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Fire

The Cedar Creek Fire in Central Oregon is now 113,637 acres with 14% containment. Fire activity is expected to be minimal today into tomorrow. Rainfall over the past days have saturated fuels, but drier and warm weather into the weekend may increase fire activity by early next week.

Smoke

Oakridge will continue to have the greatest impacts today. Very Unhealthy air quality in Oakridge this morning will reach Hazardous levels this afternoon. Westerly winds are now pushing smoke to the east and southeast of the fire, including Bend, La Pine, and Crescent Lake. This will continue into Friday where we expect to see consistent USG to Unhealthy air quality, as low wind speeds lead to lingering smoke. Eugene/Springfield should experience Good air quality throughout today and into Saturday.

Health and Safety Message

Do you know how to check your local air quality? For real time information see fire.airnow.gov, oakridgeair.org, and LRAPA - Today's Current Air Quality.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

	Yesterday	Wed	Forecast*	Thu	Fri
Station	hourly	9/21	Comment for Today Thu, Sep 22	9/22	9/23
	6a noon 6p				_
La Pine			Moderate air quality becoming Unhealthy by overnight.		
Crater Lake			Overall, Good air quality.		
Sunriver			Moderate air quality becoming Unhealthy by overnight.		
Diamond Lake	No hourly data		Overall, Good air quality.		
Mount Bachelor	No hourly data		Good air quality becoming Moderate for the remainder of the day.		
Crescent Lake	No hourly data		Moderate air quality becoming Unhealthy by overnight.		
Redmond			Overall, Good air quality.		
Bend			Moderate air quality this morning, becoming USG for the remainder of the day.		
Prineville			Good air quality this morning becoming Moderate this afternoon.		
Silver Lake	No hourly data		Moderate air quality becoming USG by the afternoon.		
Eugene/Springfield			Overall, Good air quality today.		
Oakridge			Overall, Very Unhealthy air quality, with Hazardous this 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

3 Day Smoke Outlook -- https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/7f95b6c6?

A guide for public health officials -- https://www.airnow.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/wildfire-smoke-guide-revised-2019.pdf

