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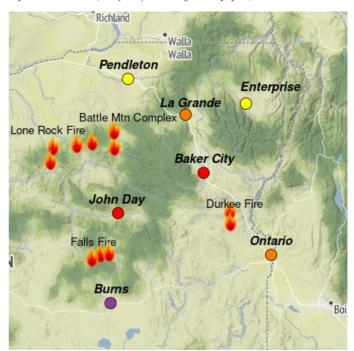
Special Statement

A Heat Advisory will continue to be in effect as temperatures are expected to be at or above 100 degrees. An Air Quality Alert has been issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for Harney and Malheur Counties until this afternoon.

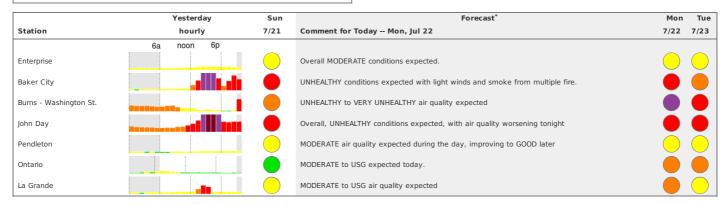
Fire

There are multiple fires effecting the forecast area. The Falls Fire is currently 132,951 acres and is 16% contained. The Lone Rock Fire is 116,563 acres and is 40% contained. The Durkee Fire is 143,220 acres and the Battle Mountain Complex is 6,408 acres. Hot, dry conditions will continue to result in active fire and continued smoke production.

Smoke from multiple fires will continue to impact the area. Yesterday, thunderstorms occurred and produced gusty winds that had a significant impact on air quality. Similar conditions are possible today. In the evening, a wind shift is expected, with winds turning to the west-northwest. This will bring more smoke towards areas east and southeast of the fires, with Burns expected to have VERY UNHEALTHY air quality, and John Day and Baker City expected to have UNHEALTHY conditions. Air quality in La Grande and Ontario is expected to be UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS. Similar conditions are expected on Tuesday, as fires remain active and hot and dry conditions continue.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday



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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 -

https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/pages/aqi.aspx Ready.gov- Extreme Heat Safety -- https://www.ready.gov/extreme-heat-safetysocial-media-toolkit

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality- Air Quality --

