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# Special Statement

An Air Quality Alert has been issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for Harney, Grant, Wheeler, Baker, and Malheur Counties.

### Fire

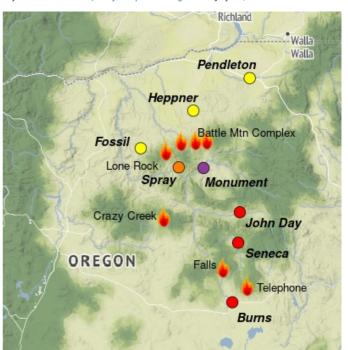
There are multiple fires affecting the forecast area. For more information on these incidents, please visit Inciweb.

#### Smoke

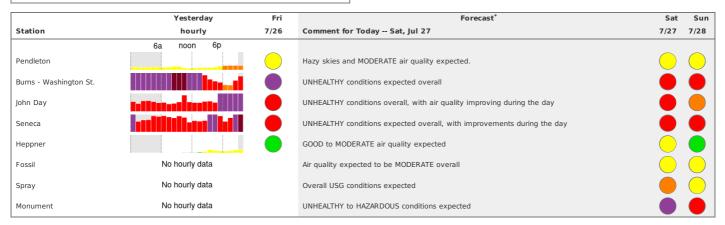
Winds are expected to be from the northwest in the morning, turning more westerly throughout the day. Winds may be gusty at times in the afternoon, leading to more smoke impacts in areas east of active fires. Due to their proximity to fires, Monument is expected to have VERY UNHEALTHY conditions. For Burns, John Day, and Seneca, there is an inversion in place like yesterday, but, it is weaker and expected to break down earlier. UNHEALTHY air quality is expected in those areas overall. Air quality will improve after the inversion breaks down in the afternoon until smoke settles back in at night. Spray is expected to have UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS conditions, with air quality improving during the day as winds transport smoke away from the area.

### **Additional Smoke Outlooks**

Smoke outlooks for adjacent areas are posted on the Fire and Smoke Map.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Saturday



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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 <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> 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**

Oregon Health Authority- Wildfires & Smoke --

https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/pages/aqi.aspx Smoke Ready Toolbox -- https://www.epa.gov/air-research/smoke-ready-toolbox-wildfires

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - Air Quality - https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/pages/aqi.aspx

