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Special Statement

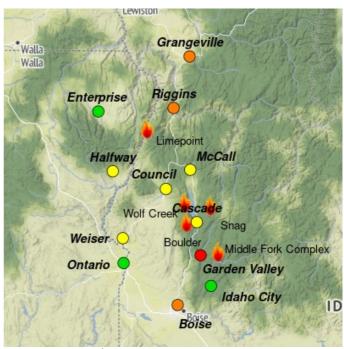
*** Idaho DEQ has issued an Air Quality Alert (Unhealthy) until 3 PM Wednesday for Boise and Valley Counties. ***

Fire

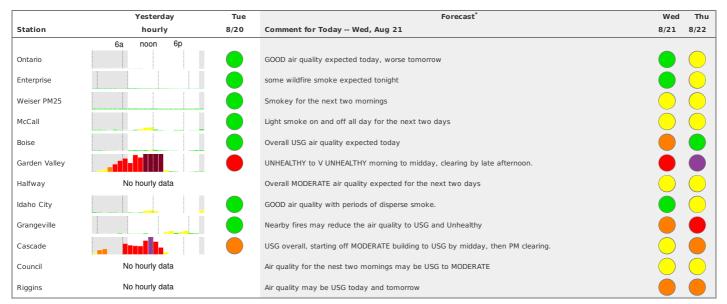
Fire danger today is high as warm, dry and breezy air will promote growth and along the perimeters of fires in western Idaho. Limepoint Fire and the West Mountain Complex saw some growth yesterday, the Middle Fork Complex (the Nellie and Wapiti Fires) south of Cascade, ID again consumed quite a few additional acres. For more details on the Limepoint Fire, the West Mountain Complex (Boulder, Snag, Wolf Creek, Dollar), and the Middle Complex wildfire incidents, please visit Inciweb .

Smoke

Smoke production from the Limepoint and West Mountain Fires are expected to be moderate, however the Middle Fork fires will likely produce the bulk of smoke in southern Idaho. Winds are anticipated to push smoke from fires to the north and east, except overnight when it settles in the southwest valleys. Areas west of the U.S. Route 95 corridor should continue to experience air quality no worse than MODERATE.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Wednesday



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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.

