West-Central Oregon - Lookout and Bedrock Fire

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Fire

With cloudy skies and cooler temperatures, fire activity is expected to be minimal at the Lookout Fire, which has had very limited growth last several days. It's currently at 24,518 acres with an increase to 50% containment. No more growth is expected on the Bedrock Fire which is 31,590 acres with 90% containment. Latest fire information is available at InciWeb: tinyurl.com/Fire-Information

Smoke

A similar pattern will continue today and for the next couple days, with limited smoke production from the Lookout Fire, with the most significant impacts occurring in areas near the fire. Smoke will continue to pool overnight in low lying areas near the fire gradually increasing until the inversion breaks. McKenzie will have MODERATE conditions increasing the USG midday before the smoke clears, as will other communities along HWY 126 near the fire. Areas in the Willamette Valley (Eugene & Cottage Grove) and in the Cascades not in the McKenzie River drainage (Detroit Lake, Sweet Home, & Oakridge) will see GOOD conditions. As the smoke lifts, light west winds will again push smoke over the crest of the Cascades impacting Sisters, Redmond, Bend, and La Pine which can expect MODERATE conditions late afternoon and overnight before clearing. Madras should remain GOOD."



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday

	Yesterday	Sun	Forecast*	Mon	Tue
Station	hourly	9/10	Comment for Today Mon, Sep 11	9/11	9/12
	6a noon 6p	_		_	
Cottage Grove			Air quality will continue to be GOOD in the area.		
Eugene			GOOD conditions expected to continue next few days.		
Oakridge			Air quality will be GOOD.		
Sweet Home			Air quality will continue to be GOOD in the area.		
Detroit Lake	No hourly data		GOOD air quality to continue.		
Madras			Air quality will continue to be GOOD in the area.		
Redmond			MODERATE becoming GOOD midday with NW winds clearing smoke		
Sisters			Initially MODERATE conditions improving in the afternoon.		
McKenzie			MODERATE increasing to USG midday, then improving late afternoon with W winds		
Bend			GOOD conditions with light smoke late afternoon & early evening.		
La Pine			GOOD air quality is expected to continue		

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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 Oregon Smoke Blog -- https://oregonsmoke.org