



Smoke Outlook

North Central Idaho / SW Montana

8/11 - 8/12

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Fire

Fires burning near Garden Valley include: The **Middle Fork Complex** (Bulldog Fire, Nellie Fire, and Anderson Fire) 3,947 acres (0% containment), the **Wapiti Fire** 2,279 acres (0% containment), and the **Flat Fire** last reported at 350 acres (0% containment) are all anticipated to have active fire growth this afternoon. The **Bull Trout Fire** 217 acres (74% containment) is expected to have minimal fire activity.

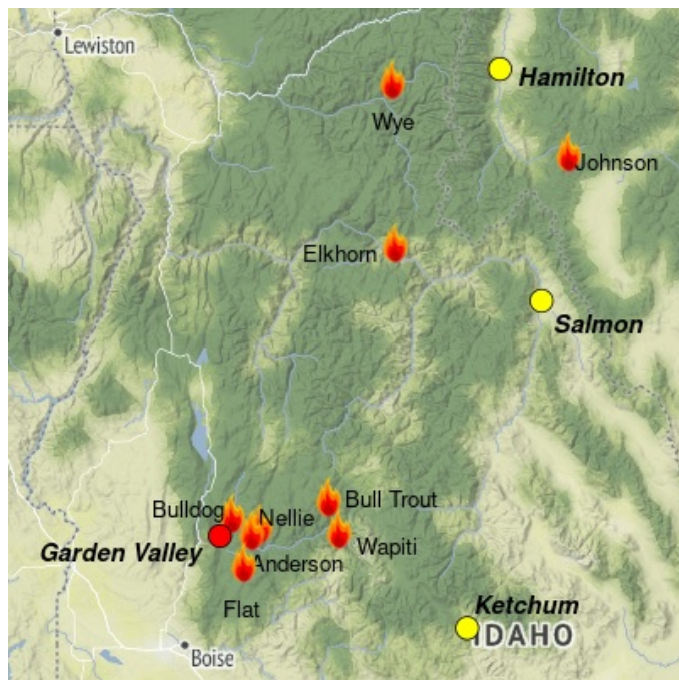
Elkhorn Ridge Fire (Frank Church Wilderness) was last reported at 1,642 acres (0% containment) has potential for growth, but due to numerous fires over the last few years, fuels are light and fire spread is expected to be limited.

Johnson Fire (Anaconda Pintler Wilderness), is 270 acres (0% containment). The fire is burning in heavy fuels and has potential for significant growth, if conditions remain dry.

Wye Fire (Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness) was last reported at 3,760 acres (0% containment) and is continuing to burn.

Smoke

Numerous fires across the Western United States and Canada have potential to contribute to widescale haze and poor air quality across the North Central Idaho / SW Montana forecast area. **Garden Valley** will receive smoke from numerous fires in the area and is anticipated to have UNHEALTHY air quality overall, with potential for VERY UNHEALTHY air quality in the afternoon. **Hamilton, Salmon,** and **Ketchum** are further away from active fires, but will likely have hazy conditions and MODERATE air quality. If fire activity greatly increases, smoke production would also escalate, further degrading air quality in these areas.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Sunday

Station	Yesterday	Sat	Forecast*	Sun	Mon
	hourly	8/10		8/11	8/12
Garden Valley			Snag Fire and the West Mountain Complex Fire will continue to impair AQI today		
Hamilton			MODERATE air quality expected.		
Salmon			MODERATE air quality expected.		
Ketchum			MODERATE air quality expected.		

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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/)

[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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