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Special Statement

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY for eastern Lane County through Thursday evening. More information here: https://www.oregonsmoke.org/2023/08/air-quality-advisory-extended-in.html

Fire

Latest Bedrock fire information is available at InciWeb: tinyurl.com/Fire-Information

Smoke

The Lookout and Bedrock fires continue to impact air quality.

Similar conditions to yesterday continue, with smoke settling in communities south and west of the fire overnight. UNHEALTHY air quality in the morning, dropping to MODERATE by late afternoon. UNHEALTHY/VERY UNHEALTHY levels return to McKenzie, Oakridge & La Pine again. There will be periods of MODERATE/USG in the Bend area. Thursday's expected weather should create nearly the same conditions for smoke and air quality around the Bedrock Fire.

Lookout Fire Smoke Outlook

A separate smoke Outlook is issued for the Lookout Fire. More information: fire.airnow.gov and navigate to the fire area.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Wednesday

	Yesterday	Tue	Forecast*	Wed	Thu
Station	hourly	8/15	Comment for Today Wed, Aug 16	8/16	8/17
	6a noon 6p				
McKenzie			Both fires create locally heavy smoke, resulting in VERY UNHEALTHY to HAZARDOUS		
Eugene			MODERATE Air Quality overall for next few days		
Bend			VERY UNHEALTHY early morning, USG late morning, then returning to MODERATE.		
La Pine			Smoke settles in and stays, expect USG, with periods of UNHEALTHY.		
Oakridge			VERY UNHEALTHY to HAZARDOUS as smoke continues to move SE and South		

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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

Bedrock Fire on InciWeb -- https://tinyurl.com/Fire-Information
AirNow Fire & Smoke Map -- https://fire.airnow.gov
Lookout Fire on Inciweb -- https://inciweb.fs2c.usda.gov/incident-information/orwif-lookout-fire

Bedrock Fire on Facebook -- https://tinyurl.com/Bedrock-Facebook Oregon Smoke Blog -- https://oregonsmoke.org/



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