

Smoke Outlook Northwest California-Coastal

9/06 - 9/07

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Fire

Dry weather begins to spur fire activity. The Smith River Complex, Happy Camp Complex and Six Rivers Forest Lightning Complex now span 131,684 acres across NW California. While recent fire behavior has been minimal, fuels are drying and becoming receptive to heat. Along with possible strategic firing operations, fire behavior is forecast to increase to moderate levels later this week. Find more information about these and other fires on InciWeb at SRF Lightning Complex, Smith River Complex, and Happy Camp Complex.

Smoke

Background haze and a few pockets of smoke are expected to form as fire activity increases. Smoke will be steered primarily by terrain and marine-influenced winds. Most locations are expected to see GOOD or MODERATE. Areas close to fires--especially Gasquet--should see a few hours of USG during the day. More smoke is expected as we approach the weekend.

Air Quality FAQ

Reduce your exposure to harmful levels of smoke by using the "recirculate" mode with your home or car's air conditioner. For the latest observations on air quality, see EPA's Fire and Smoke Map.





	Yesterday	Tue	Forecast*	Wed	Thu
Station	hourly	9/05	Comment for Today Wed, Sep 06	9/06	9/07
	6a noon 6p			_	
Gasquet	No hourly data		MODERATE/USG in the morning, improving with the afternoon sea breeze.	\bigcirc	
Crescent City			Perhaps an hour or two of MODERATE, otherwise GOOD.		
Klamath Glen			GOOD AQ until fire activity increases later in the week.		\bigcirc
Orick	No hourly data		Mostly GOOD as fire crews have made excellent progress with the Lost Fire.		
Eureka			Onshore winds help create GOOD conditions.		
Willow Creek			GOOD AQ with some residual smoke and haze in the Trinity River Valley.		
Ноора			Smoke and haze begin to accumulate for a few hours of MODERATE.		
Weitchpec			Some MODERATE as smoke pools in the Klamath and Trinity River Valleys.		\bigcirc
Orleans			MODERATE likely if fire activity increases with the Pearch Fire.		\bigcirc

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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

California Smoke Information -- https://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/ EPAs' Fire and Smoke Map-current air quality info -- https://fire.airnow.gov/# North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District -- https://www.ncuaqmd.org/

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