



# Smoke Outlook

## North Central Idaho / SW Montana

# 8/17 - 8/18

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### Special Statement

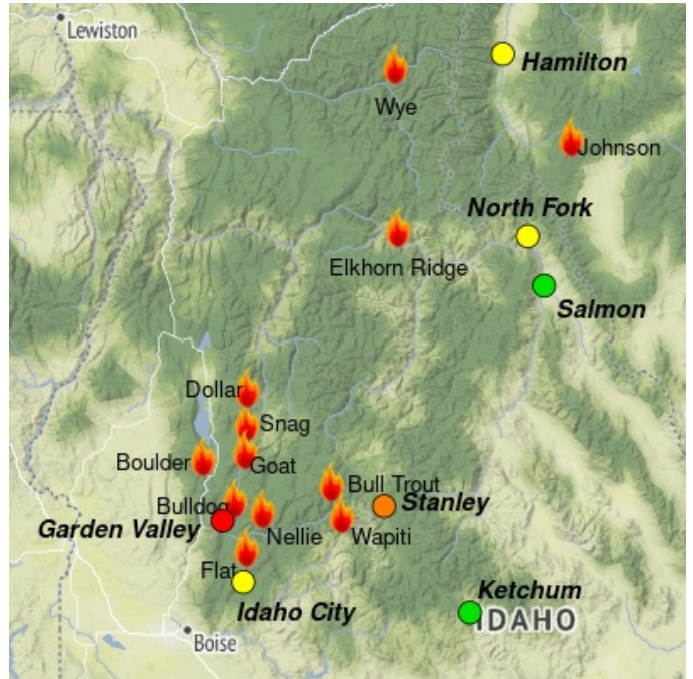
RED FLAG WARNING for Saturday from NWS. AIR QUALITY ADVISORY from IDEQ for Boise County until Monday.

### Fire

The **Middle Fork Complex**: Bulldog and Nellie Fires, totals 10,031 acres. The **Wapiti Fire** is 3,979 acres, and the **Flat Fire** is at 3,278 acres. Numerous smaller fires continue to burn within the forecast area, many within wilderness areas and in remote locations. Today, hot, dry, and unstable conditions will increase fire activity across the region. Fire behavior will include group torching, short runs, and spotting. More information regarding the area near the **Dollar, Snag, Goat, and Boulder Fires** can be found at: [Smoke Outlook Western Idaho Limepoint](#)

### Smoke

Overnight smoke will clear by mid-to-late afternoon. With hotter and drier conditions forecast today, increased fire activity will produce visible smoke plumes with heaviest daytime smoke impacts upwind of fires. Overnight drainage smoke will settle in valleys and low-lying areas near the immediate vicinity of active fire. Smoky conditions throughout the weekend into early next week are highly dependant on today's active fire weather and resultant growth.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Saturday

Station	Yesterday			Fri 8/16	Comment for Today -- Sat, Aug 17	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Sat 8/17	Sun 8/18
Ketchum					GOOD to MODERATE throughout the day.		
Salmon					GOOD air quality with a chance of MODERATE in the afternoon.		
North Fork					Periods of USG possible, GOOD to MODERATE with daytime mixing.		
Garden Valley					USG in the morning, increasing to V UNHEALTHY by midday, afternoon improvement.		
Idaho City					MODERATE air quality with USG in the afternoon.		
Stanley					MODERATE conditions in AM hours, USG periods during afternoon hours.		
Hamilton					GOOD to MODERATE AQ, highly dependant on fire behavior.		

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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 <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> 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)

[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)

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

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\*Smoke and Health Info -- [www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health](http://www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health)