



Smoke Outlook

Central Idaho

9/01 - 9/02

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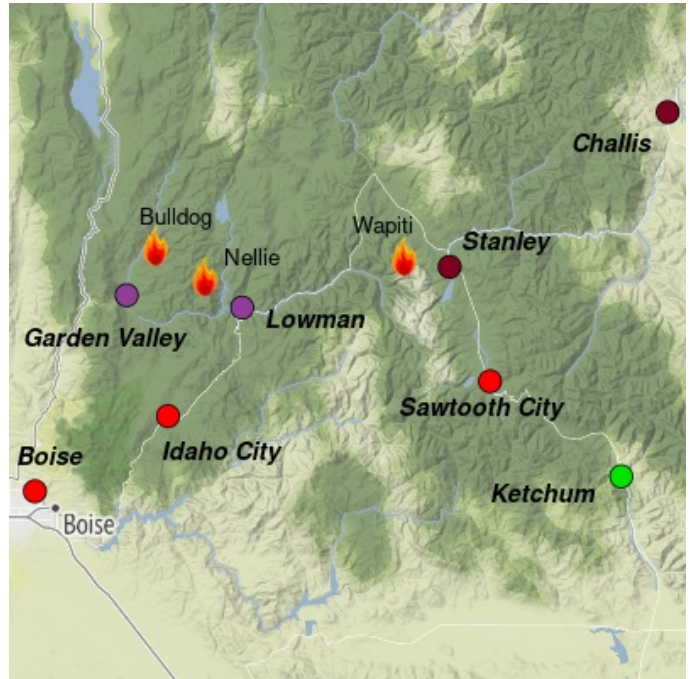
AIR QUALITY ADVISORIES issued by Idaho DEQ for the entirety of southern Idaho.

Fire

The **Wapiti Fire** is at 97,753 acres and the **Middle Fork Complex** is at 54,902 acres. Firefighters are making progress establishing additional firelines and securing the fire perimeters. All fires in the region expect the possibility of increased growth today, with a little breezier surface winds and much more vertical air movement. See inciweb.wildfire.gov for updates on specific incidents.

Smoke

The smoke blanket over the Central Idaho mountains should finally lift a little bit by this afternoon, starting from south to north. Boise should be noticeably improved by evening. Smoke will fill back in tonight closest to the fires, in the Sawtooth Valley and South Fork Payette river corridor.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Sunday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Sat 8/31	Comment for Today -- Sun, Sep 01	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Sun 9/01	Mon 9/02
Stanley					Heavy smoke today. Scattered storms tomorrow could bring relief.		
Ketchum					Expect a reprieve for the next few days.		
Boise					Smoke will continue, strongest concentrations around midday.		
Idaho City					Smoke continues to linger in mountain valleys, some improvement over the day.		
Garden Valley					Major smoke impacts will continue today. Storms may bring relief tomorrow.		
Sawtooth City	No hourly data				Slightly less smoke today, could diminish more Monday.		
Lowman					Major smoke impacts will continue today. Storms may bring relief tomorrow.		
Challis	No hourly data				VERY UNHEALTHY AQ spiking to HAZARDOUS as day progresses.		

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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 reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all 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/incidentinformation/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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Central Idaho Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/d58217e9>
*Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health