



Smoke Outlook

North Central Idaho / SW Montana

8/16 - 8/17

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Fire

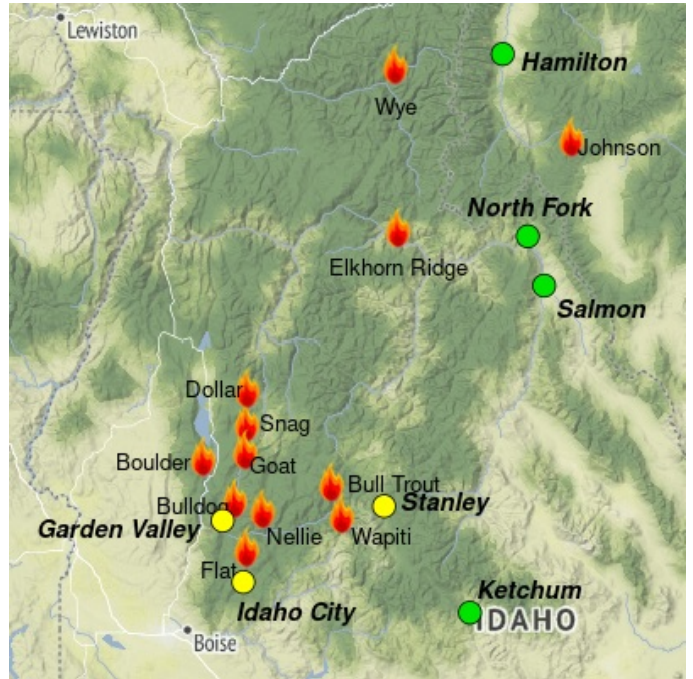
The **Middle Fork Complex** which includes: the Bulldog and Nellie Fires, totals 9,207 acres (0% containment), the **Wapiti Fire** is 3,872 acres (0% containment), and the **Flat Fire** was last reported at 3,113 acres (14% containment) all are anticipated to continue growing for the foreseeable future. The **Bull Trout Fire** 271 acres (92% containment) is expected to have minimal fire activity.

Elkhorn Ridge Fire (Frank Church Wilderness) was last reported at 2,482 acres (0% containment). **Johnson Fire** (Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness), is 270 acres (0% containment). **Wye Fire** (Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness) was last reported at 4,451 acres (0% containment). More information regarding the area near the **Dollar, Snag, Goat, and Boulder Fires** can be found at: [Smoke Outlook Western Idaho Limepoint](#)

Smoke

The southern portion of the outlook area is anticipated to see increased smoke production this afternoon along with good ventilation. Hazy conditions may persist, with the worst air quality occurring near and upwind of fires. Saturday, winds are forecasted to shift from the south bringing along with it drier warmer air.

The northern portion of the outlook area will trend cooler with afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Warmer drier weather is anticipated this weekend.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Friday

Station	Yesterday	Thu	Comment for Today -- Fri, Aug 16	Forecast*	
	hourly	8/15		Fri	Sat
	6a noon 6p			8/16	8/17
Garden Valley			Worst air quality in the afternoon, improving in the evening.		
Idaho City			MODERATE air quality with USG in the afternoon.		
Stanley			GOOD air quality in the morning degrading to USG in the evening.		
Salmon			GOOD air quality with a chance of MODERATE in the afternoon.		
North Fork			GOOD air quality, with potential for widespread Haze.		
Ketchum			MODERATE in the morning clearing to GOOD in the afternoon.		
Hamilton			GOOD air quality expected all day.		

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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

[Middle Fork Complex \(Bulldog, Nellie, and Anderson Fires\) -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson)

[Bull Trout Fire Incident Information -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-bulltrout-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-bulltrout-fire)

[Johnson Fire Incident Information -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-johnson-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-johnson-fire)

[Idaho Department of Environmental Quality -- https://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/](https://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/)

[Idaho Department of Lands Facebook \(Flat Fire\) -- https://www.facebook.com/IdahoDepartmentofLands](https://www.facebook.com/IdahoDepartmentofLands)

[Wapiti Fire Incident Information -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire)

[Elkhorn Ridge Fire Incident Information -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-elkhorn-ridge](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtbrf-elkhorn-ridge)

[Wye Fire Incident Information -- https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idncf-wye-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idncf-wye-fire)

[Montana Department of Environmental Quality -- https://deq.mt.gov/air/](https://deq.mt.gov/air/)

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