



# Smoke Outlook

## South-Central New Mexico - South Fork and Salt Fires

### 6/28 - 6/29

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#### Fire

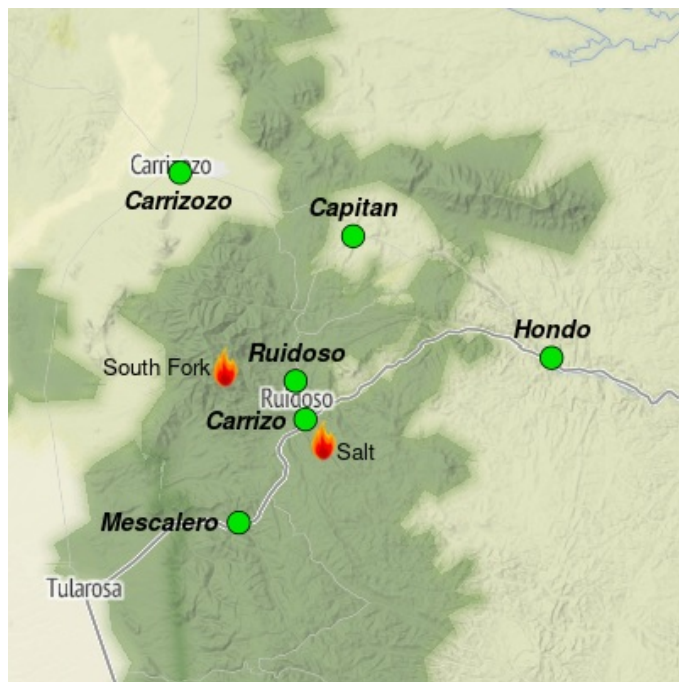
The South Fork Fire is 17,569 acres and 73% contained; The Salt Fire is 7,939 acres and 71% contained. Further information on each fire is available at [inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov).

#### Smoke

With the recent rainfall, smoke impacts have been minimal over the last couple of days and this will continue into this evening. Drier weather is expected today through tonight, so expect some increase in smoke later this evening and overnight. Smoke will have the biggest impact during the late overnight and early 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.**

#### Smoke Safety

Smoke will continue to impact air quality mainly overnight, 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). Precautions are especially important if you are sensitive to smoke. If you smell smoke, you are breathing smoke.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Friday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Thu 6/27	Comment for Today -- Fri, Jun 28	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Fri 6/28	Sat 6/29
Carrizozo	No hourly data			●	GOOD air quality expected with minimal to no smoke impacts.	●	●
Ruidoso	[Graph showing smoke levels]			●	GOOD AQI today into the evening hours with occasional MODERATE AQI tonight.	●	●
Mescalero	No hourly data			●	Air quality expected to remain GOOD with only occasional smoke impacts.	●	●
Carrizo	[Graph showing smoke levels]			●	Occasional smoke mainly during the overnight into morning with overall GOOD AQI.	●	●
Capitan	[Graph showing smoke levels]			●	Good air quality today but expect MODERATE AQI to return tonight.	●	●
Hondo	[Graph showing smoke levels]			●	Air quality expected to remain GOOD with only light smoke impacts.	●	●

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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)

[Smoke Ready Information and Resources -- https://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net/smoke-ready/smoke-ready-social-media](https://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net/smoke-ready/smoke-ready-social-media)



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