



# Smoke Outlook

## Central Idaho

# 9/11 - 9/12

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### Special Statement

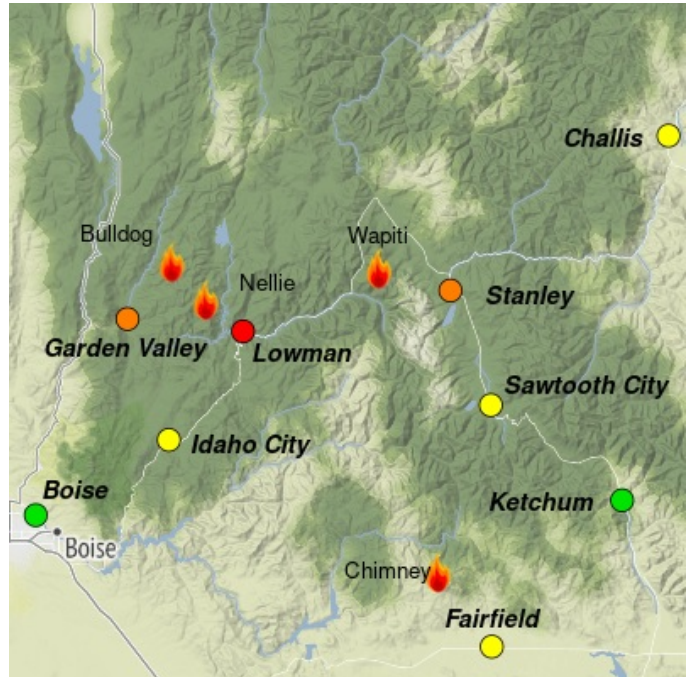
AIR QUALITY ADVISORIES in effect. See [Idaho DEQ](#) for current status.

### Fire

The **Wapiti Fire** is at 122,233 acres, the **Middle Fork Complex** is at 60,807 acres, and the **Chimney Fire** is 6,146 acres. A number of additional wildfires are impacting air quality in the area. With a chance for extremely high winds ahead of an approaching cold front, firefighters are reinforcing lines and taking no chances. Rain is expected this afternoon and tomorrow, but until then fuels remain extremely dry. See [inciweb.wildfire.gov](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov) for updates on specific incidents.

### Smoke

A cold front and the accompanying storm system should bring much improved air quality by late in the day Wednesday. GOOD conditions should last for several days following. Still, smoke may briefly reach UNHEALTHY levels in the mountains today. Expect one last repeat of the inversion pattern we have seen in Garden Valley, Lowman, and Stanley: smoke building up over the morning hours and clearing out in early afternoon. Rain is likely Thursday for all areas, with GOOD conditions except in the immediate vicinity of fires.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Wednesday

Station	Yesterday			Tue 9/10	Forecast*	Wed 9/11	Thu 9/12
	hourly						
Challis	6a noon 6p No hourly data				MODERATE overall, smoke should be gone tonight.	Yellow	Green
Stanley				Orange	Smoke builds through morning, much better by evening.	Orange	Yellow
Ketchum				Yellow	GOOD overall, storms bring lasting improvement.	Green	Green
Boise				Yellow	GOOD overall, storms bring lasting improvement.	Green	Green
Garden Valley				Red	Smoke builds through morning, much better by evening.	Orange	Yellow
Sawtooth City	No hourly data				MODERATE overall, smoke should be gone tonight.	Yellow	Green
Lowman				Red	Smoke builds through morning, much better by evening.	Red	Green
Fairfield	No hourly data				MODERATE overall, smoke should be gone tonight.	Yellow	Green
Idaho City				Yellow	MODERATE overall, smoke should be gone tonight.	Yellow	Green

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
Green Good	None
Yellow Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
Orange USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Red Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> physical outdoor activity.
Purple Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Dark Purple 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/incident-information/idbof-middle-fork-complex-fire-bulldog-nellie-anderson>

[Wapiti Fire](#) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-wapiti-fire>

[Chimney Fire](#) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/ideix-chimney-fire>

[IDEQ Smoke Blog](#) -- <https://idsmoke.blogspot.com/>



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Central Idaho Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/d58217e9>

\*Smoke and Health Info -- [www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health/fires-and-your-health](http://www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health/fires-and-your-health)