



News Release

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**Wenatchee – Unhealthy for Sensitive Populations
Leavenworth - Unhealthy
Chelan and Manson Area – Very Unhealthy**

Areas around North Central Washington are receiving smoke from the Wolverine Fire and several other fires. **Air Quality is expected to be in these ranges until Thursday when we may have good air quality during the day.** Information here can provide guidance for the level of smoke you are seeing and the precautions recommended.

Air Quality will improve Thursday.

Individuals with pre-existing heart and lung diseases, the elderly, children and infants are at highest risk of experiencing health complications from smoke. If you are in a sensitive group experiencing adverse health effects limit your outdoor activity or exertion level.

More Information: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/> & <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/enviwa/>
Or <http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/> air quality and fire page or Chelan County face book page.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chelan-County-Emergency-management/188543097925415>

Category	Health Effects	General Precautions	Visibility
<i>Good</i>	None	None	10 miles
<i>Moderate</i>	Possible adverse health effects for people with pre-existing heart and lung diseases	None for most people.	4-9 miles
<i>Unhealthy for sensitive people</i>	Increasing likelihood of adverse health effects for those with pre-existing heart and lung diseases	People with pre-existing heart and lung diseases, the elderly, and children should <u>limit</u> prolonged <u>outdoor</u> exertion	2.5-3 miles
<i>Unhealthy</i>	Increased aggravation of pre-existing heart and lung diseases and premature mortality among sensitive populations. Increasing adverse respiratory effects in general population	People with pre-existing health conditions, the elderly, and children should <u>avoid</u> any prolonged exertion. Everyone else should <u>limit</u> prolonged exertion.	1.25-2 miles

<i>Very Unhealthy</i>	Significant aggravation of pre-existing heart and lung diseases and premature mortality among sensitive populations. Significant increase of adverse respiratory effects in the general population.	People with pre-existing conditions, the elderly, and children should <u>avoid</u> any outdoor activity or if possible, relocate to a “clean air” area. Everyone else should <u>avoid</u> prolonged exertion	1 mile
<i>Hazardous</i>	Serious aggravation of existing heart and lung diseases. Increased pre-mature mortality among sensitive populations. Serious risk of adverse respiratory affects in the general population.	Everyone should <u>avoid</u> any outdoor exertion, remain indoors, or if possible relocate to a “clean-air” area	Less than 0.75 miles