



WILDFIRE SMOKE INFORMATION

A joint message from the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD) and partners

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UPDATED Air Quality Public Service Announcement

Since the PSA issued earlier today, air quality conditions have changed dramatically in northern Del Norte County since the Slater Fire started this morning near Happy Camp. Red Flag warnings and weather conditions produced rapid fire growth and smoke production. Heavy smoke from the Slater Fire has been transported off to the west due to the strong east, northeast winds over the region. Smoke from fires in Oregon are also affecting this region. Communities to the west of the fire such as Gasquet and Crescent City are likely to see heavy smoke impacts into tomorrow. Once better data is obtained, an updated 24-hr AQI and Smoke Advisory will be provided for this area tomorrow.

Humboldt & Del Norte Counties – Air Quality Advisories were issued earlier today for Orleans, Weitchpec, Hoopa, Willow Creek.

Trinity County - No Air Quality Advisories were issued today.

Please see the NCUAQMD's Public Service Announcements for recommendations on limiting smoke exposure on our website at www.ncuaqmd.org.

In addition to the links and resources on our website, the NWS in Eureka is providing modeled smoke forecast each day by 8am for Northwest California at:
<https://www.weather.gov/eka/AreaSmokeForecast?fbclid=IwAR03BdCaAm7FQFLU751RCiX5Zqex17MN7Ahlb4MZuFam2ef0FsWAa0s0ss4>

Air Quality Index (AQI Value)	PM 2.5 24hr avg (ug/m ³)	Actions to Protect Yourself
Good (0-50)	0-12	None
Moderate (51-100)	12-35	Sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups [USG] (101-150)	35-55	People within USG should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion
Unhealthy (151-200)	55-150	People within USG should avoid all prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion
Very Unhealthy (201-300)	150-250	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion
Hazardous (>300)	250-500	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity

Particulate Matter (PM2.5) monitors are located in Crescent City, Eureka, Weaverville, Hoopa, Weitchpec, Willow Creek, Klamath, Trinity Center, and Garberville. Updates will be provided as conditions change.

Fire information can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> or <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Current weather information can be found at www.wrh.noaa.gov.

As with all wildfires, ash fallout is possible depending on fire activity and proximity to the fires. Ash fallout information can be found in the Wildfire Smoke Resources section of our webpage at www.ncuaqmd.org.

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