



# Smoke Outlook

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

8/28 - 8/29

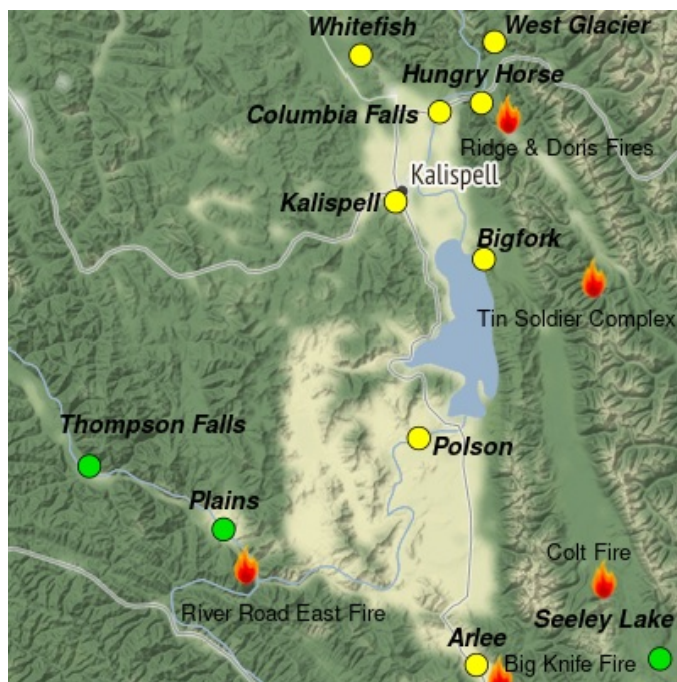
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## Fire

Warm dry conditions may lead to slightly increased fire activity, but high winds are not expected, so significant fire growth is unlikely. The Doris fire and the East Fork fire produced a little bit of smoke yesterday. The Ridge, River Road East, Big Knife and Tin Soldier complex were all mostly quiet yesterday, and likely will remain that way Monday.

## Smoke

Haze and light smoke will continue for Monday and much of Tuesday. Significant smoke production is not likely for any of the fires in NW Montana, but there is plenty of smoke generally in the Western US and Canada right now. Conditions will improve to very clear air by Tuesday night / Wednesday morning, following the passage of a cold front.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Monday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Sun 8/27	Comment for Today -- Mon, Aug 28	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Mon 8/28	Tue 8/29
Kalispell	No hourly data				MODERATE conditions today.	●	●
Bigfork	No hourly data				Air will remain hazy today.	●	●
West Glacier	No hourly data				MODERATE conditions today.	●	●
Polson /Pablo	No hourly data				Continued haze.	●	●
Whitefish	No hourly data				Continued haze.	●	●
Thompson Falls				●	GOOD air quality today.	●	●
Plains	No hourly data				GOOD air quality today.	●	●
Hungry Horse	No hourly data				Continued haze.	●	●
Columbia Falls				●	Continued haze.	●	●
Seeley Lake				●	GOOD air quality today.	●	●
Arlee				●	Haze continuing Monday.	●	●

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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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