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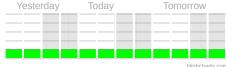
## **FIRE**

The Horton fire is currently estimated at 3598 acres and is 17% contained. Fire activity for the Horton fire is expected to remain active.

## SMOKE

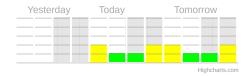
This morning, we will see MODERATE smoke in the Payson area that will clear out late in the morning. Smoke that has settled into Tonto Estates, Christopher Creek, Kohl's Ranch, along Hwy 260, Star Valley, and Payson this morning will clear out by 11:00 a.m. Smoke will continue over Hwy 260 just south of the fire site, with smoke continuing to move overhead into Star Valley and Payson. Overnight smoke will drain down the Horton and Tonto Creek drainages, draining to the southwest and south. Heavy overnight smoke impacts are expected to Christopher Creek, Kohls Ranch, Tonto Estates, Hwy 260, with moderate to heavy smoke impacts possible to Star Valley and Payson. Any residual smoke that settles into Tonto Estates, along Hwy 260, Star Valley, and Payson will lift out by 11 am in the morning. Local firepit/fireplace activity tonight may add to the overnight smoke impacts in the Payson area as well. For tomorrow, northeast winds will disperse smoke to the south- southeast in the afternoon. Daytime smoke may disperse over Tonto Estates with moderate impacts, dispersing over Forest Lakes and Heber-Overgaard in the afternoon.

**Forest Lakes** GOOD air quality in the area with north-northwest winds, possible smoke overhead.



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Star Valley Light MODERATE smoke in the morning clearing out with downslope winds.



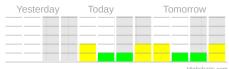
**Payson** We will see light smoke and haze in the area today early in the morning, clearing out mid-day.



**Tonto Estate Area** Moderate smoke possible in the morning and overnight hours. Light winds to start the day will cause smoke to hang around longer into mid-day.



**Christopher Creek** MODERATE smoke in the morning and overnight hours with USG smoke possible with increased fire activity today.



**Heber** GOOD air quality in the area todaypossible light smoke and haze in the area with decreased winds today.



AIR QUALITY INDEX

Hazardous (H)

Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity

Very Unhealthy (VU)

Everyone should avoid all physical outdoor activity

Unhealthy (U)

People within Sensitive Groups should avoid all physical activity

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG)

People within Sensitive Groups should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion

Moderate (M)

Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion

None

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**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.