

Smoke Outlook <u>Western Idaho Limepoint</u>

8/19 - 8/20

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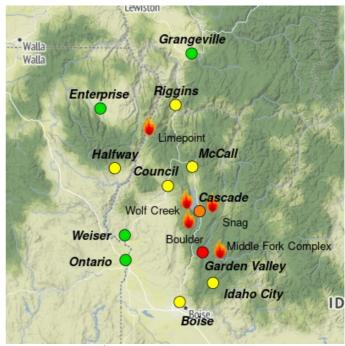
*** Idaho DEQ has issued an Air Quality Alert (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups) until 3PM Monday for Boise County.

Fire

Near-critical fire weather conditions today are expected to promote active fire growth within and along the perimeters of fires in western Idaho. While the Limepoint Fire and the West Mountain Complex saw minimal growth yesterday, active fires in the Middle Fork Compllex burned over 8,000 additional acres south of Cascade, ID. For more details on the Limepoint Fire, the West Mountain Complex (Boulder, Snag, Wolf Creek, Dollar), and the Middle Complex wildfire incidentss, please visit Inciweb.

Smoke

Heavy smoke production is expected today, with large smoke columns possible, especially in the afternoon coming from the Middle Fork Complex fires. Winds should push most of today's smoke northeast of the Highway 55 corridor, but Cascade will likely experience poor air quality in the evening and overnight. Cooler temperatures and low winds overnight may cause smoke from smoldering fires to settle into valleys. Areas west of the U.S. Route 95 corridor should continue to experience air quality no worse than MODERATE.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday

	Yesterday	Sun	Forecast*	Mon	Tue
Station	hourly	8/18	Comment for Today Mon, Aug 19	8/19	8/20
	6a noon 6p				
Ontario			GOOD air quality expected today		
Enterprise			No wildfire smoke expected today		
Weiser PM25		\bigcirc	wildfire haze expected but no air quality impact expect		\bigcirc
McCall		\bigcirc	wildfire smoke should have little impact on the air quality today	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Boise			MODERATE air quality expected today	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Cascade	No hourly data		smoke overnight will continue have the worst impact on air quality		
Halfway	No hourly data		MODERATE air quality expected today	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Grangeville		\bigcirc	Smoke from local fires should have no negative impact on air today		
Council	No hourly data		Expect MODERATE air quality today	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Riggins	No hourly data		Some smoke & haze today	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Idaho City			MODERATE air quality with USG in the afternoon.	\bigcirc	
Garden Valley			UNHEALTHY to V UNHEALTHY morning to midday, clearing by late afternoon.		

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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.		
lunhealthy	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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