

Smoke Outlook NW Oregon - Willamette NF

8/02 - 8/03

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Fire

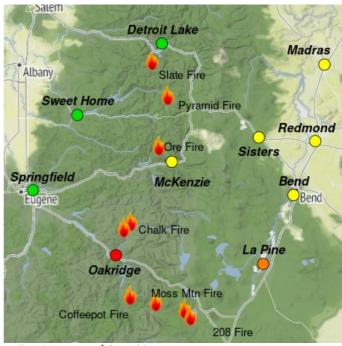
We are expecting more activity again today with even higher temperatures, not only on the Willamette, but across the region. No changes to acreage or containment on the Ore Fire or Oakridge Complex this morning, but the Pyramid Fire is now 21% contained while the Slate Fire is 81% contained. Crews continue to work to hold containment lines and mop up, and there is a potential for burnout operations today that will lead to more smoke in our area.

Smoke

Yesterday saw a very active fire south of us which brought hazy conditions are worsened air quality for much of our area, with smoke hitting Eugene and up towards Sweet Home. That level of regional smoke may return today, in addition to the smoke from the active fires on the Willamette. Oakridge will likely see Unhealthy conditions with periods of Very Unhealthy and Hazardous again. Communities in and around McKenzie will also see impacts, but will likely not exceed Unhealthy. While winds will mostly be terrain driven, we anticipate smoke will stay aloft over Sisters, Bend and further east, and smoke will likely impact La Pine with periods of Unhealthy air quality.

Monitoring Update

In addition to the McKenzie monitor moving to the McKenzie Ranger Station, an additional Purple Air sensor was installed at the Upper McKenzie Community Center.





	Yesterday	Thu	Forecast*	Fri	Sat
Station	hourly	8/01	Comment for Today Fri, Aug 02	8/02	8/03
	6a noon 6p	_		_	
McKenzie		\bigcirc	Smoke increasing late morning and midday, improving this evening.	\bigcirc	
Bend			Hazy skies and Moderate air quality, but no direct smoke impacts expected.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Sisters		\bigcirc	Hazy with Moderate air quality, some smoke late this evening possible.	\bigcirc	
Detroit Lake			Mostly clear, some smoke could arrive in the evening from fires across region.		
Sweet Home			Mostly clear conditions, smoke may drift into the area this afternoon		
Springfield			Fires to the south brought some smoke yesterday, smoke may return today.		
Oakridge			Active fires again today, heavy smoke expected midday, clearing out in evening.		
Redmond		\bigcirc	Air quality mostly Moderate, hazy conditions continuing from regional smoke.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Madras			Moderate today with hazy conditions, more smoke may drift in this evening.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
La Pine		\bigcirc	Mostly Moderate today, smoke expected to return this evening.		

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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.

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Additional Links

Oregon Smoke Information -- https://www.oregonsmoke.org/ Oakridge Complex Information -https://www.facebook.com/OakridgeLightningFires2024/ Fire Incident Information -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/

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