

Smoke Synopsis

Yesterday afternoon and evening, smoke from the wildfires moved to the east/northeast. There was more smoke than the previous day because of the increased fire operations. In general, smoke production is expected to be less today.

This morning, Tonto Village, East Verde Village, Payson, and Star Valley saw heavy smoke impacts. Smoke will gradually improve, lifting out after 9 am. It should be noted that much of the smoke overhead is from a wildfires in southern California.

The weather pattern will change today. Southwesterly (from the southwest) winds will develop and move smoke from both wildfires to the northeast later this morning and throughout the afternoon. Then overnight, winds will become terrain-driven, allowing residual smoke to settle into local drainages again. Tomorrow, daytime southwesterly winds are forecast to strengthen even more from today.



West Fire: During the day, smoke will move northeastward, possibly over Winslow and Holbrook. Overnight, moderate to heavy smoke impacts will be possible East Verde Estates; light to moderate impacts will be possible to Pine. Smoke in the area is expected to lift out of the area by 9 am Thursday.

Preacher Fire: During the day, smoke will move northeastward, with light to moderate impacts possible to Tonto Village and Hwy 260. Smoke that makes it over the Rim will move towards Holbrook. Overnight, moderate to heavy impacts will be possible to HWY 260 in/around Preacher Canyon, Tonto Village and Kohl's Ranch. Smoke is also expected to drain down East Verde River, with light to moderate impacts to East Verde Estates. Payson and Star Valley could see light to moderate impacts again, as well. Smoke in the area is expected to lift out of the area by 9 am Thursday.

Activity Meter

Stay Smoke Aware
 Minimize Outdoor Activity
 Stay Inside

Location	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
Payson	Smoke lifting after 9am	Light to moderate smoke possible overnight	Smoke lifting by 9am
Pine	Smoke lifting after 9am	Light to moderate smoke possible overnight	Smoke lifting by 9am
Star Valley	Smoke lifting after 9am	Light to moderate smoke possible overnight	Smoke lifting by 9am
Tonto Village	Light to moderate smoke possible	Moderate to heavy smoke possible	Light to moderate smoke possible
East Verde Estates	Smoke lifting after 9am	Moderate to heavy smoke possible	Smoke lifting by 9am
Forest Lakes	Light smoke and haze	Light smoke possible	Light smoke and haze
Camp Verde	Haze possible	Light smoke possible	Haze possible

Note: No matter what the forecast indicates, if you feel like you are having health effects from smoke exposure, take extra care to stay inside or safely get to an area with better air quality. Please contact your healthcare provider with specific concerns.

Additional Information

Fire Contact: 928-291-7354

West Fire InciWeb | <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aztnf-2024-west-fire-tnf>

Preacher Fire InciWeb | <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aztnf-2024-preacher-fire-tnf>

ADEQ Portable Smoke Monitors | <https://www.phoenixvis.net/>