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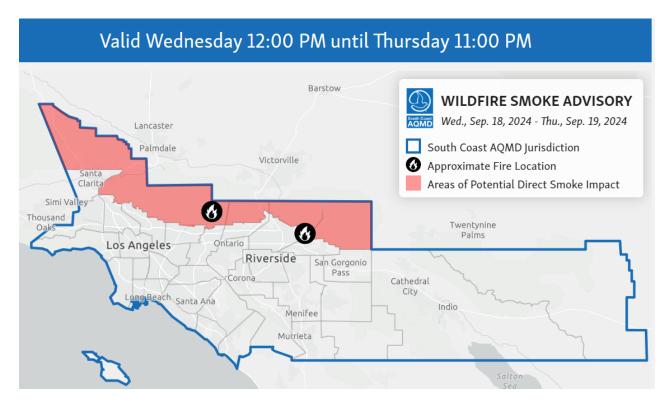
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Smoke Advisory Continues Due to the Bridge and Line Fires

Valid Wednesday 12:00 PM until Thursday 11:00 PM



Current Conditions

- The Bridge Fire is burning in the San Gabriel Mountains between Piñon Hills, Mount Baldy, La Verne, and Crystal Lake. As of 10 AM on Wednesday, the fire has burned 54,795 acres and is 37% contained. For more information about the Bridge Fire visit the InciWeb webpage at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caanf-bridge-fire and the Cal Fire webpage at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/8/bridge-fire/.
- The Line Fire is burning between Highland, Running Springs, Big Bear Lake, and Angelus Oaks. As
 of 10 AM on Wednesday, the fire has burned 39,181 acres and is 50% contained. For more
 information about the Line Fire, visit the CalFire incident page at

https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/5/line-fire/ and the InciWeb webpage at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cabdf-line-fire.

- Satellite and webcam imagery indicate minimal smoke emissions around the area near the Airport
 Fire and surface measurement suggest minimal to no smoke impacts, therefore, this area is no
 longer included in the advisory. South Coast AQMD will continue monitoring the smoke impact
 from Airport Fire in these areas.
- Regulatory monitors have remained at **Moderate** or better AQI categories since Tuesday morning.
- As of 10 AM on Wednesday, satellite imagery shows smoke in the vicinity of both the Bridge and Line fires.
- Information about Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety is available at https://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast AQMD app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u> to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Smoke from the Bridge and Line Fires is expected to most heavily impact areas near each fire including the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains, Big Bear, and Mt. Baldy, and these areas may reach the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI category or higher. However, isolated areas immediately adjacent to the fires may reach **Unhealthy** AQI category or higher.
- The Smoke Outlook for the Line and Bridge Fires from the U.S. Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program is available at https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/e18c7d17.

Detailed Forecast

Wednesday	PM2.5 levels in Big Bear are expected to reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher. Other impacted areas are expected to reach the Moderate AQI category or higher.
Wednesday night to Thursday morning	PM2.5 levels are expected to be in the Moderate AQI category or higher in most smoke-impacted areas.
Thursday	Big Bear is expected to reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher on Thursday afternoon. Most other smoke-impacted areas are expected to be in the Moderate AQI category or higher.

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do not use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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