



# Smoke Outlook

## Southwest Colorado Quartz Ridge / Bear Creek Fires

# 8/13 - 8/14

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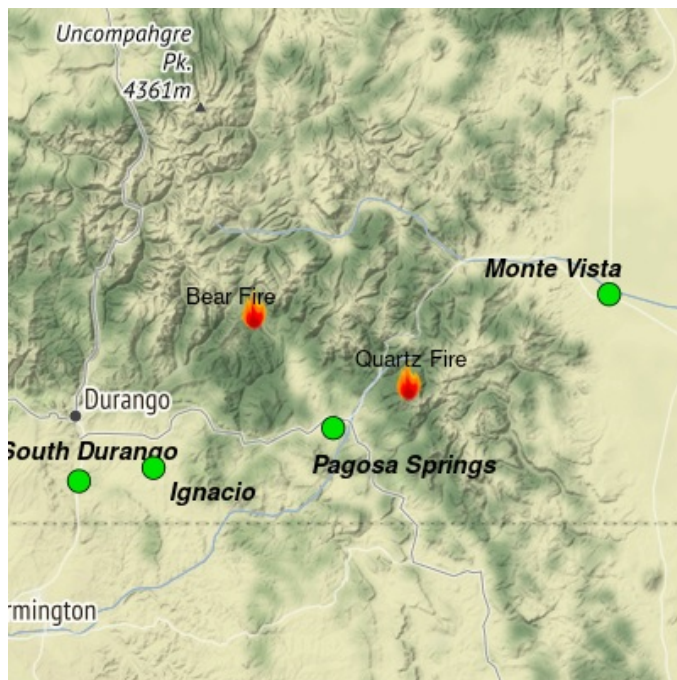
### Fire

Rains have slowed fire progression and activity. Today's fire behavior should be similar to yesterday, with little movement and not much smoke. For more information on the Quartz Ridge and Bear Creek fires, visit their Inciweb pages at:

[Bear Creek Fire](#) || [Quartz Ridge Fire](#)

### Smoke

We'll have a break in smoke for the next few days as more rain is forecasted for the area. Smoldering parts of the Quartz fire could send some moderate levels of smoke into Pagosa Springs in the evening and early morning, but otherwise air quality is expected to be GOOD for most of the day.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Sunday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Sat 8/12	Comment for Today -- Sun, Aug 13	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Sun 8/13	Mon 8/14
South Durango					South Durango Monitor. Expect GOOD air quality today		
Ignacio					GOOD air quality expected today.		
Monte Vista					Good air quality today.		
Pagosa Springs	No hourly data				Overall GOOD air quality today.		

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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

[INCIWEB Quartz Ridge Fire](#) -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-quartz-ridge-fire>

[Smoke and your Health](#) -- <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/wildfire.aspx>

[Air Quality Alert](#) -- <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/addendum.aspx#smoke>

[Air Quality Advisory Wildfire Smoke](#) -- <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/addendum.aspx#smoke>

[Facebook CDPHE Air Pollution Control Division](#) -- <https://www.facebook.com/cdphe.apcd>

[AIR QUALITY Southern Ute Indian Tribe Monitors](#) -- <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/>



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Southwest Colorado Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/933fc4e4>

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