



Smoke Outlook

West-Central Oregon - Lookout and Bedrock Fire

9/16 - 9/17

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Fire

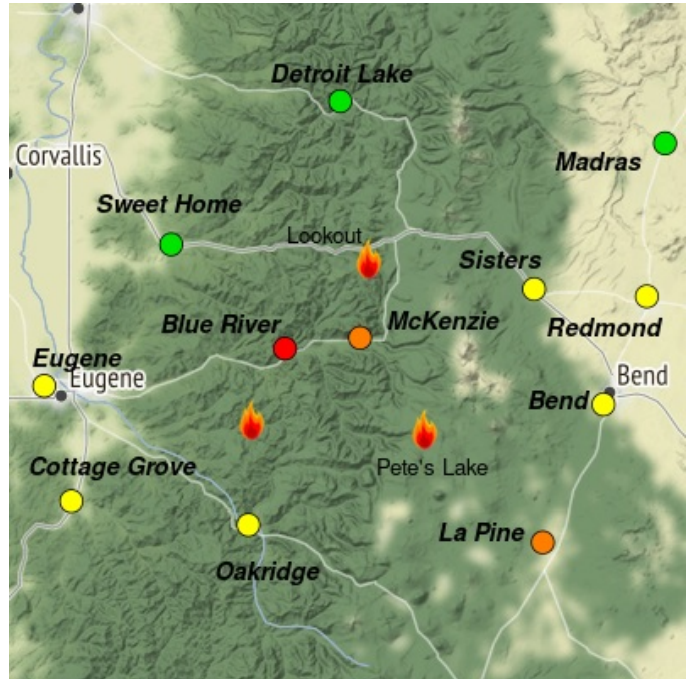
Today will be slightly cooler and more humid, but critical fire weather due to hot, dry conditions will remain over the Cascades. Currently the Lookout fire is 24,692 acres with 50% containment. Latest fire information is available at InciWeb: tinyurl.com/Fire-Information

Smoke

Elevated fire activity and smoke production is expected again today, with general haziness area-wide from high level smoke. A similar pattern is expected along the HWY 126 corridor today, as down valley winds push smoke from Blue River towards the Willamette Valley this morning. Areas closest to the fire can expect HAZARDOUS conditions peaking midday before improving late afternoon. Smoke should reach Eugene/Springfield later this morning peaking at USG late morning before clearing. Light west winds this afternoon will push smoke east of the Cascades resulting in widespread impacts in those communities with Bend and La Pine seeing the worst impacts later today and tonight in the UNHEALTHY range. A similar pattern is expected tomorrow.

Special Statement

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



Daily AQI Forecast* for Saturday

Station	Yesterday			Fri 9/15	Comment for Today -- Sat, Sep 16	Forecast*	
	hourly					Sat 9/16	Sun 9/17
Oakridge	6a	noon	6p	●	Air quality will be impacted by smoke over the next couple days	●	●
Cottage Grove				●	Expect hazy skies and MODERATE air quality during the day.	●	●
La Pine				●	UNHEALTHY conditions expected today clearing out in the afternoon.	●	●
Bend				●	MODERATE conditions as smoke from active fires impacts the area.	●	●
Blue River	No hourly data				HAZARDOUS conditions peaking midday gradually improving to MODERATE.	●	●
McKenzie				●	USG conditions degrading to UNHEALTHY in the afternoon with up-canyon winds.	●	●
Detroit Lake				●	Hazy skies with GOOD air quality	●	●
Redmond				●	MODERATE air quality, with increasing smoke and hazy skies.	●	●
Sweet Home				●	Air quality will continue to be GOOD in the area.	●	●
Eugene				●	Hazy skies and MODERATE conditions peaking mid-morning before clearing.	●	●
Madras				●	Air quality will be GOOD in the area, with periods of MODERATE smoke.	●	●
Sisters				●	GOOD with MODERATE conditions in the late afternoons and evenings.	●	●

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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

[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>
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Central Oregon Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/959d2520>
*Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health
