



Smoke Outlook

North Central Idaho / SW Montana

8/24 - 8/25

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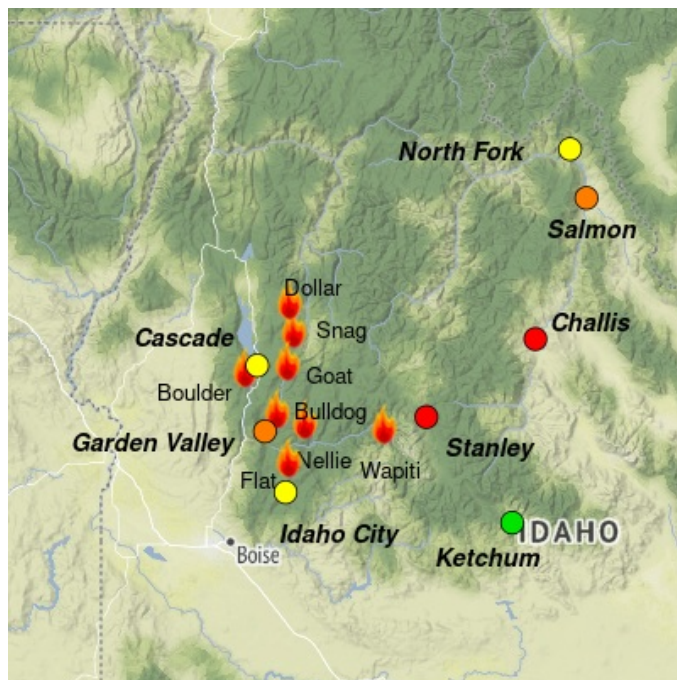
AIR QUALITY ALERT until at least 5 PM Monday.

Fire

The reported acres remain unchanged today due to IR flight unable to fly due to weather; **Middle Fork Complex** totals 41,519 acres. The **Wapiti Fire** is at 35,631 acres, and the **Flat Fire** is at 3,719 acres. With cloud cover, showers, and moderated temperatures, fire weather conditions have lessened. Rate of fire spread will be limited and fire behavior will mostly be creeping and isolated active runs. Isolated showers tonight into tomorrow will decrease fire activity; however, warmer and drier conditions build back in by early this coming week.

Smoke

Heaviest smoke impacts will continue in valleys and low-lying areas near the immediate vicinity of the fire. Along HWY-21 from Lowman to Banner Creek Pass and Stanley, including the entire Sawtooth Valley will have heaviest smoke impacts. Heavy-to-moderate smoke impacts will be along HWY-75 to Challis. Increasing cloud cover and showers will reduce new smoke production, but may limit ventilation in locations with heavy overnight residual smoke. Communities that experience VERY UNHEALTHY to HAZARDOUS air quality should take immediate action to reduce smoke exposure.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Saturday

Station	Yesterday hourly	Fri 8/23	Comment for Today -- Sat, Aug 24	Forecast*	Sat 8/24	Sun 8/25
Garden Valley			GOOD to MODERATE in AM, smoke building throughout the day.			
Idaho City			GOOD air quality with periods disperse smoke aloft, MODERATE at times.			
Ketchum			GOOD overall, haze aloft and distant smoke plumes visible.			
Cascade			Generally GOOD to MODERATE air quality today			
North Fork			MODERATE overall, periods of heavier smoke by afternoon.			
Salmon			USG air quality in the AM, afternoon MOD to USG with overnight impacts.			
Challis	No hourly data		HAZARDOUS in AM, slight relief midday, increasing again by overnight.			
Stanley			UNHEALTHY to V UNHEALTHY, persistent throughout the 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 \(Bulldog, Nellie\)](#) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson>
[Flat Fire](#) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat>

[Wapiti Fire](#) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire>
[IDEQ Smoke Blog](#) -- <https://idsmoke.blogspot.com/>



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