



Smoke Outlook

Salmon Challis Redrock, Garden, Mowitch/Birch

10/15 - 10/16

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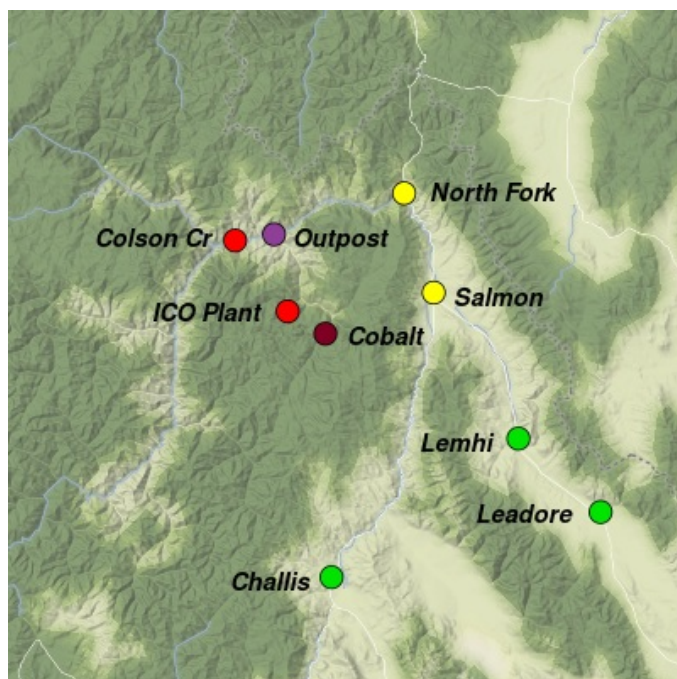
IDAHO DEQ has issued an air quality advisory to advise residents of Lemhi County of degraded air quality. No open burn rule is in effect.

Fire

Today, crews will continue clearing vegetation along Blackbird Road and Deep Cr Road, while dozer line construction persists on Moyer Peak. On Ridge Road (FR 020), crews are prepared to begin controlled ignitions if necessary to prevent the fire from spreading eastward, with assessments taking place throughout the day. At the spot fire near Napias Creek, crews will remove dangerous trees and secure the containment line. The Garden Creek Fire has slowed in growth, and crews are now fortifying lines to withstand the approaching winds along the river.

Smoke

Today will feel like a repeat, with high-level bands of smoke being pushed northeast across the Lemhi Valley into the Beaverhead & Bitterroot Ranges. There's a high chance of surface impacts between Carmen and North Fork, and along Highway 93 to Sula. Thankfully, in the afternoon and evening, an incoming front will bring better dispersion winds, offering some overnight relief. Hang in there- there are several waves of cold, windy, and wet weather headed into the forecast area starting Wednesday.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Tuesday

Station	Yesterday hourly	Mon 10/14	Forecast*	Tue 10/15	Wed 10/16
	6a noon 6p		Comment for Today -- Tue, Oct 15		
Leadore	No hourly data		Light haze this morning followed by improving skies all day.		
Lemhi	No hourly data		Light haze this morning with improving views all afternoon and evening		
Salmon			High level smoke along HWY 93 with occasional USG near Carmen		
Challis	No hourly data		Clear skies with limited surface level impacts		
North Fork	No hourly data		Hazy skies on the river this morning with potential for improving conditions PM		
Cobalt			Limited winds will continue to restrict improvement in deep drainages		
Duncan's Outpost	No hourly data		Thick smoke on the river with limited improvement until late evening		
Colson's Creek	No hourly data		Overnight smoke will struggle to disperse until late afternoon/early evening		
ICO Plant	No hourly data		UNHEALTHY until late evening when pockets of USG will provide periodic relief.		

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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

[Inciweb- Red Rock/Black Diamond](#) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-red-rock-fire>

[Inciweb- Garden Fire](#) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idscf-garden-fire>

[Salmon Challis National Forest](#) -- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/fire>

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Salmon Challis Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/ded7837a>

*Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health/fires-and-your-health