



Smoke Outlook

Flathead Valley - Ridge, River Road East, Big Knife, and Additional Fires

8/25 - 8/26

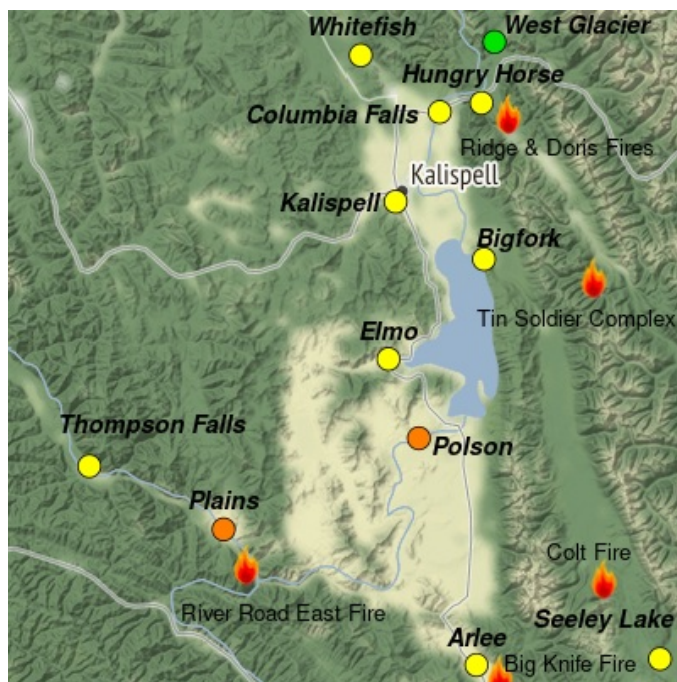
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Fire

As the weather returns to warm and dry conditions over the weekend, increased fire activity is likely. Smoke at this time is mainly a result of smoldering logs and stumps within the fire perimeter, but it will be visible in more areas. Smoke and haze are also being brought into the area from distant fires. See inciweb.wildfire.gov for updates on specific incidents.

Smoke

Smoke and haze will continue today in the Flathead Valley and nearby. There is a chance for showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and evening, and that may bring a slight improvement in air quality, but those benefits will probably be minor and short-lived. Expect haze to linger through the weekend and the start of next week.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Friday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Thu 8/24	Comment for Today -- Fri, Aug 25	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Fri 8/25	Sat 8/26
Kalispell	No hourly data			●	MODERATE conditions today, may improve to GOOD by evening.	●	●
Bigfork	No hourly data			●	MODERATE conditions today, may improve to GOOD by evening.	●	●
West Glacier	No hourly data			●	Light haze may blow out by evening	●	●
Elmo	No hourly data			●	MODERATE conditions today, may improve to GOOD by afternoon.	●	●
Polson /Pablo	No hourly data			●	Haze continues much of the day, may thin by evening.	●	●
Whitefish	No hourly data			●	Haze in the air may clear by tonight	●	●
Arlee	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	MODERATE conditions today, may improve to GOOD by afternoon.	●	●
Thompson Falls	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	MODERATE conditions today, may improve to GOOD by afternoon.	●	●
Plains	No hourly data			●	Hazy to start, possible improvement this evening	●	●
Hungry Horse	No hourly data			●	MODERATE conditions today, may improve to GOOD by evening.	●	●
Columbia Falls	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Light haze may blow out by evening	●	●
Seeley Lake	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	MODERATE conditions today, may improve to GOOD 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 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

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

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