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Special Statement

To find out if there is an Air Quality Advisory in your area navigate to NWS Medford or NWS Portland. For more information and tips to protect your health check out https://oregonsmoke.org/ or by downloading the "OregonAir" app on your phone or tablet. During peak fire season, it is advisable to stay up-to-date with air quality in your area, smoke impacts can be far-reaching as multiple fires burn across the West.

Fire

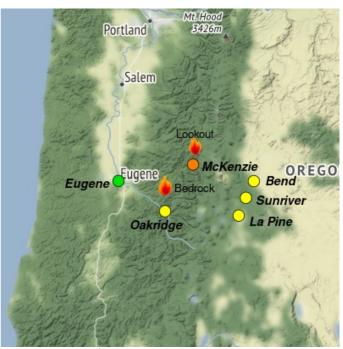
The Bedrock Fire sits at 30,554 acres and 35% containment. Less interior smoke production today will result in moderating air quality. Expect increased fire activity in the afternoon. Latest Bedrock fire information is available at InciWeb: tinyurl.com/Fire-Information

Smoke

The Bedrock and Lookout fires continue to impact air quality while Westerly winds improve surface smoke. Expect slightly hazy skies until the afternoon. Smoke from NW California may begin to move East of the Bedrock fire, and changes in weather Thursday could push smoke back to the region at the surface. Air quality is predicted to be GOOD in Eugene/Springfield. Mckenzie and Oakridge will have fluctuations in air quality throughout the day from GOOD to USG. From La Pine, north to Sunriver and Bend, slight improvements will continue, expect mostly MODERATE air quality.

Lookout Fire Smoke Outlook

A separate smoke Outlook is issued for the Lookout Fire and posted here: fire.airnow.gov



Daily AQI Forecast* for Wednesday

	Yesterday	Tue	Forecast*	Wed	Thu
Station	hourly	8/22	Comment for Today Wed, Aug 23	8/23	8/24
	6a noon 6p				
Eugene			Onshore flow and Westerly winds will keep surface smoke out of Eugene.		
Oakridge			Air quality will continue to fluctuate, expect GOOD to USG over the next 2 days		
Bend			MODERATE air quality is expected today, both fires continue to produce smoke.		
McKenzie			Periods of UNHEALTHY air quality expected midday with MODERATE overnight.		
Sunriver			MODERATE air quality throughout the day, expect hazy skies until late afternoon.		
La Pine			Slight improvements in air quality overall, expect some haze and smoke.		

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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/ Oregon Health Authority Community Wildfire Resources -https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx

