

Air Quality Advisory - Issue

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| Time / Date: | 12:00pm Thursday / September 13, 2012 |
| Location: | Latah County, Nez Perce County, Idaho County, Lewis County and Clearwater County (outside of the Nez Perce Reservation boundaries). |
| Action: | Stage 1 Air Quality Advisory – Mandatory Burn Ban for the above counties |
| Cause of Air Pollution: | Sheep Fire 7 miles North of Riggins, Mcguire Complex 5 miles West of Dixie, Mustang Complex 0.5 miles north of North Fork. Several additional fires are impacting the area from throughout ID, WA and OR. Visit http://www.inciweb.org/ for more fire information. |
| AQI and AQI Category: | Current: Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Grangeville, Moscow, and Genesee area) Valley locations (Lewiston and Kendrick area) are currently in the Moderate category; however, conditions may become elevated to “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” category by this evening. Tomorrow’s Forecast: Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups |
| Pollutant (s): | PM2.5 fine particulate |
| Restrictions in Effect Until: | 10:00 AM Friday, September 14, 2012 |
| Next Update: | 10:00 AM Friday, September 14, 2012 |
| Contact: | DEQ Lewiston Regional Office (208) 799-4370 |

What is the Air Quality Index?

| AQI | Category | Cautionary Statement |
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| 0-50 | Good | None |
| 51-100 | Moderate | 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>
 For more information on Idaho’s Air Quality, visit: <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality.aspx> or
<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/burning/current-wildfire-smoke-info.aspx>

