

West Fire Smoke Forecast

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Smoke Synopsis

Yesterday afternoon, smoke from both wildfires moved to the northeast, in distinct, narrow plumes. The West Fire was the most active of two, putting off the most smoke. Southwesterly winds also continued into the evening, helping to reduce or delay local settling of smoke.

This morning, little smoke was noted at the Payson and Pine monitors. Any smoke at the ground will lift by 9 am.

Similar to yesterday, southwesterly (from the southwest) winds will be present again today. Therefore, smoke plumes from both wildfires will disperse to the northeast later this morning and throughout the afternoon. Winds will also continue into the evening. Then, later overnight, winds will become terrain-driven, allowing residual smoke to settle into local drainages again. For tomorrow, light south-southwesterly winds are expected.



West Fire: During the day, smoke will move over Winslow and possibly Holbrook. Overnight, moderate 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 Saturday.

Preacher Fire: During the day, light to moderate impacts will be 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. Low-lying areas in/around Payson and Star Valley could see light impacts, as well. Smoke in the area is expected to lift out of the area by 9 am Friday.

Activity Meter

Stay Smoke Aware
 Minimize Outdoor Activity
 Stay Inside

Location	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
Payson	Smoke lifting after 9am	Light 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 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	Light to moderate smoke possible	Smoke lifting by 9am
Forest Lakes	Light smoke and haze	Light smoke possible	Light smoke and haze
Camp Verde	No smoke	Light smoke possible	No smoke

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/>