



Smoke Outlook

S Central Washington - Retreat & Williams Mine Fires

8/12 - 8/13

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Special Statement

*** AIR QUALITY ALERT IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE for Yakima County *** ** RED FLAG WARNING for LIGHTNING THRU 11PM MON for WANATCHEE MTNS ***

Fire

Fire activity at the Retreat Fire has been decreasing. A final round firing operations is likely today and/or Tue to increase containment. Meanwhile, the Williams Mine Fire continues to burn actively w/minimal containment. Visit [Inciweb](#) for more information on these and other fires in the Pacific NW.

Smoke

Overall, conditions will be much better today w/mostly GOOD air quality. Smoke from the Williams Mine Fire burning on the S side of Mt Adams is likely to be the primary air quality factor through the forecast period w/some lesser, though notable, contributions, at times, from the Retreat Fire & active fires N of Wenatchee. Periods of UNHEALTHY for SENSITIVE GROUPS (USG) are likely at times mainly N of Goldendale, across much of the Yakima Nation & up the Columbia River Valley into Prosser, & SW of Yakima. MODERATE to GOOD AIR QUALITY is generally expected Tuesday at the forecast points due to lesser fire activity from higher humidity & cooler temperatures & breezy W-NW winds.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday

Station	Yesterday			Sun 8/11	Comment for Today -- Mon, Aug 12	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Mon 8/12	Tue 8/13
Wenatchee	[AQI chart]			[Yellow circle]	Smoke from fires to the north likely to bring mostly MODERATE air quality.	[Yellow circle]	[Yellow circle]
Ellensburg	[AQI chart]			[Yellow circle]	NW winds through Snoqualmie Pass likely to bring mostly GOOD air quality.	[Green circle]	[Green circle]
Yakima	[AQI chart]			[Yellow circle]	GOOD w/brief MODERATE likely due to breezy W-NW winds & regional fires.	[Green circle]	[Green circle]
Naches	[AQI chart]			[Yellow circle]	Generally GOOD air quality, but brief moderate is possible evenings, esp Tue.	[Green circle]	[Green circle]
Toppenish-Yakama Tribe	[AQI chart]			[Yellow circle]	MODERATE air quality, though some GOOD periods likely during breezy NW winds.	[Green circle]	[Yellow circle]
Prosser	[AQI chart]			[Yellow circle]	West winds will bring mostly MODERATE due to smoke from Williams Mine Fire.	[Yellow circle]	[Yellow circle]
Goldendale	[AQI chart]			[Yellow circle]	Breezy W winds w/GOOD air quality Mon turning NW Tue PM-Wed w/decrease in AQ.	[Green circle]	[Yellow circle]

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
[Green circle] Good	None
[Yellow circle] Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
[Orange circle] USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
[Red circle] Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.
[Purple circle] Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
[Dark red circle] 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.



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