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# Special Statement

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

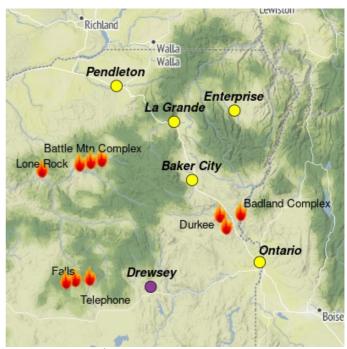
### Fire

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

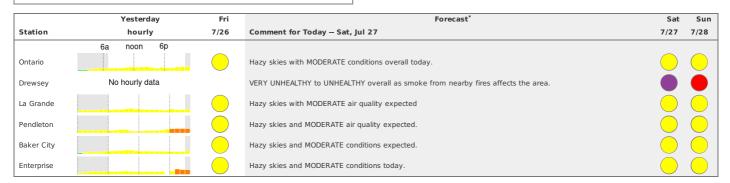
Widespread haze and significant air quality impacts expected again today as smoke from multiple large fires as well as many new starts from recent lightning continue to affect the area. Yesterday, areas near active fire saw little improvement throughout the day as heavy smoke was very slow to clear. Today, the inversion is expected to lift earlier, and those communities should see some improvement. Drewsey will continue to see Very UNHEALTHY to UNHEALTHY conditions as smoke from Falls, Telephone and other fires will blow smoke into town. Areas in the northeast portion of the forecast area should expect winds from the west and northwest today keeping them mostly clear of smoke. Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, Enterprise, and Ontario will see MODERATE conditions.

# **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**

 $Oregon\ Health\ Authority-\ Wildfires\ \&\ Smoke--\ https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepareforwildfire.aspx\ https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/pages/aqi.aspx$ 



