



# Smoke Outlook

## North Central Idaho / SW Montana

# 8/19 - 8/20

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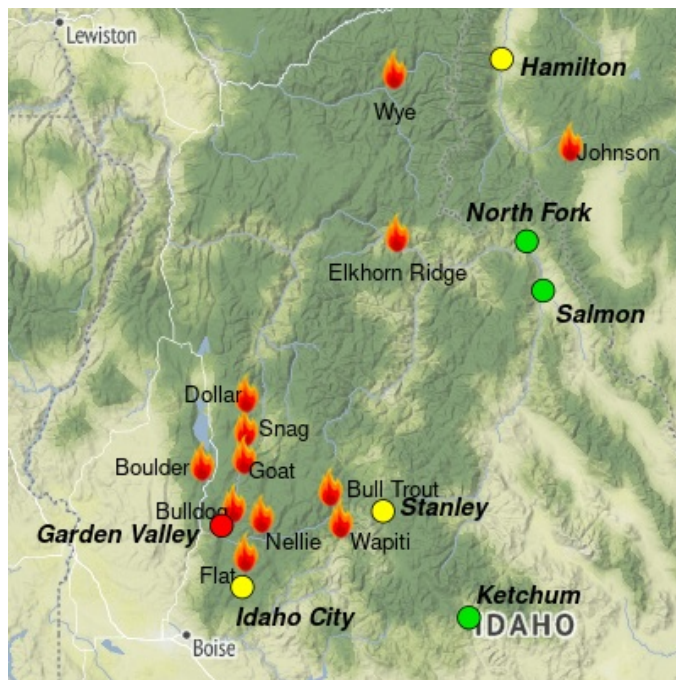
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### Fire

The **Middle Fork Complex**: Bulldog and Nellie Fires, totals 24,503 acres. The **Wapiti Fire** is at 9,049 acres, and the **Flat Fire** is at 3,646 acres. The past weekend saw significant fire growth on both Nellie and Wapiti Fires. Today, elevated to near critical fire weather conditions are expected. Group torching, spotting, and continued large fire growth is possible. More information regarding the area near the **Dollar, Snag, Goat, and Boulder Fires** can be found at: [Smoke Outlook Western Idaho Limepoint](#)

### Smoke

From Crouch to Garden Valley, Grimes Pass to Lowman, and along HWY-21, expect heavy smoke impacts building overnight, peaking late morning, and clearing by later afternoon. Communities in the immediate vicinity, downstream, and in low-lying areas near the fire perimeter will experience the heaviest smoke impacts each morning into midday. Stanley will experience mid-afternoon to evening smoke; remaining sheltered from overnight drainage smoke. Today into tomorrow, as winds start transitioning to more westerly, communities near Salmon, North Fork, and Hamilton will see potential for increasing light-to-moderate smoke impacts by Tuesday into Wednesday.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Monday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Sun 8/18	Comment for Today -- Mon, Aug 19	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Mon 8/19	Tue 8/20
Idaho City	[Bar chart showing smoke levels]			●	MODERATE air quality with USG in the afternoon.	●	●
Garden Valley	[Bar chart showing smoke levels]			●	UNHEALTHY to V UNHEALTHY morning to midday, clearing by late afternoon.	●	●
North Fork	[Bar chart showing smoke levels]			●	GOOD to MODERATE AQ expected, haze aloft	●	●
Salmon	[Bar chart showing smoke levels]			●	GOOD air quality in the AM, afternoon haze and smoke building overnight.	●	●
Ketchum	[Bar chart showing smoke levels]			●	GOOD overall, haze aloft and distant smoke plumes visible.	●	●
Stanley	[Bar chart showing smoke levels]			●	Smoke increasing throughout the day, starting GOOD increasing to USG.	●	●
Hamilton	[Bar chart showing smoke levels]			●	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/ldbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson>

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

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

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

[Montana Department of Environmental Quality](#) -- <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)