



# Smoke Outlook

## Central Idaho

8/28 - 8/29

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### Special Statement

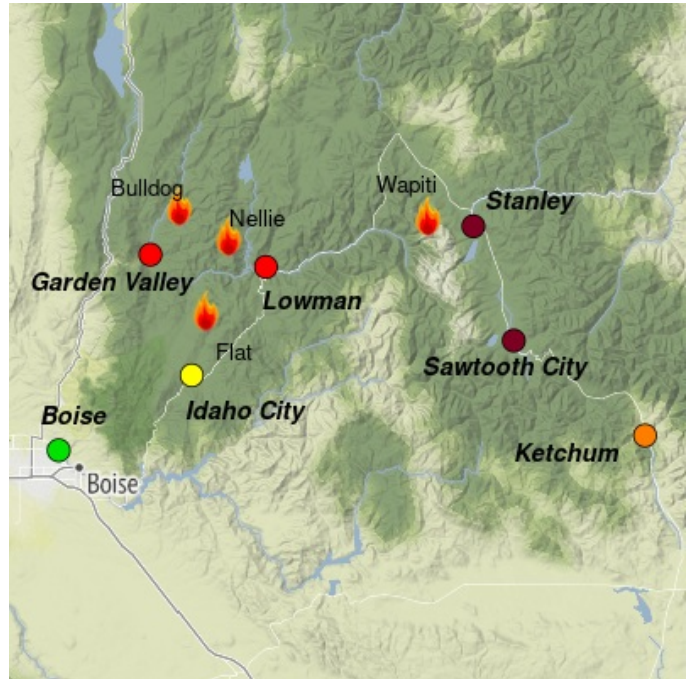
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#### Fire

The **Wapiti Fire** is at 79,745 acres. The **Middle Fork Complex** is at 47,978 acres, but remains unchanged due to unfavorable conditions for an infrared flight last night. Adverse and challenging fire behavior today with near-critical fire conditions. On the Wapiti Fire, expect group torching, ground fire runs, and long-distance spotting. Generally and strong gusty winds from the northwest will drive fire to the east and south by runs, crown fire, and spotting. Active fire weather and fire activity will persist throughout the week.

#### Smoke

Heaviest smoke impacts will be in valleys and low-lying areas near the immediate vicinity of the fires. Moderate-to-heavy smoke impacts will be along HWY-75 from Stanley to Challis and the SH-17 corridor from Crouch/Garden Valley to Lowman. Winds from the west today will disperse smoke across eastern portions of the forecast area. Smoke impacts overnight into tomorrow morning will be highly dependent on today's fire activity. Expect continued smoke throughout the week as warm and dry weather continues.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Wednesday

Station	Yesterday	Tue	Comment for Today -- Wed, Aug 28	Forecast*	
	hourly	8/27		Wed 8/28	Thu 8/29
Ketchum	6a noon 6p	●	MODERATE/USG AQ conditions today, but a return to GOOD/MOD tomorrow.	●	●
Boise		●	GOOD air quality this week with wind conditions moving smoke away from the city.	●	●
Idaho City		●	Generally MODERATE AQ conditions, with periods of USG/UNHEALTHY possible.	●	●
Lowman		●	Pattern of UNHEALTHY AQ in the morning, and GOOD/MOD AQ in the evening returns.	●	●
Sawtooth City	No hourly data		V UNHEALTHY/HAZARDOUS AQ today, lowering to MODERATE/USG tomorrow.	●	●
Garden Valley		●	Generally USG/UNHEALTHY during the days, with MODERATE/GOOD in the evenings.	●	●
Stanley		●	VERY UNHEALTHY to HAZARDOUS AQ expected as favorable fire conditions persist.	●	●

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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 <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
● Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> 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

- [Middle Fork Complex \(Bulldog, Nellie\)](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incidentinformation/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incidentinformation/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson>
- [Flat Fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat>
- [Wapiti Fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire>
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