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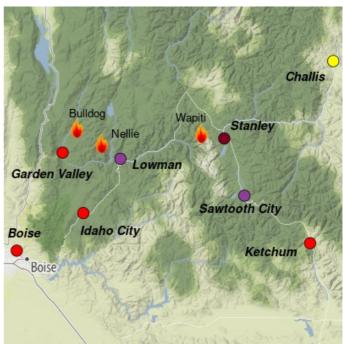
AIR QUALITY ALERT issued by Idaho DEQ.

Fire

The Wapiti Fire is at 92,141 acres and the Middle Fork Complex is at 53,689 acres. A warming and drying trend is in place through Sunday. Expect continued modest activity on all active fires in Central Idaho. Fortunately there are only light winds, so major fire runs are less likely. See inciweb.wildfire.gov for updates on specific incidents.

Smoke

The lack of strong winds means smoke will linger, especially in the mountain valleys of Central Idaho. Boise may see conditions improve as the day progresses, but mountain communities will likely remain at VERY UNHEALTHY air quality or worse.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Friday

	Yesterday	Thu	Forecast*	Fri	Sat
Station	hourly	8/29	Comment for Today Fri, Aug 30	8/30	8/31
	6a noon 6p				_
Challis	No hourly data		Generally MODERATE throughout the day, potential spikes to USG are possible.		
Stanley			VERY UNHEALTHY to HAZARDOUS AQ expected as favorable smoke conditions persist.		
Sawtooth City	No hourly data		V UNHEALTHY/HAZARDOUS AQ today, with periods of USG/UNHEALTHY in the evening.		
Lowman			Light winds unable to clear out the HWY-21 corridor, expect heavy smoke.		
Idaho City			Generally VERY UNHEATHY AQ conditions, with periods of USG/UNHEALTHY possible.		
Garden Valley			Light winds limit smoke transport. Expect VERY UNHEALTHY air quality conditions.		
Boise			Wrap-around smoke affecting the city today with no transport expected.		
Ketchum			Smoke transport limited due to light winds, expect UNHEALTHY AQ to continue.		

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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

Flat Fire -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat

Middle Fork Complex (Bulldog, Nellie) -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incidentinformation/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson Wapiti Fire -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire

IDEQ Smoke Blog -- https://idsmoke.blogspot.com

