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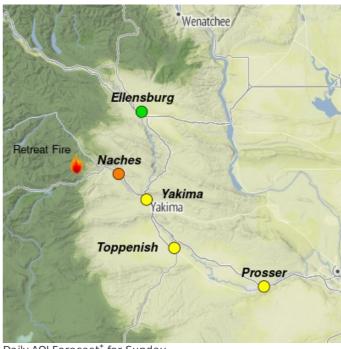
Special Statement

*** AIR QUALITY ALERT *** An Air Quality Alert has been issued for all of Yakima County, including the Yakima Reservation, IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Particulate matter (PM2.5) may reach Unhealthy or Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) levels.

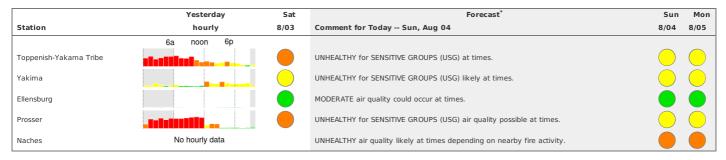
Fire

Hot and dry conditions have settled in over the region and fire activity has increased in several interior areas of the fire. In addition, crews are doing great work to increase containment with strategic firing operations especially along the north side of the fire. Visit Inciweb for more information on the Retreat Fire and other fires in the Pacific NW.

Smoke from other fires in the Pacific NW combined with that from the Retreat Fire will push Air Quality to UNHEALTHY levels at times. With westerly winds, Ellensburg should remain mostly GOOD. On average, MODERATE conditions are predicted at Yakima, Toppenish, and Prosser. Closer to the fire, USG to UNHEALTHY is expected at locations such as Naches.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Sunday



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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.

