

## **West Fire Smoke Forecast**

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## **Smoke Synopsis**

Yesterday afternoon, smoke from both wildfires moved to the northeast, in distinct, narrow plumes. 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. But, smoke did settle into local drainages in the Star Valley area. Any smoke at the ground will lift out by 9 am. Smoke from wildfires in southern California may also still be visible overhead.

Today, southwesterly (from the southwest) winds will develop again and move smoke from both wildfires to the northeast later this morning and throughout the afternoon. Winds will be stronger than yesterday's winds, so smoke will lay closer to the ground downwind of the fires. 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, southwesterly winds are expected again.

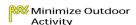
West Fire: During the day, smoke will move northeastward, moving over Winslow and possibly Holbrook. Overnight, moderate smoke impacts will be possible East Verde Estates; light to moderate impacts will be possible to Pine. Smoke in the area is expected to lift out of the area by 9 am Friday.

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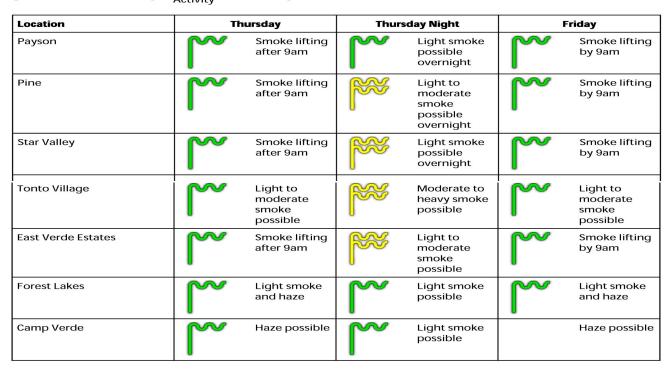
Preacher Fire: During the day, smoke will move northeastward, with light to moderate impacts possible to Tonto Village and Hwy 260. Smoke that makes it over the Rim will move towards Holbrook. Overnight, moderate to heavy impacts will be possible to HWY 260 in/around Preacher Canyon, Tonto Village and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

## **Actvity Meter**

Stay Smoke Aware







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.

## **Addtional Information**

Fire Contact: 928-291-7354

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