



Smoke Outlook

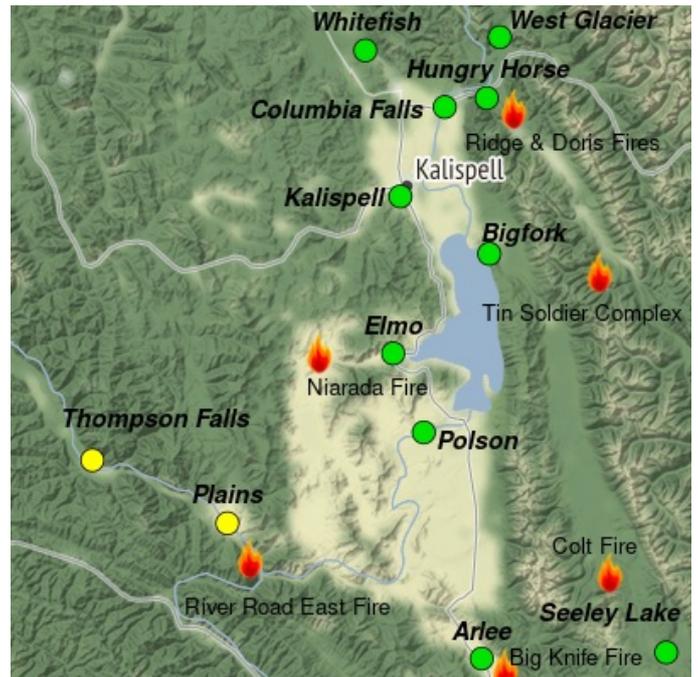
Flathead Valley - Ridge, River Road East, Big Knife, and Additional Fires

8/23 - 8/24

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Fire
 Little fire growth is expected again today around the area. Fires on the west coast may create enough smoke to impact the region by this weekend. See inciweb.wildfire.gov for updates on specific fires.

Smoke
 Expect GOOD conditions across most of the area today. MODERATE conditions are forecast along the Clark Fork from Plains to Thompson Falls and points west. We are entering a drying out period, and smoke produced from the River Road East, Big Knife, Ridge, and Doris fires is likely to increase by the weekend. Numerous fires are likely to grow on the West coast and British Columbia, with that smoke potentially moving into our area by Friday.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Wednesday

Station	Yesterday hourly		Tue 8/22	Comment for Today -- Wed, Aug 23	Forecast*	
	6a	noon 6p			Wed 8/23	Thu 8/24
Kalispell	No hourly data		Green	GOOD air quality	Green	Yellow
Bigfork	No hourly data		Green	Expect GOOD air quality today and tomorrow.	Green	Green
West Glacier	No hourly data		Green	Expect GOOD air quality today and tomorrow.	Green	Green
Elmo	No hourly data		Green	GOOD conditions for the next day or two.	Green	Green
Polson /Pablo	No hourly data		Green	GOOD conditions today and tomorrow.	Green	Green
Whitefish	No hourly data		Green	GOOD air quality for the next day or two.	Green	Green
Arlee			Green	GOOD conditions today and tomorrow.	Green	Green
Thompson Falls			Yellow	MODERATE, perhaps reaching GOOD conditions.	Yellow	Yellow
Plains	No hourly data		Green	MODERATE conditions due to lingering smoke.	Yellow	Yellow
Hungry Horse			Green	GOOD conditions, may return to MODERATE by tomorrow.	Green	Yellow
Columbia Falls			Green	GOOD air quality today and tomorrow	Green	Green
Seeley Lake			Green	GOOD air quality today and tomorrow	Green	Green

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
Green Good	None
Yellow Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
Orange USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Red Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.
Purple Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Dark Purple 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> --

