



Smoke Outlook

9/22 - 9/23

Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys : Mill and Blodgett Lake Fires

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Special Statement

Today's Smoke Outlook will be the last produced for the Mill Lake and Blodgett Lake Fires.

For current air quality information, please go to <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

Fire

Widespread rain is forecast throughout the day and into this evening. Amounts from 0.65 to 1.2 inches are expected. Precipitation will greatly limit fire behavior today and over the next several days.

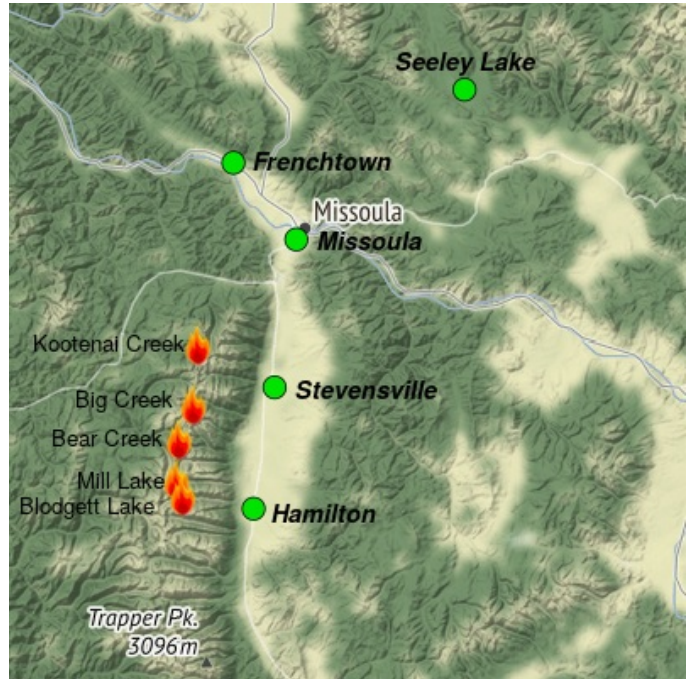
Fire Information for these fires can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8392/>

Smoke

Smoke conditions today are expected to be Good throughout the Outlook area with periods of Moderate conditions possible in the Stevensville area in the afternoon. Fire potential and smoke production will be limited due ongoing precipitation. Fog possible Friday morning. Air quality is expected to remain Good across the area for the next several days.

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 Thursday

Station	Yesterday			Wed 9/21	Comment for Today -- Thu, Sep 22	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Thu 9/22	Fri 9/23
Hamilton	☐	☐	☐	●	Rain forecast throughout the day, expect overall Good air quality.	●	●
Missoula	☐	☐	☐	●	Rain forecast throughout the day, expect overall Good air quality.	●	●
Frenchtown	☐	☐	☐	●	Rain forecast throughout the day, expect overall Good air quality.	●	●
Seeley Lake	☐	☐	☐	●	Rain forecast throughout the day, expect overall Good air quality.	●	●
Stevensville	☐	☐	☐	●	Rain forecast throughout the day, expect overall Good air quality.	●	●

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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