Mid Columbia Gorge Whisky, Williams, and Sandstone Fires

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Fire

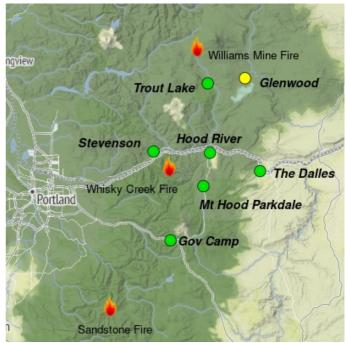
The Whisky Creek Fire is currently 1,938 acres. Fire crews continue to dig handlines and hold and secure completed line. Today, winds will be westerly and temperatures in the 60s are expected.

The Sandstone Fire is 696 acres. The fire is creeping and smoldering within the perimeter of a wildfire that burned in 2006. Crews are planning to use direct strategies where possible.

At the Williams Mine Fire, fire activity has moderated. Over the last day, the fire grew 153 acres to 11,302 acres.

Smoke

Winds will remain westerly, providing GOOD air quality for most of the outlook area. Localized smoke pooling during overnight and morning hours for the Trout Lake and Glenwood areas will result in poor air quality. There is a likelihood of afternoon/evening rain and thunderstorms on Saturday.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Friday

	Yesterday	Thu	Forecast*	Fri	Sat
Station	hourly	8/15	Comment for Today Fri, Aug 16	8/16	8/17
	6a noon 6p				
Gov Camp			GOOD air quality is expected.		
Hood River			GOOD air quality is expected.		
Mt Hood Parkdale			GOOD air quality is expected.		
The Dalles			GOOD air quality is expected.		
Stevenson			In general, GOOD air quality is expected.		
Glenwood			MODERATE air quality during the day and poor air quality overnight and morning.		
Trout Lake			GOOD air quality during the day and possible poor air quality overnight/morning.		

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Air Quality Index (AQ) 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.