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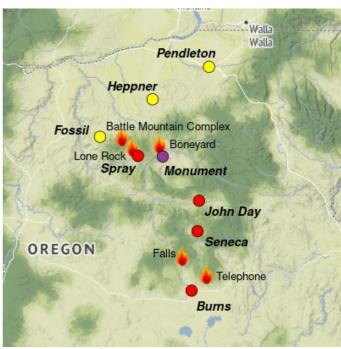
Special Statement

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

Fire

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

Smoke from numerous fires is impacting the area. Winds are expected to be from the west-northwest throughout the day, leading to more smoke in areas southeast of fires. Monument is expected to have VERY UNEHALTHY air quality due to its proximity to multiple fires. Spray is also close to many fires and is expected to have UNHEALTHY air quality. Burns, John Day, and Seneca are expected to have UNHEALTHY air quality. In these areas, air quality will improve during the day and worsen overnight as smoke settles in. Smoke from outside the outlook area will occasionally impact Fossil, Heppner, and Pendleton, where MODERATE conditions are expected overall, with some hours of GOOD as well.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

	Yesterday	Wed	Forecast*	Thu	Fri
Station	hourly	7/24	Comment for Today Thu, Jul 25	7/25	7/26
	6a noon 6p				
Burns - Washington St.			UNHEALTHY conditions expected overall, with improvements in the afternoon		
John Day			UNHEALTHY conditions expected, with air quality improving slightlyduring the day		
Seneca			UNHEALTHY conditions expected overall		
Heppner			GOOD to MODERATE air quality conditions expected		
Fossil	No hourly data		GOOD to MODERATE air quality expected		
Spray	No hourly data		Overall UNHEALTHY conditions expected		
Monument	No hourly data		VERY UNHEALTHY conditions expected overall		
Pendleton			Hazy skies and MODERATE air quality expected.		

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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

Oregon Health Authority- Wildfires & Smoke -- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality -- 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-toolboxwildfires

