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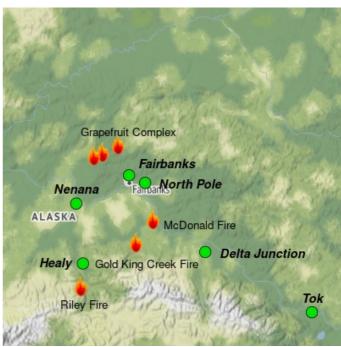
Fire

Four new fires were reported across the state yesterday. For fire information, go to: https://akfireinfo.com/

Smoke

Happy 4th of July!

Strong southwest winds yesterday pushed smoke north and east. Cloud cover trapped some smoke closer to the surface, and communities downwind saw periods of increased smoke. Smoke also spread southeast along the Tanana toward Canada. Cooler temperatures and rain forecast today and into the weekend should help moderate smoke production. This should continue the overall trend of improving air quality. However, due to the amount of fire on the landscape and wind, there may be periods of increasing smoke until significant wetting rain. Winds will continue to be from the southwest today, pushing smoke northeast. Lingering smoke may potentially enhance any fog that forms and impact visibility.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

	Yesterday	Wed	Forecast*	Thu	Fri
Station	hourly	7/03	Comment for Today Thu, Jul 04	7/04	7/05
	6a noon 6p			_	_
Delta Junction	No hourly data		Smoke decreasing in the afternoon		
Tok	No hourly data		Smoke decreasing in the afternoon		
Fairbanks			May see periods of increasing smoke		
Healy	No hourly data		May see periods of increasing smoke		
North Pole			May see periods of increasing smoke		
Nenana	No hourly data		May see periods of increasing smoke		

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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

Fire & Smoke Map -- https://fire.airnow.gov/

Health Effects of Wildfire Smoke -- https://www.cdc.gov/wildfires/risk-factors/? CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/air/wildfire-smoke/default.htm

