



Smoke Outlook

North Central Idaho / SW Montana

8/15 - 8/16

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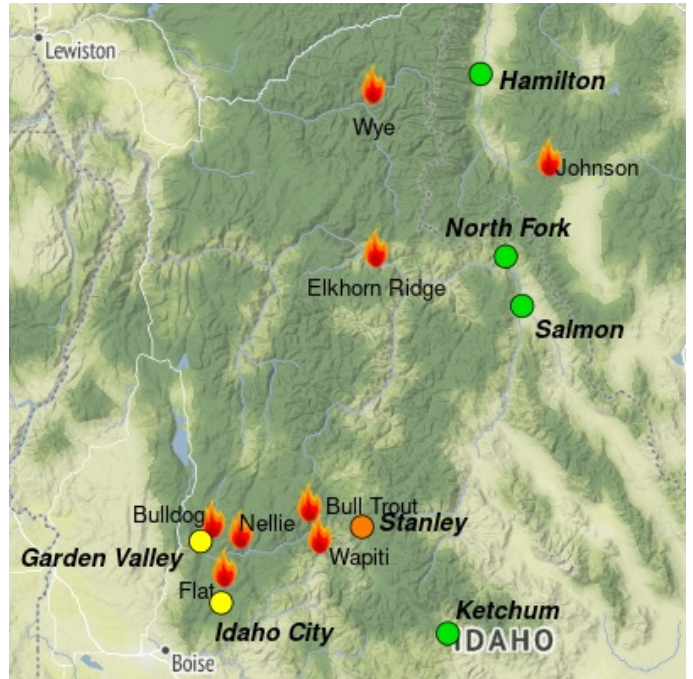
Fire

The **Middle Fork Complex** which includes: the Bulldog and Nellie Fires, totals 8,308 acres (0% containment), the **Wapiti Fire** is 3,646 acres (0% containment), and the **Flat Fire** was last reported at 2,500 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).

Smoke

A weather system is crossing the region today with showers and thunderstorms expected. Northern portions of the forecast area are anticipated to receive higher levels of moisture. Air quality should improve across the entire area. 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. Fire activity is likely to increase with this change in weather.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

Station	Yesterday			Wed 8/14	Comment for Today -- Thu, Aug 15	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Thu 8/15	Fri 8/16
Garden Valley					Worst air quality in the afternoon, improving in the evening.		
Idaho City					MODERATE to GOOD air quality.		
Stanley					USG overall, with MODERATE mid-day then degrading to UNHEALTHY overnight.		
Ketchum					MODERATE clearing to GOOD in the afternoon.		
Salmon					Hazy conditions with GOOD to MODERATE air quality.		
North Fork					GOOD air quality, with potential for widespread Haze.		
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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