



# Smoke Outlook

## SW Oregon Smith River Complex

9/15 - 9/16

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### Special Statement

HWY 199 has control access with one-way pilot cars due to falling debris, rocks, and hazard trees. Expect up to 3hr delays and periods of restricted travel. Avoid this area if possible.

### Fire

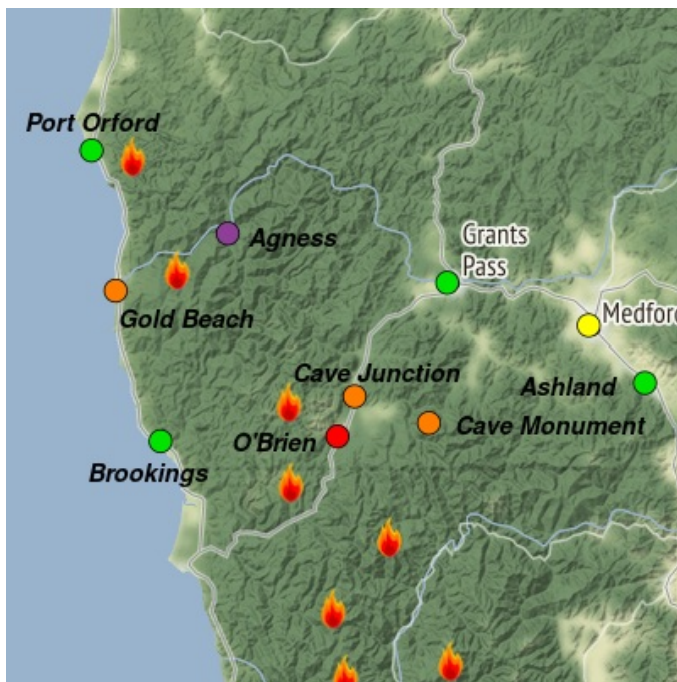
Continued smoldering and interior burning between Gasquet and the state line will produce very visible smoke columns drifting to the SW most of the day. Crews on Smith River Complex will continue to mop-up and secure the northern containment lines. Increasing fire activity from Anvil will produce a very visible smoke column along HWY 101, with high potential to reduce visibility tonight.

### Smoke

Overnight smoke impacts will remain until late afternoon. Communities near Agness, Gold Beach, and O'Brien will continue to experience USG-V.UNHEALTHY surface impacts in the morning and evening. Potential for reduced visibility along HWY 199 overnight.

### Additional Smoke Forecasts

If you're traveling around the SW Oregon and Northern California area, check the fire specific smoke forecasts on the fire and smoke map before you go. Link provided below.



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
Medford				●	GOOD air quality until evening when area smoke settles to USG at surface.	●	●
Grants Pass				●	Clear skies in the AM with high level haze increasing. MOD smoke late PM.	●	●
Brookings				●	Fire activity near Agnes will bring offshore haze and MOD-USG impacts in PM	●	●
Ashland				●	Light high level haze with minimal surface level impacts until late evening.	●	●
Gold Beach	No hourly data				Smoke lingering offshore will move inland late afternoon and evening	●	●
Agness	No hourly data				Smoke impacts UNHEALTHY until late afternoon when UNHEALTHY to HAZARDOUS settles	●	●
Cave Junction				●	Increasing high level haze until late afternoon. UNHEALTHY impacts after 5pm	●	●
Cave Monument	No hourly data				Increasing haze and surface impacts this afternoon/evening. Light relief in PM	●	●
Port Orford	No hourly data				Very visible smoke from HWY 101 dispersing to SW and offshore until PM	●	●
O'Brien	No hourly data				Reduced visibility this AM and V.UNHEALTHY conditions. Limited clearing mid-day	●	●

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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

Inciweb -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

Fire & Smoke Map -- <https://fire.airnow.gov/>



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SW Oregon Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/b74901f7>

\*Smoke and Health Info -- [www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health](http://www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health)