

# West Fire Smoke Forecast

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## Smoke Synopsis

Today, we will see very similar smoke movement as yesterday with smoke moving toward the south-southwest. Light smoke impacts possible in East Verde Estates and Payson throughout the day. Smoke will also move over the Phoenix Valley again this afternoon. While most of the smoke over Phoenix is expected to be elevated off the ground, some haze at the surface will be possible.

Overnight, winds will become light allowing smoke to drain into Pine (especially the east and south side), and drain southward down Sycamore Creek, Shannon Gulch, and Webber Creek toward the East Verde River. As a result, moderate to heavy smoke impacts will be possible in Geronimo Estates, East Verde Estates, Pine, and low-lying areas of HWY 87 between Pine and East Verde Estates. Smoke is expected to lift out of these areas by 10 am Tuesday morning. As smoke continues to move southward, light to moderate impacts are likely in Payson overnight, with light smoke also possible in the far north/northeast Valley of Phoenix.



For Tuesday, smoke will slowly move toward the west over the southern end of the Verde Valley and possibly Prescott and Prescott Valley, with mainly light impacts at the surface. Overnight, moderate to heavy smoke impacts will be likely in Pine with moderate impacts in Geronimo Estates, East Verde Estates, and low-lying areas of HWY 87.

## Activity Meter

Stay Smoke Aware    
 Minimize Outdoor Activity    
 Stay Inside

Location	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
Payson	Light smoke possible during the day	Light smoke possible overnight	Haze possible
Pine	Smoke lifting by 10am	Moderate to heavy smoke impacts possible	Smoke lifting by 10am
Star Valley	Light smoke possible during the day	Light smoke possible overnight	Haze possible
Tonto Village	Light smoke and haze	Light smoke possible overnight	Light smoke and haze
East Verde Estates	Moderate smoke in AM, light smoke after	Moderate smoke possible	Light smoke during the day
Forest Lakes	Haze possible	Haze possible	Haze possible
Camp Verde	No smoke expected	Haze possible	Light smoke possible
Winslow	No smoke expected	No smoke expected	No smoke expected

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.

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/>

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