



**Smoke Outlook for 8/11 - 8/12**  
**Missoula-Bitterroot Valleys Granite Pass Complex**  
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**Special Statement**

The Granite Pass Complex consists of four fires burning in the vicinity of Lolo Pass on the Lolo and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. These fires are: the Shotgun, Boulder Creek, BM Hill, and Lolo Creek. Fires are generally 35 miles to the southwest of Missoula.

**Fire**

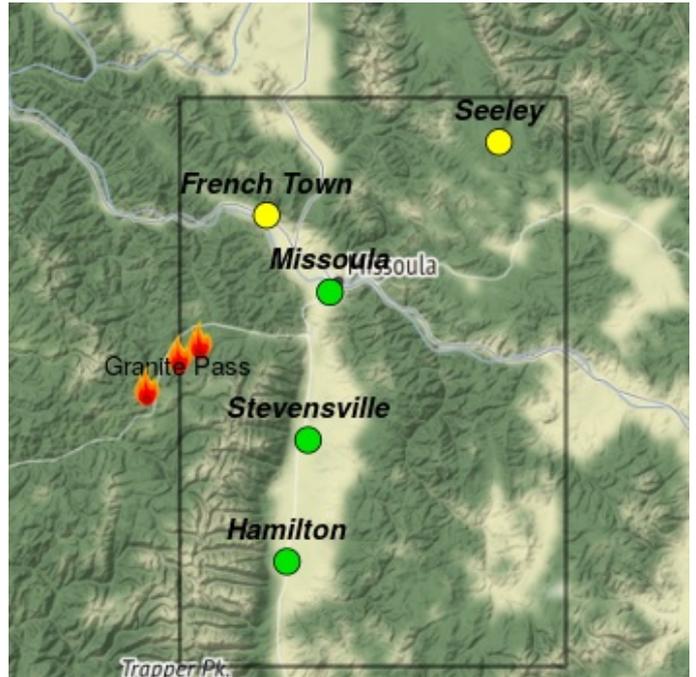
Previous rains along with the cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity has reduced fire activity considerably. Today, temperatures will be warmer along with lower relative humidity increasing the chances for fire activity to pick up in areas of unburned fuel. This trend will continue through the week and into the weekend.

**Smoke**

Smoke will not be an issue this morning but as we reach the afternoon hours, smoke may be observed in areas where unburned fuel is being consumed as the fire continues to creep and smolder. French Town and Seely Lake should experience Moderate air quality with periods of Good this afternoon and into the evening hours.

**Smoke Ready?**

Check out "<https://montanawildfiresmoke.org>" for information on what you can do to protect your health during wildfire season.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Aug 11, 2021

Station	Yesterday hourly	Tue 8/10	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Wed, Aug 11	Wed 8/11	Thu 8/12
Missoula			Good air quality throughout the day and into Tomorrow.		
French Town			Moderate air quality today with periods of Good throughout the afternoon into the evening. Expect similar conditions tomorrow.		
Hamilton			Good air quality throughout the day and into tomorrow.		
Seeley			Moderate air quality today with periods of Good this afternoon and into the evening hours.		
Stevensville	No hourly data		Good air quality 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 <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> 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**

Montana DEQ Air Quality Info -- <https://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/SmokemostRecentUpdate.aspx> Idaho Smoke Blog -- <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/>  
 Missoula County Health - Air Quality -- <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/home-environment/air-quality/current-air-quality>

by USFS Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program -- [www.wildlandfiresmoke.net](http://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net)  
 Missoula-Bitterroot Valleys Current Outlook -- [tools.airfire.org/outlooks/Missoula-BitterrootValleys](https://tools.airfire.org/outlooks/Missoula-BitterrootValleys)  
 \*Smoke and Health Info -- [www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=smoke.index](http://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=smoke.index)

