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Special Statement

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY for Deschutes, Lane, and Klamath Counties through Thursday evening. More information and tips to protect your health here:

https://www.oregonsmoke.org/2023/08/air-quality-advisory-extended-in.html

Fire

Latest Bedrock fire information is available at InciWeb: tinyurl.com/Fire-Information

Smoke

The Lookout and Bedrock fires continue to severely impact air quality.

Similar conditions to yesterday continue, with smoke persisting in communities south and west of the fire. Smoke conditions in Eugene are expected to improve in the afternoon, with MODERATE conditions overall. UNHEALTHY air quality is forecasted for McKenzie. In Oakridge, expect UNHEALTHY to VERY UNHEALTHY with slight improvements overnight. Periods of USG are expected for La Pine. Smoke from both the Lookout and Bedrock fires will impact Bend increasing smoke to UNHEALTHY levels. Potential for air quality to slowly improve throughout the weekend across the forecast area.

Lookout Fire Smoke Outlook

A separate smoke Outlook is issued for the Lookout Fire and posted here: fire.airnow.gov



Daily AQI Forecast* for Thursday

	Yesterday	Wed	Forecast*	Thu	Fri
Station	hourly	8/16	Comment for Today Thu, Aug 17	8/17	8/18
	6a noon 6p				
Eugene			Slight improvement expected with MODERATE air quality overall for next few days.		
McKenzie			UNHEALTHY conditions expected today but air quality should improve next 3 days.		
Bend			USG air quality expected, with potential for peaks in UNHEALTHY		
La Pine			Smoke continues in the La Pine area, expect mostly USG with periods of MODERATE		
Oakridge			UNHEALTHY to VERY UNHEALTHY as smoke continues to move Southeast and South.		

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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

Bedrock Fire on InciWeb -- https://tinyurl.com/Fire-Information
AirNow Fire & Smoke Map -- https://fire.airnow.gov
Lookout Fire on Inciweb -- https://inciweb.fs2c.usda.gov/incident-information/orwif-lookout-fire

Bedrock Fire on Facebook -- https://tinyurl.com/Bedrock-Facebook Oregon Smoke Blog -- https://oregonsmoke.org/

