



Smoke Outlook

South-Central New Mexico - South Fork and Salt Fires

6/27 - 6/28

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Special Statement

A flash flood watch is in effect from noon today until midnight tonight.

Fire

The South Fork Fire is 17,569 acres and 69% contained; The Salt Fire is 7,939 acres and 66% contained. Further information on each fire is available at inciweb.nwcg.gov.

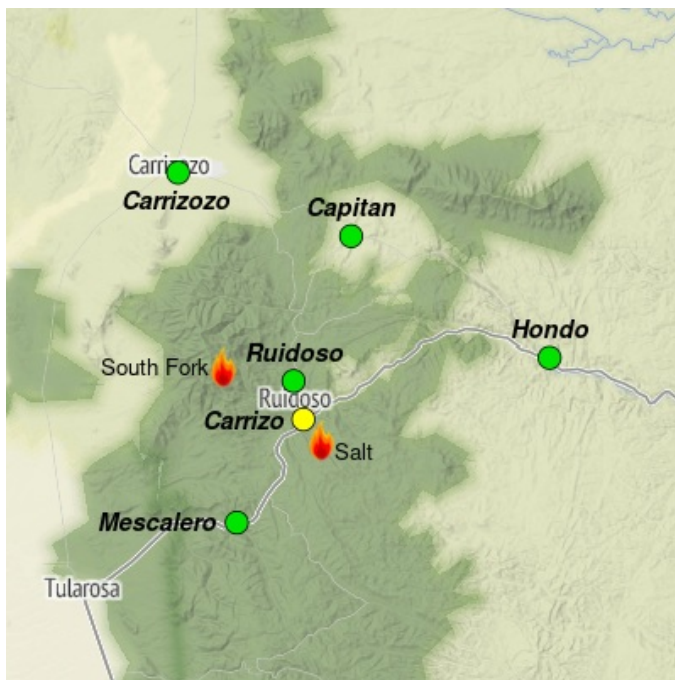
Smoke

Smoke will continue to have the biggest impact during the late overnight and morning hours for areas near the fires such as Ruidoso, Carrizo, and Ruidoso Downs. Light smoke will continue to impact Capitan, Hondo, and nearby areas with brief MODERATE air quality conditions at times. Elsewhere, such as Carrizozo and Mescalero should see GOOD air quality with minimal smoke impacts.

Showers or storms near your location could create gusty and erratic winds, which could push smoke in any direction causing brief air quality impacts.

Smoke Safety

Smoke will continue to impact air quality, especially for those near the fires. Take precautions when smoke is present by limiting outdoor activities, staying hydrated, and/or wearing a mask (N95 or P100).



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Wed 6/26	Comment for Today -- Thu, Jun 27	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p	Thu 6/27		Fri 6/28	
Carrizozo	No hourly data			●	GOOD air quality expected with minimal to no smoke impacts.	●	●
Mescalero	No hourly data			●	Air quality expected to remain GOOD with minimal smoke impacts.	●	●
Carrizo				●	Smoke continues during the overnight into morning with MODERATE AQI.	●	●
Ruidoso				●	GOOD AQI today into the evening hours with MODERATE AQI tonight.	●	●
Hondo				●	Air quality expected to remain GOOD with only light smoke impacts.	●	●
Capitan				●	Good air quality today but expect MODERATE AQI to return tonight.	●	●

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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 South Fork & Salt Fire Information](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmmea-south-fork-and-salt) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmmea-south-fork-and-salt> [NM Fire Information](https://nmfireinfo.com/) -- <https://nmfireinfo.com/>

[NM Environmental Public Health Tracking](https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html) -- <https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html>



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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