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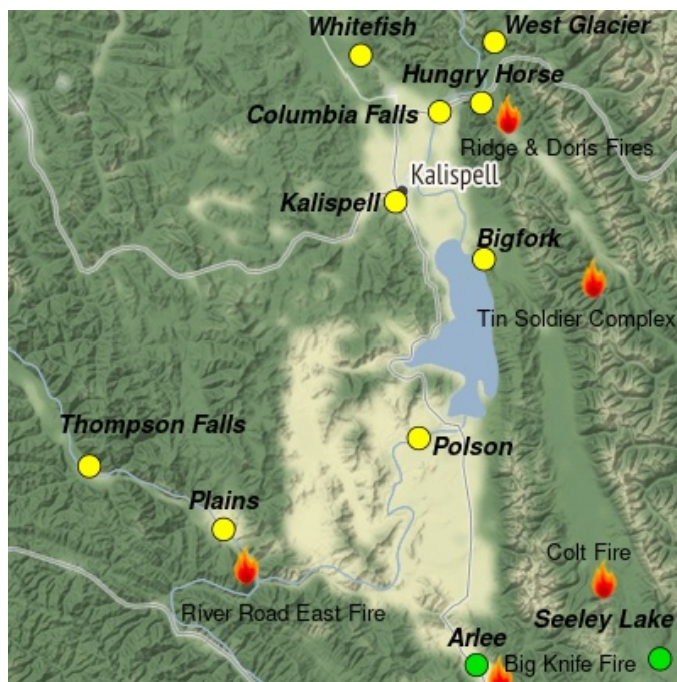
## Fire

With continued warm and dry conditions, increased fire activity is likely. The majority of smoke produced will be due to smoldering logs and stumps within fire perimeters.































Yesterday was a busy day for wildfires in Oregon, and that smoke and haze will find its way to our area by tomorrow. See [inciweb.wildfire.gov](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov) for updates on specific incidents.

## Smoke







While most areas are starting the day with just a light haze, eventually a smell of smoke may be noticeable this weekend in the Flathead Valley and nearby. Expect smoke to linger through the weekend and the start of next week. A cold system coming in off the pacific should arrive by Tuesday night, leading to GOOD air quality from Wednesday on.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Saturday

| Station        | Yesterday   |      |    | Fri   | Forecast*                                  |  | Sat   | Sun   |
|----------------|---|------|----|---|--|--|---|---|
|                | hourly  |      |    | 8/25  | Comment for Today -- Sat, Aug 26           |  | 8/26  | 8/27  |
|                | 6a  | noon | 6p |   |  |  |   |   |
| Kalispell      | No hourly data  |      |    |   | MODERATE conditions most of the day today. |  |  |  |
| Bigfork        | No hourly data  |      |    |   | MODERATE conditions most of the day today. |  |  |  |
| West Glacier   | No hourly data  |      |    |   | Thin haze most of the day.                 |  |  |  |
| Polson /Pablo  | No hourly data  |      |    |   | Haze increasing over the day.              |  |  |  |
| Whitefish      | No hourly data  |      |    |   | MODERATE conditions most of the day today. |  |  |  |
| Arlee          |  |      |    |  | Haze increasing over the day.              |  |  |  |
| Thompson Falls |  |      |    |  | Haze increasing over the day.              |  |  |  |
| Plains         | No hourly data  |      |    |   | Noticeable smoke around Plains.            |  |  |  |
| Hungry Horse   | No hourly data  |      |    |   | MODERATE conditions most of the day today. |  |  |  |
| Columbia Falls |  |      |    |  | MODERATE conditions most of the day today. |  |  |  |
| Seeley Lake    |  |      |    |  | Hazy skies likely by 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 <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion. |
|  Unhealthy      | People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> 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

Fire and Smoke Map real time air quality info -- <https://fire.airnow.gov>



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Flathead Valley Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/78e08155>

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