



Smoke Outlook

Central Idaho

8/31 - 9/01

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Special Statement

AIR QUALITY ADVISORIES issued by Idaho DEQ for the entirety of southern Idaho.

Fire

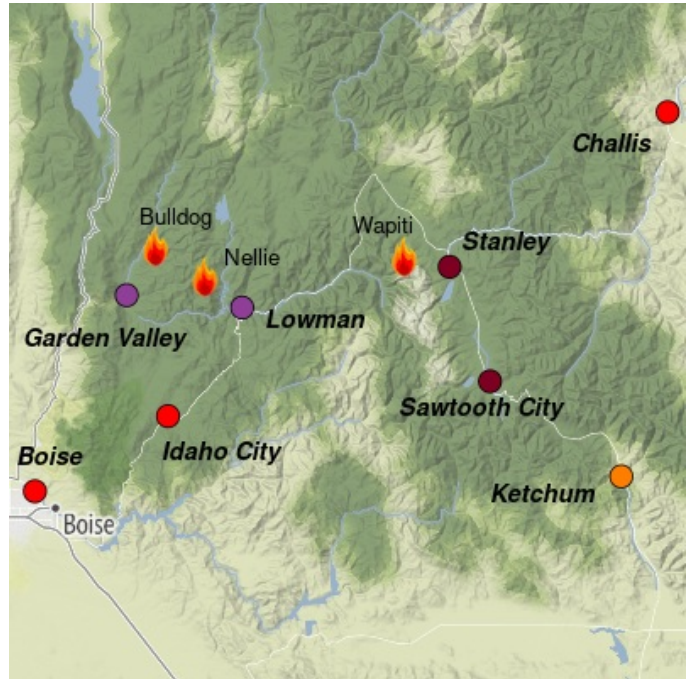
The **Wapiti Fire** is at 94,685 acres and the **Middle Fork Complex** is at 54,333 acres. A warming and drying trend is in place through Sunday. Expect continued modest activity on all active fires in Central Idaho. For the Wapiti Fire, firefighters' focus continues to be on the protection of structures and communities while establishing control features around the fire perimeter. For the Middle Fork Complex Fires, crews continue to construct lines and mop up. See inciweb.wildfire.gov for updates on specific incidents.

Smoke

Saturday will be another day of heavy smoke. Slight relief is possible for the southern part of the forecast area this afternoon. Further improvement is likely on Sunday, but smoke will still be present. Chance of rain and winds from the south on Monday should finally bring GOOD conditions to the Boise area, smoke may remain in the mountains.

Health Message

Limit time outdoors in areas with wildfire smoke.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Saturday

Station	Yesterday hourly	Fri 8/30	Comment for Today -- Sat, Aug 31	Forecast*	Sat 8/31	Sun 9/01
Stanley	6a noon 6p	●	Continued heavy smoke Saturday and Sunday. Improvements come Monday.		●	●
Sawtooth City	No hourly data		Significant smoke. Limit outdoor activities if possible.		●	●
Lowman		●	Major smoke impacts will continue Saturday and Sunday.		●	●
Ketchum		●	Smoke transport limited due to light winds, should linger through the weekend.		●	●
Idaho City		●	Significant smoke. Limit outdoor activities if possible.		●	●
Boise		●	Smoke will continue, strongest concentrations around midday.		●	●
Garden Valley		●	Major smoke impacts will continue Saturday and Sunday.		●	●
Challis	No hourly data		UNHEALTHY AQ spiking to HAZARDOUS in early evening. Improving to VERY UNHEALTHY.		●	●

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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/incidentinformation/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson>
 - Wapiti Fire -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire>
 - Flat Fire -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idids-2024-flat>
 - IDEQ Smoke Blog -- <https://idsmoke.blogspot.com>