

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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