



Smoke Outlook

9/19 - 9/20

Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys : Mill and Blodgett Lake Fires

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Fire

Monday and Tuesday will be the warmest and driest days of the week, however minimal fire behavior is expected. Fire behavior will be primarily smoldering and creeping with the potential for isolated pockets of fuel to burn in the afternoon. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and potential for rain later in the week will moderate fire behavior and lessen smoke production. Fire Information for these fires can be found at:

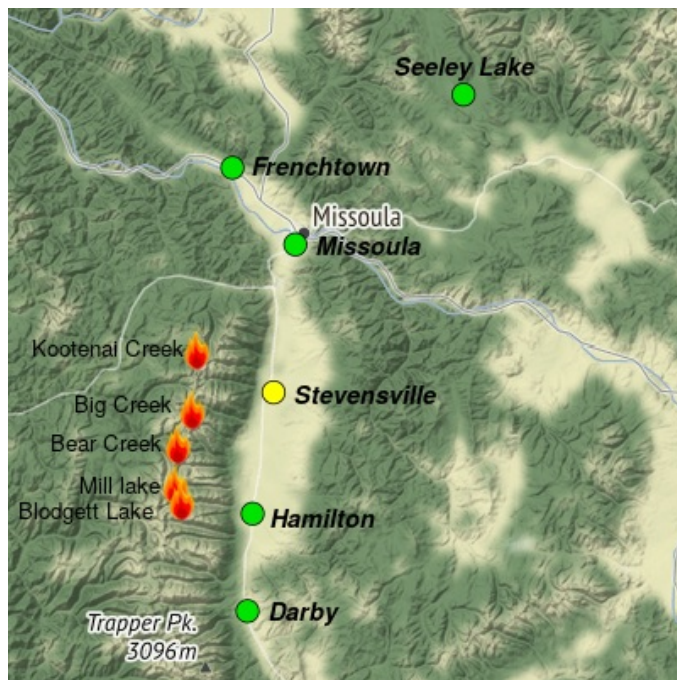
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/>

Smoke

Smoke conditions today are expected to be Good throughout the Outlook area with Moderate conditions expected in the Stevensville area in the afternoon. Smoke production will be minimal and similar to yesterday. Forecasted cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and precipitation later in the week will limit fire activity and help sustain Good air quality across the area. Smoke impacts will be heavily dependent on fire activity.

Other

Air quality may change unexpectedly. If you begin to notice health effects from smoke, you are encouraged to follow the "actions to protect yourself" listed below.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Monday

Station	Yesterday			Sun 9/18	Comment for Today -- Mon, Sep 19	Forecast*	
	hourly					Mon 9/19	Tue 9/20
	6a	noon	6p				
Stevensville	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect overall Moderate conditions with Good AQI in the morning and overnight.	●	●
Hamilton	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Missoula	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Seeley Lake	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Frenchtown	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Darby	[Bar chart showing AQI fluctuations]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●

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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

[Mill and Blodgett Lakes Fire Information](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/) -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/>

[Montana Department of Environmental Quality](https://deq.mt.gov/air/index) -- <https://deq.mt.gov/air/index>

[Missoula City-County Public Health Department](https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/home-environment/air-quality/current-air-quality) -- <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/home-environment/air-quality/current-air-quality>
[AirNow Fire and Smoke Map](https://fire.airnow.gov/#) -- <https://fire.airnow.gov/#>



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 Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/6c87beb9>
 *Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health