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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

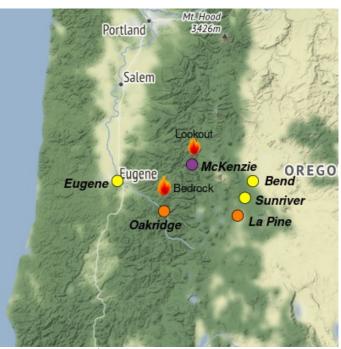
The Bedrock Fire sits at 31,516 acres with an increase to 45% containment. A slight increase in interior smoke production is expected this afternoon. Latest Bedrock fire information is available at InciWeb: tinyurl.com/Fire-Information

### **Smoke**

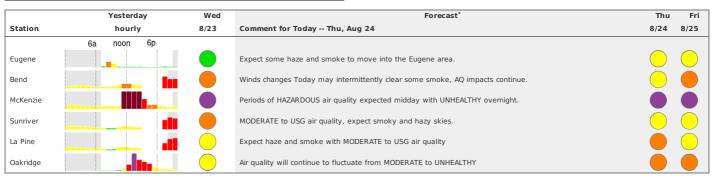
The Bedrock and Lookout fires continue to impact air quality across the forecast area. Expect hazy skies and smoke. Significant impacts are expected in the Mckenzie River drainage, the afternoon may see HAZARDOUS air quality. Oakridge will experience fluctuations from MODERATE to UNHEALTHY. From La Pine, north to Sunriver and Bend expect MODERATE to USG air quality as winds shift in the afternoon and evening and provide some clearing. Thursday's wind shift over the fires will push some smoke into the Willamette Valley including Eugene/Springfield, expect MODERATE conditions overall. A return to onshore flow on Friday will bring modest improvements to air quality into the weekend.

## **Lookout Fire Smoke Outlook**

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



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Thursday



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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



