



Smoke Outlook

South-Central New Mexico Blue 2 Fire

5/30 - 5/31

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Fire

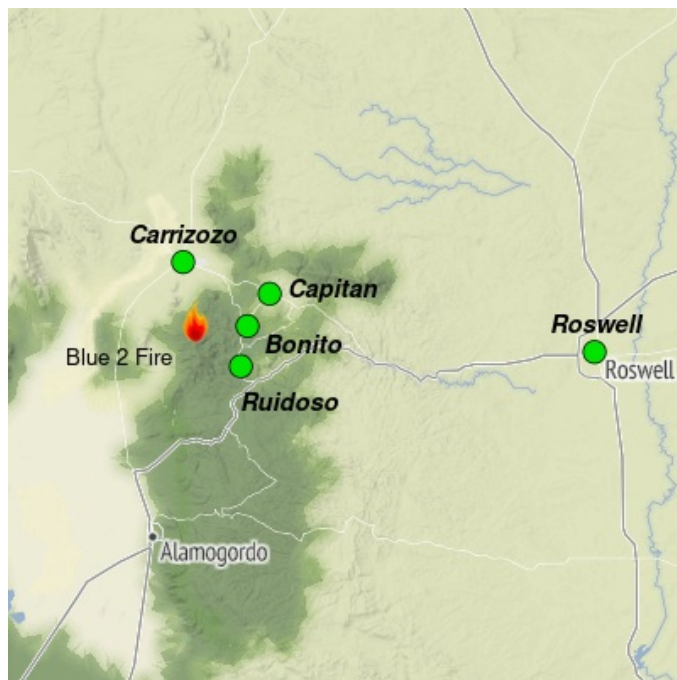
Yesterday's push of moisture from the east stuck around for good part of the day and fire activity was moderated by it. Today, we are back to very dry air and southwest winds. We could see an uptick in activity and a bit more smoke, primarily from smoldering fuels and creeping within the fire perimeter. For more detailed fire information see: [Blue 2 Fire on Inciweb](#). As always, stay alert to changing conditions.

Smoke

Fire activity was moderate yesterday, and much of the smoke that had been lingering around areas closest to the fire was cleared out. Areas that had been experiencing periods of heavy smoke, such as Bonito and Capitan, can expect GOOD air quality for most of the day. There is the potential for periods of light smoke this evening and overnight, but overall conditions should be much improved. Carrizozo will continue to enjoy GOOD air quality, but could also experience brief periods of light smoke in the evening. No smoke is expected for Ruidoso and Roswell. But remember: if you see smoke and you smell smoke, you are breathing smoke, so take care of yourself!

To Run or not to Run?

Wondering if its a bad idea to take that afternoon run or exercise outdoors? New Mexico Environment Department has a lot good smoke and air quality information on its website, including this article : [Is it Safe to Exercise if the Air is Hazy with Wildfire Smoke?](#)



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

Station	Yesterday			Wed 5/29	Comment for Today -- Thu, May 30	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Thu 5/30	Fri 5/31
Bonito	█	█	█	●	GOOD air quality with potential for light smoke in the evening.	●	●
Roswell	No hourly data				GOOD air quality expected.	●	●
Carrizozo	No hourly data				GOOD air quality expected.	●	●
Capitan	█	█	█	●	GOOD air quality expected with potential periods of light smoke.	●	●
Ruidoso	No hourly data				GOOD air quality expected with some haze.	●	●

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

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South-Central New Mexico Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/430b2c05>

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