



# Smoke Outlook

## West-Central Oregon - Lookout and Bedrock Fire

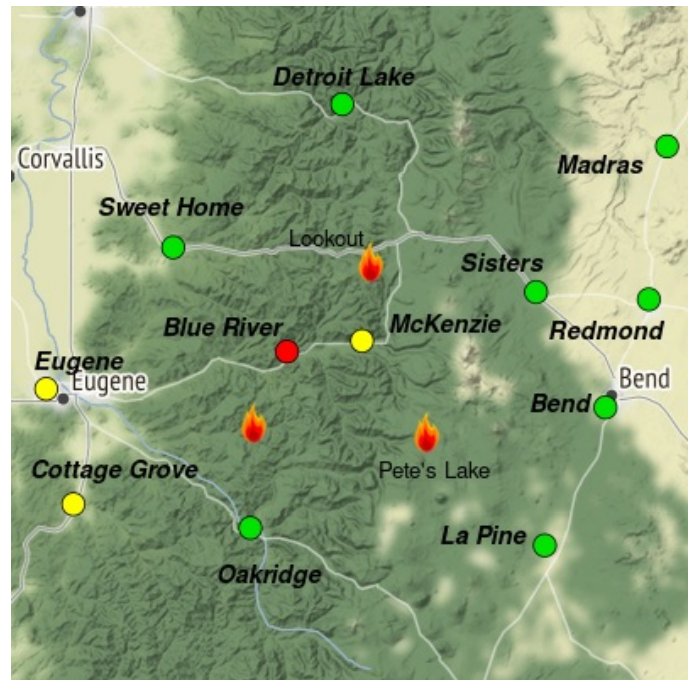
9/15 - 9/16

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**Fire**  
Critical fire weather next couple days will lead to more active fire behavior across the Cascades. Currently the Lookout fire is 24,644 acres with 50% containment. Latest fire information is available at InciWeb: [tinyurl.com/Fire-Information](https://www.tinyurl.com/Fire-Information)

**Smoke**  
With very dry air and higher temperatures over fires, more fire activity and smoke production is expected. Smoke will be slow to clear with general haziness from fires in the area the next couple days. Hazy skies and periods of MODERATE conditions are expected in the Willamette Valley, including Eugene and Cottage Grove today. Areas near the fire and in communities along the HWY 126 corridor will continue to see the greatest impacts, with periods of UNHEALTHY to USG in McKenzie and Blue River near the Lookout Fire clearing early evening. The light winds over the fire should keep smoke west of the Cascade divide so those communities in the east will continue to see GOOD air quality the next few days.

**Special Statement**  
The most current conditions can be accessed on the [Fire and Smoke Map](#).



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Friday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Thu 9/14	Comment for Today -- Fri, Sep 15	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Fri 9/15	Sat 9/16
Detroit Lake	[AQI chart]			●	GOOD air quality to continue.	●	●
Sweet Home	[AQI chart]			●	Air quality will continue to be GOOD in the area.	●	●
Madras	[AQI chart]			●	Air quality will continue to be GOOD in the area.	●	●
Blue River	No hourly data				HAZARDOUS conditions peaking midday with brief periods GOOD early evening.	●	●
Sisters	[AQI chart]			●	GOOD conditions expected next few days	●	●
Redmond	[AQI chart]			●	GOOD next couple days as smoke remain west of Cascade divide	●	●
Bend	[AQI chart]			●	GOOD conditions. Wildfire smoke should remain west of Cascade divide.	●	●
McKenzie	No hourly data				MODERATE conditions degrading to USG in the afternoon with up-canyon winds.	●	●
La Pine	[AQI chart]			●	Generally, GOOD air quality expected with brief smoke impacts during the day.	●	●
Oakridge	[AQI chart]			●	Air quality will be impacted by smoke over the next couple days	●	●
Cottage Grove	[AQI chart]			●	Down valley winds will bring hazy skies and MODERATE to USG conditions midday.	●	●
Eugene	[AQI chart]			●	MODERATE conditions expected as smoke increases in the area.	●	●

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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**  
[AirNow Fire & Smoke Map](https://fire.airnow.gov) -- <https://fire.airnow.gov>  
[Oregon Smoke Blog](https://oregonsmoke.org) -- <https://oregonsmoke.org>  
[Oregon Health Authority Community Wildfire Resources](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx) -- <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx>

