



Smoke Outlook

South-Central New Mexico - South Fork and Salt Fires

6/26 - 6/27

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Fire

The South Fork Fire is 17,559 acres and 64% contained; The Salt Fire is 7,939 acres and 55% contained. Further information on each fire is available at inciweb.nwcg.gov. A flash flood watch is in effect from 11 AM today until 6 AM Thursday.

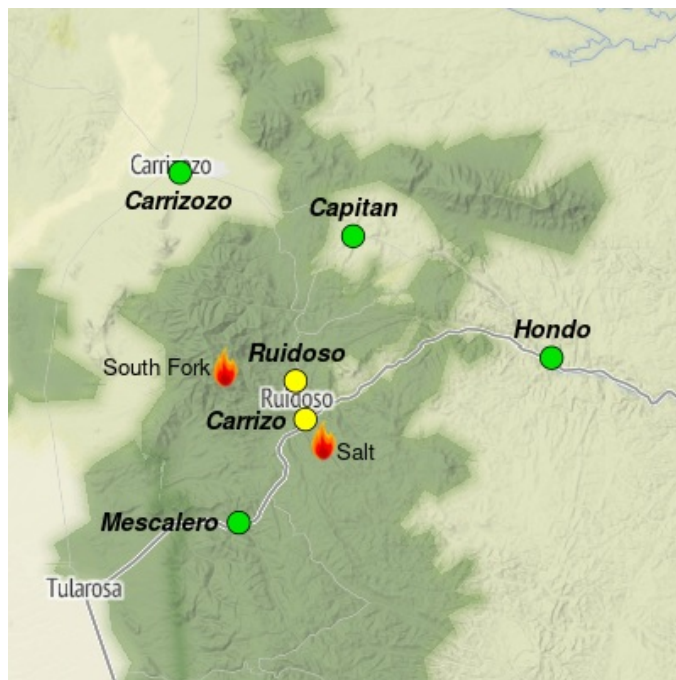
Smoke

Smoke will continue to have the biggest impact during the late overnight and morning hours for areas near the fires such as **Ruidoso, Carrizo, and Ruidoso Downs**. **Air quality may briefly be UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS at times during the morning**. Light smoke will continue to impact Capitan, Hondo, and nearby areas with brief MODERATE air quality conditions at times. Elsewhere, such as Carrizozo and Mescalero should see GOOD air quality with minimal smoke impacts.

All areas should see GOOD air quality during much of the afternoon and evening hours, especially if showers or storms are overhead. Showers or storms nearby though could create gusty and erratic winds which could push smoke in any direction causing brief air quality impacts to any location.

Smoke Safety

Smoke will continue to impact air quality, especially for those near the fires. Take precautions when smoke is present by limiting outdoor activities, staying hydrated, and/or wearing a mask (N95 or P100).



Daily AQI Forecast* for Wednesday

Station	Yesterday hourly			Tue 6/25	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Wed, Jun 26	Wed 6/26	Thu 6/27
	6a	noon	6p				
Carrizo					Smoke continues during the overnight into morning with MODERATE AQI.		
Capitan					Light smoke and MODERATE air quality at times, but GOOD overall.		
Ruidoso					Smoke continues during the overnight into morning with MODERATE to USG AQI.		
Carrizozo	No hourly data				GOOD air quality expected with minimal to no smoke impacts.		
Mescalero	No hourly data				Air quality expected to remain GOOD with minimal smoke impacts.		
Hondo					Air quality expected to remain GOOD with only light smoke impacts.		

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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

[InciWeb South Fork & Salt Fire Information](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmmea-south-fork-and-salt) -- <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmmea-south-fork-and-salt>

[NM Fire Information](https://nmfireinfo.com/) -- <https://nmfireinfo.com/>

[NM Environmental Public Health Tracking](https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html) -- <https://nmtracking.doh.nm.gov/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html>

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South-Central New Mexico Updates -- <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/430b2c05>

*Smoke and Health Info -- www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health