



Smoke Outlook

Southwest Colorado Quartz Ridge / Bear Creek Fires

8/12 - 8/13

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Special Statement

Quartz Fire is at 1,366 acres. Bear Creek Fire is at 386 acres.

Fire

Bear Creek Fire || **Quartz Ridge Fire**

Smoke

Pagosa will see GOOD air quality today as isolated thunderstorms move through the area. Ignacio, Durango area, and south of Durango will continue to have GOOD air quality as storms move through to the north - northeast. With minimal fire activity today light smoke will clear to the east early this morning. With the overnight and early morning precipitation in the area we will see GOOD air quality in the San Luis Valley and Monte Vista areas. Late afternoon smoke possible in the Del Norte / Center Colorado area if fire activity increases.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Saturday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Fri 8/11	Comment for Today -- Sat, Aug 12	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Sat 8/12	Sun 8/13
Durango	Good	Good	Good	Good	South Durango Monitor. GOOD air quality in the area.	Good	Good
Ignacio	Good	Good	Good	Good	GOOD air quality today with precipitation in the area.	Good	Good
Monte Vista	Good	Good	Good	Good	GOOD air quality today.	Good	Good
Pagosa Springs	No hourly data				GOOD air quality today in the area.	Good	Good

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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**
- [INCIWEB Quartz Ridge Fire](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-quartz-ridge-fire) -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-quartz-ridge-fire>
 - [Smoke and your Health](https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/wildfire.aspx) -- <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/wildfire.aspx>
 - [Air Quality Alert](https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/addendum.aspx#smoke) -- <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/addendum.aspx#smoke>
 - [Air Quality Advisory Wildfire Smoke](https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/addendum.aspx#smoke) -- <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/addendum.aspx#smoke>
 - [Facebook CDPHE Air Pollution Control Division](https://www.facebook.com/cdphe.apcd) -- <https://www.facebook.com/cdphe.apcd>
 - [AIR QUALITY Southern Ute Indian Tribe Monitors](https://www.southernutensn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/) -- <https://www.southernutensn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/>