



**Smoke Outlook for 10/08 - 10/09**  
**North-Central Coast August Complex**  
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**Special Statement**

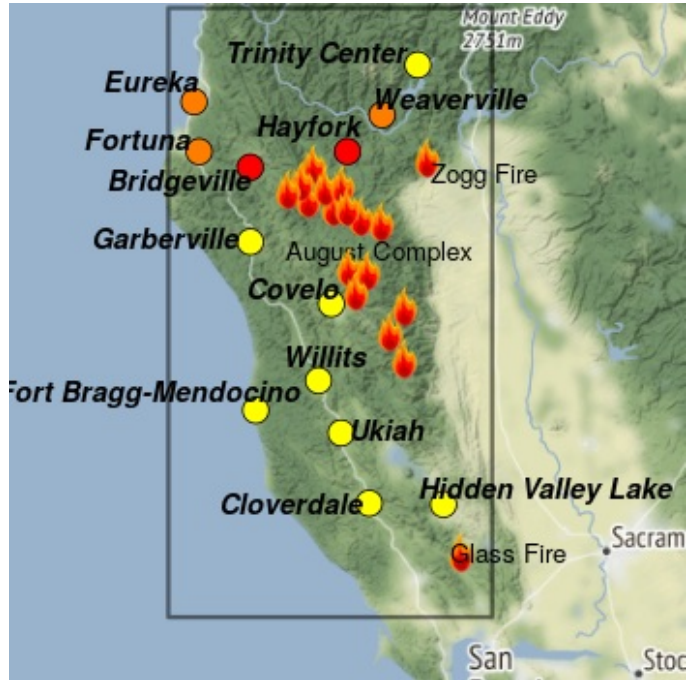
Strategic firing operations are expected to continue today, for structure protection and to tie in or strengthen containment lines. This forecast is based on expected firing and wind conditions, but those can change rapidly. **Current air quality conditions can be found at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.**

**Fire**

The August Complex continues to have active growth along the western perimeter, especially in the N/NW corner and in the area near Covelo. Large pockets continuing to burn in the interior and planned firing operations are expected to contribute to heavy smoke production.

**Smoke**

Stronger southwesterly winds may clear some of the smoke in coastal areas but with heavy smoke production there is little expected improvement for communities nearest the fire. There may be visible smoke plumes in areas where firing is conducted; when these plumes collapse smoke will move into surrounding areas and travel down drainages. Expect smoke to settle into drainages again tonight.



Daily AQI Forecast\* for Oct 08, 2020

Station	Yesterday hourly	Wed 10/07	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Thu, Oct 08	Thu 10/08	Fri 10/09
Trinity Center	6a noon 6p	Yellow	Mostly Moderate with some periods of USG.	Yellow	Yellow
Weaverville		Orange	Moderate with periods of USG.	Orange	Orange
Hayfork		Red	Unhealthy to Very Unhealthy throughout the day.	Red	Orange
Eureka		Orange	Clearing today with heavy smoke possible again overnight.	Orange	Yellow
Fortuna		Orange	Clearing today with heavy smoke possible again overnight.	Orange	Yellow
Bridgeville		Red	USG to Unhealthy.	Red	Orange
Garberville		Yellow	Moderate to USG this morning, clearing this afternoon.	Yellow	Yellow
Willits		Yellow	Moderate to USG this morning, clearing this afternoon.	Yellow	Yellow
Fort Bragg-Mendocino		Orange	Good to Moderate throughout the day.	Yellow	Green
Ukiah		Yellow	Moderate to USG throughout the day.	Yellow	Yellow
Covelo		Yellow	Moderate to USG throughout the day.	Yellow	Yellow
Hidden Valley Lake		Yellow	Moderate to USG throughout the day.	Yellow	Yellow
Cloverdale		Yellow	USG to Unhealthy before clearing this afternoon.	Yellow	Yellow

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
Green Good	None
Yellow Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
Orange USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>reduce</b> prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Red Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> physical outdoor activity.
Purple Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Dark Purple 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**

- CA Smoke Information -- <https://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com>
- August Complex Fire Information -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6983/>
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District -- <https://www.sparetheair.org/understanding-air-quality/air-quality-forecast>
- Additional Smoke Outlooks -- <https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks>



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 North-Central Coast Current Outlook -- [tools.airfire.org/outlooks/NorthCentralCoast](https://tools.airfire.org/outlooks/NorthCentralCoast)  
 \*Smoke and Health Info -- [www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=smoke.index](https://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=smoke.index)