



Smoke Outlook

11/13 - 11/14

Nantahala Forest/Western N. Carolina Collett Ridge Fire

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Special Statement

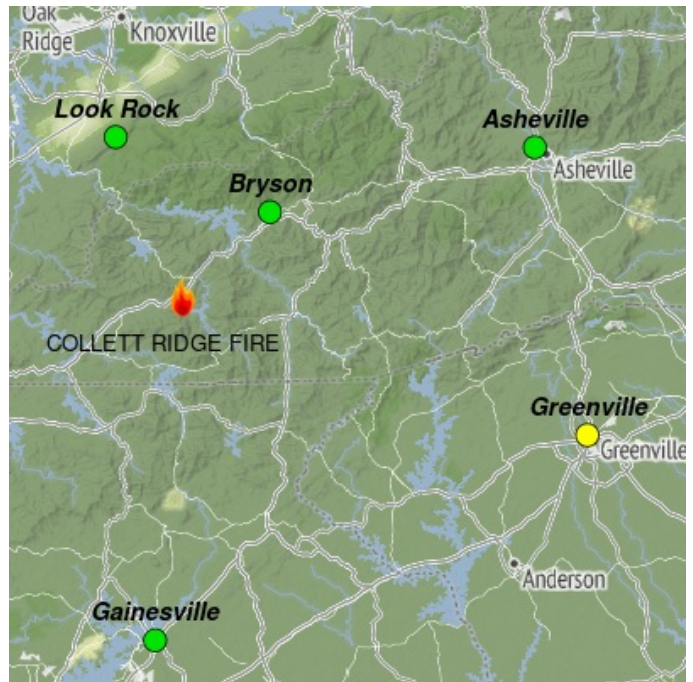
The Collett Fire was started October 23, 2023 by lightning on the Nantahala National Forest. Drought conditions allowed the fire to establish and eventually grow to 5,335 acres. Precipitation has allowed firefighters to gain 50% containment.

Fire

The fire received rain in the last 48 hours and has stunted any growth. Crews continue to hold the fire in the same footprint and patrol throughout the night. The next few days will be a little dryer and may allow fuelbeds to dry enough to become available to consume again, though not to the intensity of last week.

Smoke

Precipitation was received across the entire fire area. These higher humidities have kept smoke production to a minimum. This will cause a reprieve from the smoke in most areas. Increased moisture may cause fog and lower visibilities in areas where drainage winds flow. There are other fires in surrounding areas that may contribute to any smoke noticed.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday

Station	Yesterday			Sun 11/12	Comment for Today -- Mon, Nov 13	Forecast*	
	hourly					Mon 11/13	Tue 11/14
	6a	noon	6p				
Gainesville					Expect GOOD to MODERATE air quality		
BRYSON					Moisture is keeping smoke production at a minimum		
Asheville - BDED					Wet weather is keeping smoke production to a minimum.		
Look Rock - GSMNP					Wetter weathers is keeping smoke production to a minimum		
Greenville-ESC					Expect GOOD to MODERATE air quality today due to wetter weather		

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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

[InciWeb Collett Ridge Fire](https://inciweb.nwcf.gov/incident-information/ncncf-2023-collett-ridge-fire) -- <https://inciweb.nwcf.gov/incident-information/ncncf-2023-collett-ridge-fire>

[Collett Fire Update](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nfsnc/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1150420) -- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nfsnc/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1150420>

[Smoke Outlook Updates](https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook) -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook>

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Nantahala Forest/Western N. Carolina Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/bde167d2>

*Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health