South-Central New Mexico - South Fork and Salt Fires

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Fire

The South Fork Fire is 17,569 acres and 77% contained; The Salt Fire is 7,939 acres and 77% contained. Further information on each fire is available at inciweb.nwcg.gov.

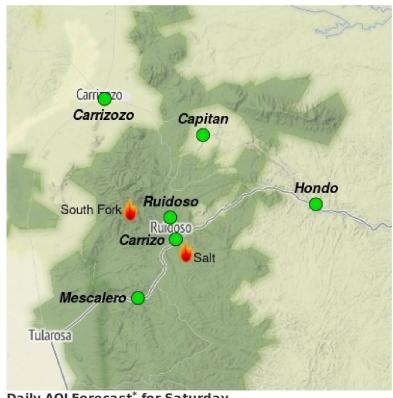
Smoke Outlook

Smoke

With the recent rainfall, smoke impacts have been minimal over the last couple of days and this will continue into this evening. Expect only soccasional moderate moke impacts during the late overnight and early morning hours for areas near the fires such as; Ruidoso, Carrizo, and Ruidoso Downs. Most areas such as Capitan, Hondo, 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 Saturday

	Yesterday	Fri	Forecast*	Sat	Sun
Station	hourly	6/28	Comment for Today Sat, Jun 29	6/29	6/30
	6a noon 6p				
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 only occasional smoke impacts.		
Carrizo			Occasional smoke mainly during the overnight into morning with overall GOOD AQI.		
Capitan			Good air quality today but expect MODERATE AQI to return tonight.		
Ruidoso			GOOD AQI today into the evening hours with occasional MODERATE AQI tonight.		
Hondo			Air quality expected to remain GOOD with only very 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

NM Fire Information -- https://nmfireinfo.com/ Smoke Ready Information and Resources --

NM Environmental Public Health Tracking --

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https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html

https://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net/smoke-ready/smoke-ready-social-media

