



Smoke Outlook

9/21 - 9/22

Bitterroot and Missoula Valleys : Mill and Blodgett Lake Fires

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Special Statement

Tomorrow will be the last day a Smoke Outlook will be produced for the Mill Lake and Blodgett Lake Fires. For current air quality information, please go to <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

Fire

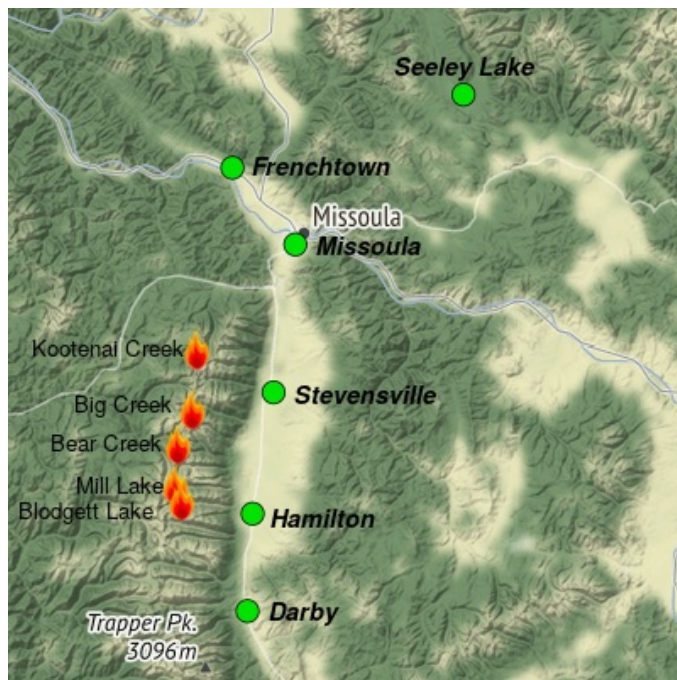
Conditions will be warmer and drier than yesterday, however minimal fire behavior and smoke production is expected today. Fire behavior will be primarily smoldering and creeping. Widespread rain expected tonight through Thursday evening (0.25 to 0.75 inches possible). Fire Information for these fires 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. Widespread precipitation tonight and tomorrow will limit fire potential and help sustain Good air quality across the area.

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 Wednesday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Tue 9/20	Comment for Today -- Wed, Sep 21	Forecast*	
	6a	noon	6p			Wed 9/21	Thu 9/22
Darby	[AQI chart]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Stevensville	[AQI chart]			●	Expect overall Good conditions, periods of Moderate possible late afternoon.	●	●
Missoula	[AQI chart]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Frenchtown	[AQI chart]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Seeley Lake	[AQI chart]			●	Expect overall Good conditions throughout the day.	●	●
Hamilton	[AQI chart]			●	Expect overall Good conditions, periods of Moderate possible in the morning.	●	●

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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/>
- Montana Department of Environmental Quality -- <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>
- AirNow Fire and Smoke Map -- <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