

WEATHER STATEMENT

* FRIDAY UPDATE ON WILDFIRE SMOKE *

Today's relatively greatest smoke / haze is ongoing this morning with current Air Quality Indices (AQI's) 150 - 180, which the EPA classifies as 'unhealthy'. The good news is that slightly fresher air already has started to push in from the north, which will lead to further improvement through the day today, especially midday onward. We very likely drop under an AQI of 150, limiting impacts to more 'sensitive groups' (defined as AQI 100 - 150) or probably even a little less. Tomorrow, as winds come back around to the south, it builds in showers and embedded downpours / storms. This also can reinvigorate smoke, though probably a little less than the overall worst this AQI event has been. Sunday is nicer overall as smoke should be a little more diffuse.

HAZARDS

Hazard	Threat	Description
Air Quality	Moderate	AQI is currently 150 - 180 (unhealthy) and improving. Smoke continues to lessen heading into and esp. after lunch, improving AQI. While probably not as bad, another uptick tomorrow can get back to 150 - 200 (unhealthy), less on Sunday. See www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/ .

FORECAST

Friday	Slowly thinning haze / smoke, even more noticeably midday or a little after, otherwise partly sunny. High 83 - 87 N to NW winds around 5 mph
Fri Night	Trending mostly cloudy. Low 63 - 67 Wind light and variable < 5 mph
Saturday	Mostly cloudy. Areas of showers, downpours, and a storm morning - midday as haze / smoke builds back in. Additional slow moving storms / repeated downpours return in the mid-late afternoon. <i>0.50 - 1.25" of Rain (Locally 3"+ in repeat downpours)</i> A flash flooding threat from torrential, repeated downpours... Few stronger storms too. High 79 - 83 Southerly winds 8 - 15 mph, PM gusts to 20
Sat Night	A couple showers & storms linger until Midnight, then some partial clearing late. Low 66 - 70
Sunday	A breeze as AM clouds break into sun! Nicer, even if it can be a bit hazy. High 81 - 85

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