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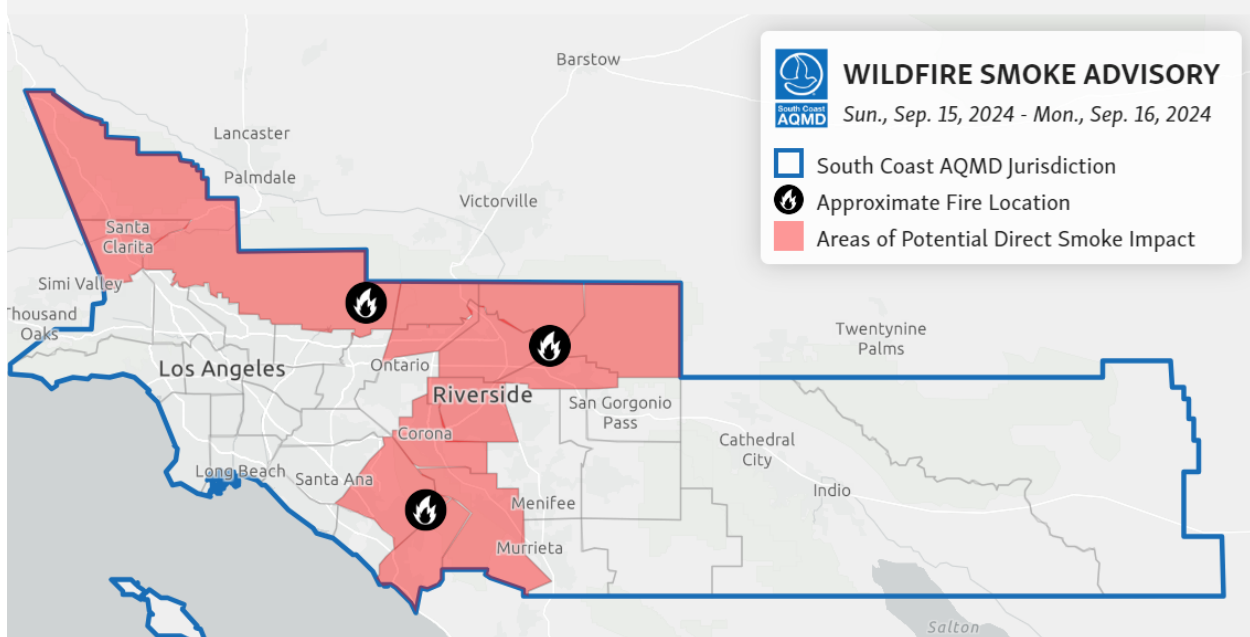
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## Smoke Advisory Continues Due to Multiple Wildfires

*Valid Saturday 11:00 a.m. until Monday 11:00 p.m.*

**Valid Sunday 11:00 AM until Monday 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 Sunday, the fire has burned 54,567 acres and is 9% 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 Sunday, the fire has burned 38,421 acres and is 36% 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>.
- The Airport Fire is burning in the Santa Ana Mountains between Rancho Santa Margarita, Lake Elsinore, and Modjeska Peak. As of 10 AM on Sunday, the fire has burned 23,519 acres and is 19% contained. For more information about the Airport Fire visit the InciWeb webpage at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cacnf-airport-fire>.
- The regulatory monitor at Big Bear measured PM2.5 levels in the **Very Unhealthy to Hazardous** Air Quality Index (AQI) categories for most of Saturday afternoon. The PM2.5 levels at Big Bear have since decreased to the **Unhealthy** AQI category and lower during overnight Saturday into Sunday morning. The Crestline monitor has increased to the **Unhealthy** AQI category on Sunday morning. Monitors in Rancho Santa Margarita, North Hollywood, and Indio each briefly reached up to the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI categories overnight Saturday and early Sunday morning. Other regulatory monitors have stayed below the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI categories since mid-day Saturday through early Sunday morning.
- As of 10 AM on Sunday, satellite imagery shows smoke from both the Bridge and Line fires primarily traveling to the northeast. Most of the South Coast Air Basin is cloud-covered. Any smoke production from the Airport fire is obscured by clouds. However, surface measurements indicate minimal smoke impacts from the Airport Fire in nearby areas including Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, and Rancho Santa Margarita.
- Information about Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety is available at [www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety](http://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety).

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit [www.aqmd.gov/AQImap](http://www.aqmd.gov/AQImap) 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.
- 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>.
- If substantial smoke production occurs from the Airport Fire, it would most likely impact areas near the fire including the Santa Ana Mountains, Lake Elsinore, Corona, and Perris.
- Smoke impacts in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley will likely continue until fire activity decreases. South Coast Air Quality Management District will continue to provide daily smoke advisory updates until air quality impacts from smoke subside.

### Detailed Forecast

Sunday	Smoke will most heavily impact areas near and to the northeast of each fire where PM2.5 levels may reach the <b>Unhealthy</b> AQI category or higher in and near the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains including Big Bear and Mt. Baldy.
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Sunday evening and Monday early morning	PM2.5 levels in Big Bear are expected to reach the <b>Very Unhealthy</b> AQI category or higher. San Bernardino and Crestline are expected to reach the <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> AQI category or higher.
Monday	Big Bear and Mt. Baldy are expected to reach the <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> AQI category or higher all day Monday. Other areas will mostly be in the <b>Moderate</b> AQI category. PM2.5 levels will depend on fire activity.

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](http://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety).

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