

West Fire Smoke Forecast

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Smoke Synopsis

West Fire: Smoke will move toward the northwest this morning and more toward the north-northeast this afternoon. This afternoon, some smoke may also push southward with any outflows that develop resulting in brief moderate smoke impacts to areas around the fire. Overnight, smoke is forecast to drain down Bray Creek, and Webber Creek toward the East Verde River. Light to moderate smoke impacts are possible in Camp Geronimo and Geronimo Estates tonight into early tomorrow morning. Smoke in the area is expected to lift out of the area by 9 am Monday.



Preacher Fire: Smoke this afternoon will move toward the east-northeast before collecting along/just below the Rim, with light to moderate smoke likely in Tonto Village. Light smoke will also be possible this afternoon in areas along and just below the Rim. Outflow winds are possible this afternoon, which may briefly move smoke into Star Valley, resulting in brief light to moderate smoke impacts. Overnight, smoke is forecast to drain down Preacher Canyon with moderate to high impacts possible to HWY 260 in/around Preacher Canyon (-MP259-MP264). Moderate impacts to Tonto Village, Kohl's Ranch will also be possible as smoke drains down Thompson Draw. Smoke is expected to be the heaviest from midnight through 7 am, with smoke lifting by 9 am. Smoke is also expected to drain down Elisson Creek to the East Verde River, with smoke impacts possible to Beaver Valley Estates, Flowing Springs, and East Verde Estates. Smoke may also move into Payson overnight, with light to moderate smoke impacts possible early Tuesday morning.

Activity Meter

Stay Smoke Aware Minimize Outdoor Activity Stay Inside

Location	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
Payson			Smoke lifting by 9am
Pine			Light smoke and haze possible
Star Valley			Light smoke possible
Tonto Village			Light to moderate smoke possible
East Verde Estates			Light smoke and haze
Camp Verde			Light smoke 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/>