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Forecast conditions represent impacts from smoke from the fires on the Gila National Forest. Contributions from ozone and other pollutants and impacts from other fires are not reflected.

Fire Status: Fire activity on all fires in the Gila National Forest has been low to moderate as it is expected in a fire adapted ecosystem. These fires are being managed for a variety of benefits. These include fuel reduction, reduce live wood density in Pinon-Juniper and to maintain the natural role of fire in the wilderness

Air Quality Summary: The terrain these fires are burning in is pretty complex. High elevation peaks and ridges are dissected by deep canyons. During the day, convective heat and instability allows for the smoke to rise up and away from the fire. At night however, when the air temperature cools, this allows the smoke to pool into these deep canyons. This causes high concentrations of particulate matter in the canyons and valleys. These conditions remain like this until late morning – early afternoon when convective heat and instability lifts the smoke again

Air Quality Today: Northwest winds will push light to moderate smoke southeast towards the Rio Grande Valley. This will allow for good smoke conditions from Reserve south through the Gila River Valley. Moderate conditions will be observed in the morning at Cliff Dwellings National Monument, but should clear out by noon allowing for good conditions for the rest of the day



Todays Average PM.2-5 Impacts

Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Community Impacts

| Site | Yesterdays Observed Midnight 24 –Hr AQI 22 June 2017 | Today's Forecast 24 hr 24-Hr AQI 23 June 2017 | Tomorrows Outlook 24-hr 24 June 2017 | Worst Time of Day for Smoke Impacts |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Reserve | GREEN | GREEN | GREEN | Smoke impacts will be worse in the morning. |
| Glenwood | GREEN | GREEN | GREEN | |
| Cliff/Gila River Valley | GREEN | GREEN | GREEN | |
| Cliff Dwellings National Monument | GREEN | GREEN | GREEN | MODERATE in the morning until around noon. |

Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system, and intensify chronic heart and lung problems. Your eyes are your best tools to determine if it's safe to be outside. If visibility is over 5 miles, the air quality is generally good. If you are having health effects from smoke exposure then take extra care to stay inside or get to an area with better air quality. You should also see your doctor or healthcare professional as needed. For information on air quality and protecting your health, and to find guidance on distances and visibility, please visit https://nmtracking.org/fire.

| Impact Index | Actions to Protect Yourself | |
|--|---|--|
| Good | None | |
| Moderate | Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion | |
| Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups - USG | People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged and heavy outdoor exertion. Everyone else | |
| officeating for Sensitive Groups - 030 | may find relief by limiting prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion. | |
| Unhealthy | People within Sensitive Groups* should <u>avoid all</u> physical outdoor activity. Everyone else should avoid | |
| | prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion. | |
| Very Unhealthy | Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. | |
| Hazardous | Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity. | |

Transportation Safety:

Smoke limiting visibility is possible during the morning hours on roads in valley and canyon bottoms especially along the 15 road heading into Cliff Dwellings National Monument. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, burn your headlights and proceed with caution.