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South Coast AQMD Extends Smoke Advisory for Route Fire Near Castaic

Valid Thursday, September 01, 2022 through Friday, September 02, 2022

This advisory is in effect through Friday evening. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

The Route Wildfire is burning between Interstate 5 and Lake Hughes Road near Castaic. As of Thursday morning, the burn area was reported at 5208 acres with 12% containment. Current information on the fire can be found by visiting the LA County Fire Department's web site at <https://fire.lacounty.gov/>, and the Inciweb page at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8369/>.

Current Smoke and Ash Impacts

The Route Fire has been producing smoke since Wednesday afternoon from burning brush. Due to the steep terrain nearby, smoke plumes are mostly rising vertically before moving toward the north and east, although some smoldering plumes drained into the Santa Clarita Valley overnight. At 10:00 am on Thursday, South Coast AQMD's regulatory PM2.5 monitor in Santa Clarita and low-cost PM2.5 sensors in Stevenson Ranch and Valencia recorded **Moderate** Air Quality Index (AQI) levels. Please visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap> or download the South Coast AQMD app to view current air quality conditions.

Please note that the above map also reflects ozone concentrations, which are expected to be high in the afternoons due to the current heat wave and unrelated to the fire. See <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-advisories>.

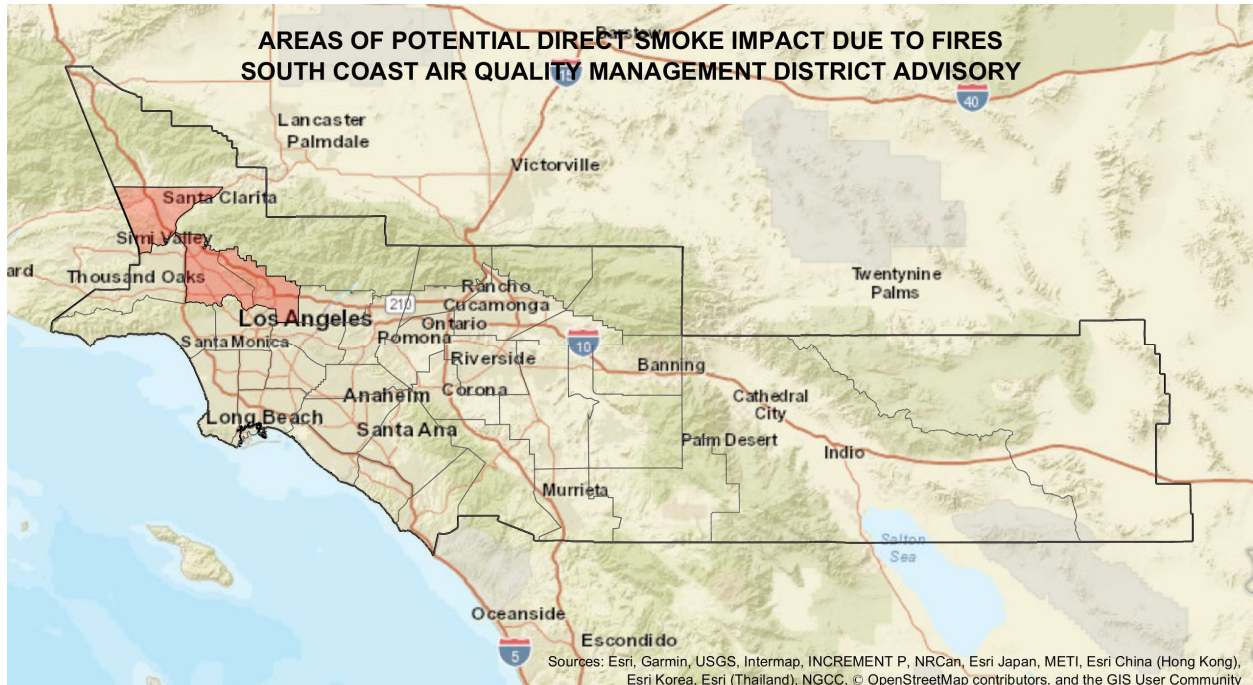
Forecasted Smoke and Ash Impacts

Areas immediately adjacent to the Route Fire will experience the highest AQI levels from smoke. Areas further downwind are likely to see lighter smoke levels through Friday evening. During the daytime most smoke impacts will be local, while nighttime smoldering will cause some smoke to drain into the Santa

Clarita Valley. Overall, air quality is not expected to degrade beyond **Moderate** except in areas close to the fire, where **Unhealthy** conditions may be possible as long as fire activity continues.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- **Los Angeles County:** East San Fernando Valley (Area 7), West San Gabriel Valley (Area 8), Santa Clarita Valley (Area 13)



In any area impacted by smoke: If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter, and avoiding vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, see South Coast AQMD’s Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>.

- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.aqmd.gov/advisory
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to www.AirAlerts.org
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap>
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp
- Air quality forecasts are available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast>
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

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