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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.

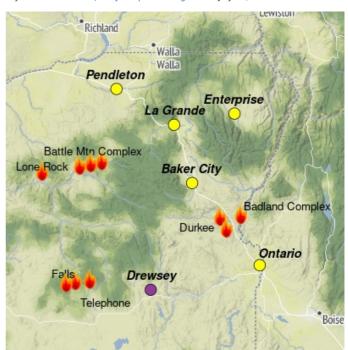
Fire

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

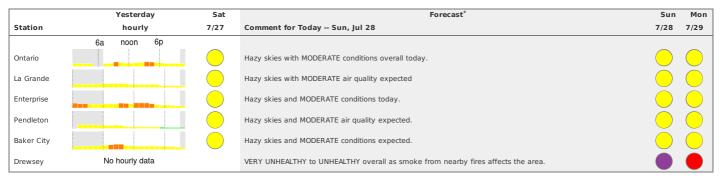
Hazy skies and cooler temperatures continue and are helping to moderate fire behavior. Smoke from fires in eastern Oregon continues to cause poor air quality especially in communities near active fires and in valleys below active fires where smoke has been settling overnight and in the mornings. Smoke from fires in California and the Cascades continue to put smoke over the area causing hazy skies and slowing down smoke from clearing at the surface. As a result, many locations experienced increased smoke yesterday, which is expected to continue but to a lesser degree today. Today, the inversion is expected to slowly breakdown in the early afternoon when smoke should start to clear. Drewsey will continue to see Very UNHEALTHY to UNHEALTHY conditions as smoke from Falls, Telephone and other fires will blow smoke into town. Areas along the I-84 corridor should expect winds from the west and northwest today keeping them mostly clear of smoke, with MODERATE conditions expected.

Additional Smoke Outlooks

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



Daily AQI Forecast* for Sunday



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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- Air Quality -https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/pages/aqi.aspx

