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Fire

The fire area grew slightly yesterday due to prescribed fire operations bringing the fire down to containment lines, with a current area of 115,428 acres and 20% containment. Today's weather conditions will likely slow fire activity, but continued smoldering is anticipated within the fire area.

Smoke

Today through tomorrow morning, the wind flow is transporting smoke to areas northeast and east of the fire area, impacting Bend, La Pine, Prineville, and Richmond areas. Higher wind speeds this afternoon will improve smoke dispersion. Thursday late morning and through the evening, forecasted winds will shift to transport smoke to areas south and southeast of the fire, impacting Diamond Lake and Crater Lake area. Oakridge sites will continue to observe smoke in the morning during low wind conditions with more impacts at sites north of highway 58. Thursday evening and into Friday, predicted low ventilation indicates significant smoke build up in the Oakridge area.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Wednesday

	Yesterday	Tue	Forecast*	Wed	Thu
Station	hourly	9/27	Comment for Today Wed, Sep 28	9/28	9/29
	6a noon 6p				
Mount Bachelor	No hourly data		Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, with possible hours at Unhealthy levels.		
La Pine			Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, with possible hours at Unhealthy levels.		
Oakridge			Moderate overall, but higher smoke impacts in areas north of highway 58.		
Crater Lake			Good air quality expected throughout the day.		
Sunriver			Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, with possible hours at Unhealthy levels.		
Diamond Lake	No hourly data		Overall, Good air quality.		
Crescent Lake	No hourly data		o Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, with possible hours at Unhealthy levels.		
Redmond			Moderate air quality with potential hours at USG.		
Bend			Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, with possible hours at Unhealthy levels.		
Prineville			Moderate, with possible hours at Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups levels.		
Silver Lake	No hourly data		Good conditions throughout the day.		
Eugene/Springfield			Good conditions expected all 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

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

