

# Air Quality Advisory –Stage 1 Air Pollution Forecast and Caution for Blaine and Camas Counties, Idaho

Time / Date: 12:00 PM Friday, August 16, 2013

Location: Blaine and Camas Counties, Idaho

Action: **Stage 1 Air Quality Advisory – Mandatory Burn Ban for Blaine and Camas Counties**

**All open burning is prohibited by Idaho State Air Quality Rules (IDAPA 58.01.01.550)**

**Due to elevated pollutant levels (fine particulate matter), DEQ is issuing a Stage 1 Air Pollution Forecast and Caution for Blaine and Camas Counties**

**Current Wildfire Smoke Information:**

<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/burning/current-wildfire-smoke-info.aspx> and

<http://www.idsmoke.blogspot.com/p/air-quality-now.html>

Cause of Air Pollution: Beaver Creek Complex Fire located twelve miles northeast of Fairfield, Idaho, McCan Fire located four miles northwest of Fairfield, Idaho, Pony Fire located twelve miles north of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Elk Fire located 10 miles southwest of Pine.

AQI and AQI Category: Current: Very Unhealthy

Tomorrow's Forecast : Unhealthy to Hazardous

Pollutant (s): PM2.5 fine particulates

Restrictions in Effect Until: 12:00 PM Monday, August 19, 2013

Next Update: 12:00 PM Monday, August 19, 2013

Contact: DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office (208) 736-2190

### What is the Air Quality Index?

AQI	Category	Cautionary Statement
0-50	Good	None
51-100	Moderate	Unusually sensitive* people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion.
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Everyone should limit exertion outdoors.
151-200	Unhealthy	Everyone should limit exertion.
201-300	Very Unhealthy	Limit any exertion.
301-500	Hazardous	Stay indoors and avoid any exertion.

\* Sensitive groups include children, the elderly, those with existing health conditions, and people who have high exposure (those who work, exercise, or spend extensive time out of doors).

For more detailed information about the AQI, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/airnow/aqibroch/aqi.html#5>