



Smoke Outlook for 8/11 - 8/12
West Montana - Idaho Panhandle Character Complex,
West LoLo Complex, State Line Complex
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Special Statement

The Stateline Complex consists of numerous fires burning on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, the two largest being the Dolly Creek and Tumbledown Fires. The West Lolo Complex consists now of only the Thorne Creek Fire. The Character Complex is comprised of both the Deceitful and Pritchard fires.

Fire

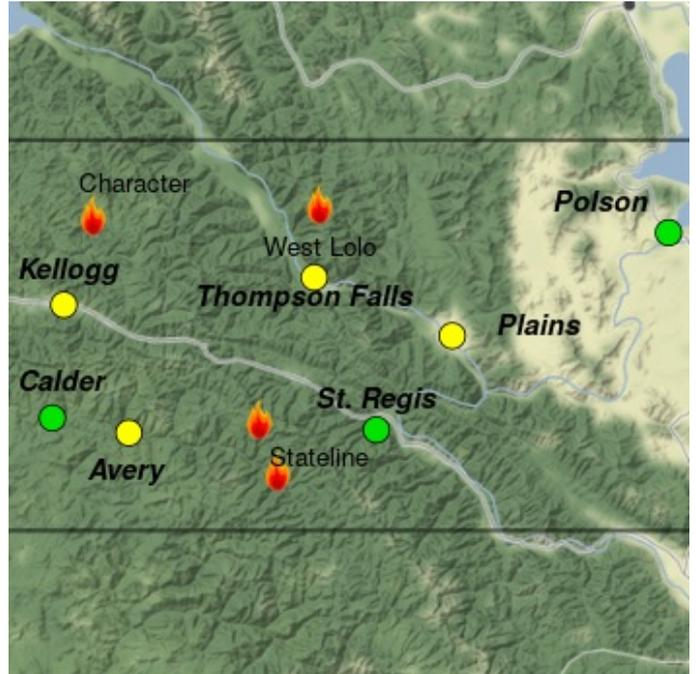
Successful suppression activities continue, aided by cooler temperatures and the moisture we saw over the weekend. The fire continues to creep and smolder and we could see an uptick in activity as we dry back out, and return to hotter than normal temperatures.

Smoke

Air quality was generally good yesterday and we expect similar conditions today. Thompson Falls has had the most impacted air quality mainly in the mid to late morning hours. This trend may continue into the weekend. We will see some haze, primarily due to larger fires to our west. Warmer and drier conditions are returning, so we will see air quality slowly degrade as we get closer to the weekend.

More Information

Check out "<https://montanawildfiresmoke.org>" for information on what you can do to protect your health during wildfire season. The prolonged duration of smoke will start to even affect healthy individuals.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Aug 11, 2021

Station	Yesterday	Tue 8/10	Forecast*	Wed Thu	
	hourly			Comment for Today -- Wed, Aug 11	8/11
Thompson Falls			Unhealthy conditions over night should improve to Moderate by early afternoon.		
Kellogg			Moderate conditions expected.		
Avery			Good air quality throughout the day with periods of Moderate this afternoon and into the evening hours.		
Polson			Good air quality throughout the day.		
Plains			Moderate conditions expected.		
St. Regis	No hourly data		Good air quality throughout the day		
Calder	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 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
[Montana DEQ Air Quality Info](https://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/SmokemostRecentUpdate.aspx) -- <https://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/SmokemostRecentUpdate.aspx> [Idaho Smoke Blog](http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/) -- <http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/>
[Missoula County Health - Air Quality](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> --

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 West Montana - Idaho Panhandle Current Outlook -- tools.airfire.org/outlooks/WestMontana-IdahoPanhandle
 *Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=smoke.index

