



# Smoke Outlook

## Central Idaho

# 9/04 - 9/05

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### Special Statement

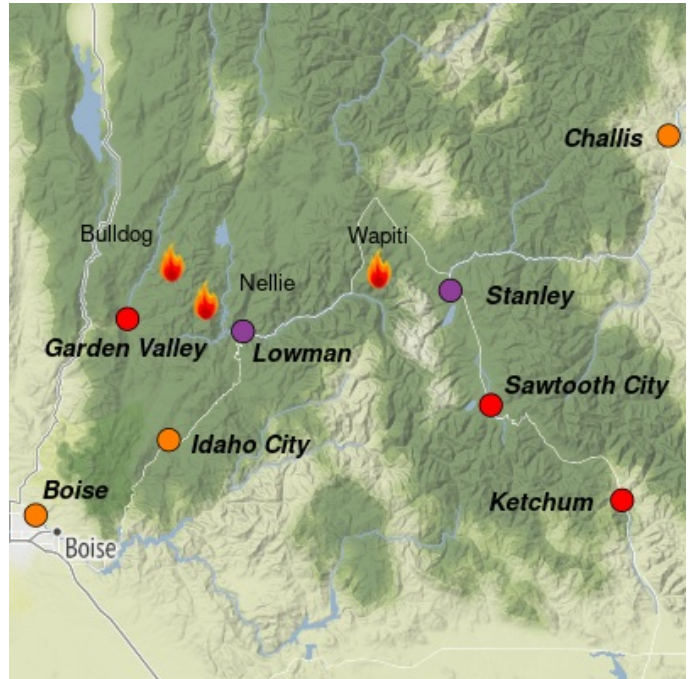
AIR QUALITY ADVISORIES in effect. See [Idaho DEQ](#) for current status.

### Fire

The **Wapiti Fire** is at 108,163 acres and the **Middle Fork Complex** is at 57,466 acres. Active fire conditions remain in place with continued potential for large fire growth. Live and dead fuels have dried out behind the cold front and will contribute to fire spread on all aspects and elevations. See [inciweb.wildfire.gov](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov) for updates on specific incidents.

### Smoke

Today, smoke concentrations can vary based on fire activity and minor changes in wind direction. No strong winds to speak of across these fires, therefore smoke will channel into the HWY-21 from Garden Valley/Crouch to Stanley and HWY-75 from Challis to Ketchum and persist through the majority of the day. Expect some mixing when the inversions break in the afternoon, but for smoke to resettle in the evening hours.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Wednesday

Station	Yesterday hourly		Tue 9/03	Comment for Today -- Wed, Sep 04	Forecast*	
	6a	noon 6p			Wed 9/04	Thu 9/05
Challis	No hourly data		●	Smoke peaking midday, some relief in afternoon.	●	●
Stanley			●	Thick smoke in the morning and evening.	●	●
Sawtooth City	No hourly data		●	Smoke maxima in the morning and evening.	●	●
Lowman	No hourly data		●	Smoke peaks in the midday hours.	●	●
Ketchum			●	Smokey all day, worse in mid-morning.	●	●
Idaho City			●	Smoke peaks in the midday hours.	●	●
Garden Valley			●	Smoke peaks in the midday hours.	●	●
Boise			●	Fires in OR and NV may send smoke towards Boise.	●	●

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
● Good	None
● Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
● USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
● Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> physical outdoor activity.
● Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
● 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>  
[IDEQ Smoke Blog](#) -- <https://idsmoke.blogspot.com>

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