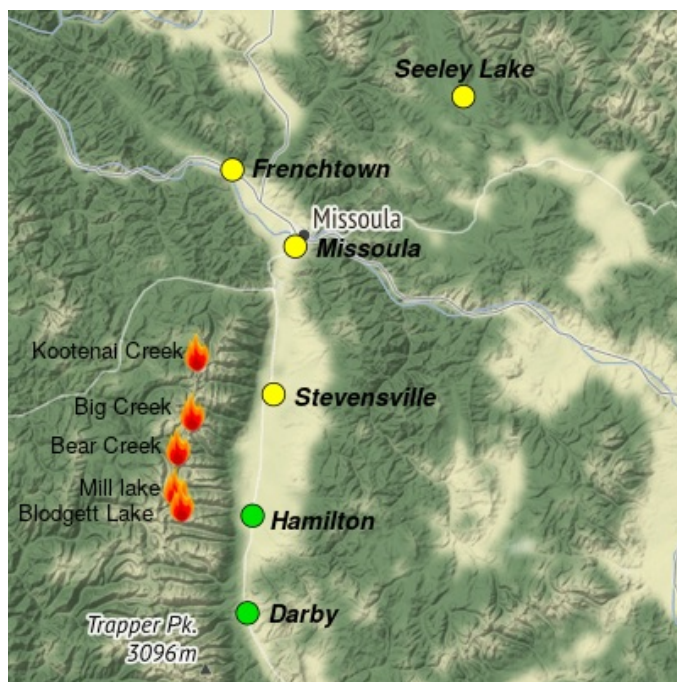
Minimal fire behavior forecast today. Smoldering and creeping behavior expected with isolated pockets of fuel continuing to burn in the afternoon. Cool weather, higher humidity, and potential for rain will continue to moderate fire behavior. Fire Information for these fires can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/>

#### Smoke

Smoke conditions today are expected to be Good to Moderate in the Outlook area. Forecasted cool temperatures and higher humidity will continue to moderate fire activity on all fires, however higher winds in the afternoon may result in increased smoke visible in the canyons as isolated patches of fuel are consumed. 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 Sunday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Sat 9/17	Comment for Today -- Sun, Sep 18	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Sun 9/18	Mon 9/19
Stevensville	[AQI chart showing moderate levels]			[Moderate icon]	Expect overall Moderate air quality with potential for USG in the evening.	[Moderate icon]	[Moderate icon]
Seeley Lake	[AQI chart showing good to moderate levels]			[Moderate icon]	Expect Good to Moderate conditions today.	[Moderate icon]	[Moderate icon]
Darby	[AQI chart showing good levels]			[Good icon]	Expect overall Good air quality for the day.	[Good icon]	[Good icon]
Frenchtown	[AQI chart showing moderate levels]			[Moderate icon]	Expect overall Moderate air quality for the day.	[Moderate icon]	[Moderate icon]
Missoula	[AQI chart showing good to moderate levels]			[Good icon]	Expect Good to Moderate air quality for the day.	[Moderate icon]	[Moderate icon]
Hamilton	[AQI chart showing good levels]			[Good icon]	Expect overall Good with potential for Moderate air quality in the morning.	[Good icon]	[Good icon]

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
[Green icon] Good	None
[Yellow icon] Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
[Orange icon] USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
[Red icon] Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> physical outdoor activity.
[Purple icon] Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
[Dark Red icon] 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/>

Missoula City-County Public Health Department -- <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>

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



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\*Smoke and Health Info -- [www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health](http://www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health)