



# Smoke Outlook

11/14 - 11/15

## Nantahala Forest/Western N. Carolina Collett Ridge Fire

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### Special Statement

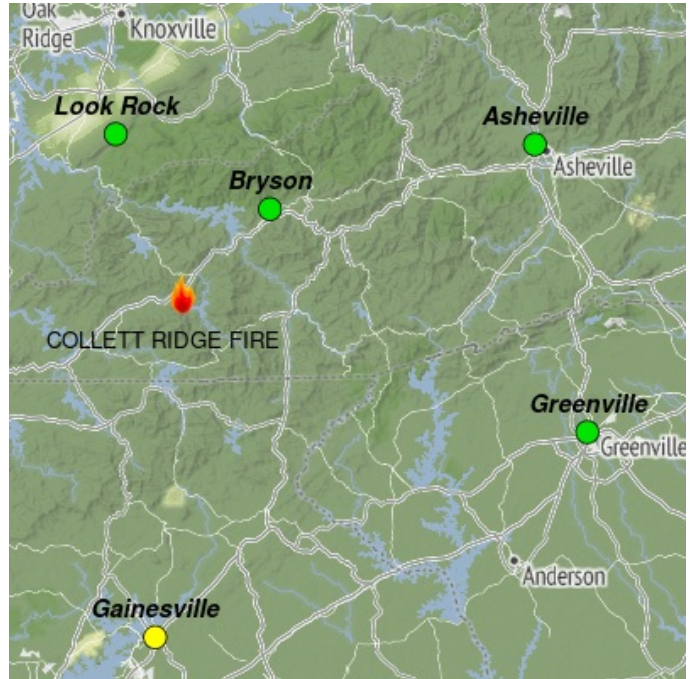
The Collett Fire started October 23, 2023 by lightning on the Nantahala National Forest. Drought conditions allowed the fire to establish and eventually grow to 5,335 acres. Firefighters have worked hard to gain 71% containment of the fire now.

### Fire

Blue Team Incident Management Team hit remaining heat in the fire hard with Type 1 helicopters to keep the fire in check yesterday. Fire behavior has been low to moderate. Today is the driest and warmest day with potential for the week.

### Smoke

Very minimal smoke production is happening on the fire at this time though the dryer air mass will test the potential for increased smoke today. There are other fires and local burning in surrounding areas that may contribute to any smoke noticed.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Tuesday

Station	Yesterday			Mon 11/13	Comment for Today -- Tue, Nov 14	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Tue 11/14	Wed 11/15
Gainesville	[AQI chart]			●	Smoke from fire is minimal, other burn sources may be contributing to smoke	●	●
BRYSON	[AQI chart]			●	Fire behavior is low to moderate, smoke production is expected to be low	●	●
Asheville - BDED	[AQI chart]			●	Fire behavior is low to moderate, smoke production is expected to be low	●	●
Look Rock - GSMNP	[AQI chart]			●	Fire behavior is low which should keep smoke to a minimum.	●	●
Greenville-ESC	[AQI chart]			●	Expect GOOD to MODERATE air today	●	●

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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 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>  
[Fire and Smoke Map](https://fire.airnow.gov/#close) -- <https://fire.airnow.gov/#close>

[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>  
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by Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program -- [www.wildlandfiresmoke.net](http://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net)  
 Nantahala Forest/Western N. Carolina Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/bde167d2>  
 \*Smoke and Health Info -- [www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health](http://www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health)