

Smoke Outlook SW Oregon/NW California

8/21 - 8/22

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Fire

Numerous fires are burning in Northern California, with the two main areas included in this outlook being the Happy Camp Complex and the Smith River Complex. While much of the State is receiving rains as a result of the tropical storm, the fires are receiving little moisture and remain active. For more information on the fires burning these complexes find them on inciweb at: 2023 Happy Camp Complex and Smith River Complex.

Smoke

Yreka, Ashland, and Medford experienced an improvement in air quality overnight. However, smoke from the Smith River Complex could push into Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, and Cave Junction later this evening. Yreka should maintain GOOD air quality today. Communities closest to the active fires, such as Happy Camp and Seiad Valley, will once again endure VERY UNHEALTHY conditions, potentially HAZARDOUS at times.

Are You Smoke Ready?

California and Oregon offer information on how you can prepare for and protect yourself from wildfire smoke. If you are experiencing prolonged exposure to wildfire smoke, please check out: Smoke Ready California and Oregon Health-Get Prepared. Let's take care of ourselves and each other!



Daily AQI Forecast^{*} for Monday

	Yesterday	Sun	Forecast*	Mon	Tue
Station	hourly	8/20	Comment for Today Mon, Aug 21	8/21	8/22
	6a noon 6p	_		_	
Yreka			Overall GOOD air quality with hazy skies.		\bigcirc
Ashland			MODERATE for most of the day, with smoke returning in the evening.		
Crescent City			Overall GOOD air quality expected with hazy skies.		
Cave Junction			USG in the morning, potentially VERY UNHEALTHY by late evening .		
Medford			MODERATE air quality this morning, becoming UNHEALTHY in the evening.		
Seiad Valley			Heavy smoke and VERY UNHEALTHY air quality.		
Grants Pass			UNHEALTHY air quality with possible periods of VERY UNHEALTHY.		
Happy Camp			VERY UNHEALTHY air quality expected. HAZARDOUS conditions possible at times.		

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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.

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Additional Links

Oregon Smoke and Air Quality Advisories -- https://www.oregonsmoke.org/ AirNow Fire and Smoke Map -- https://fire.airnow.gov/# California Smoke Blog -- http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/

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