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South Coast AQMD Continues Smoke Advisory Due to Bobcat Fire

Valid: Sunday, September 27 through Monday, September 28, 2020

This advisory is in effect through Monday afternoon. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

The Bobcat Fire is burning north of Azusa, Duarte, Monrovia, and Arcadia in the Angeles National Forest and is affecting air quality in the region. As of 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, the burn area was reported at 114,103 acres with 65% containment. Current information on the Bobcat Fire can be found on the Incident Information System (InciWeb) at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7152>.

Past and Current Smoke Impacts:

The Bobcat Fire is producing smoke on Sunday morning based on satellite and webcam imagery. Smoke was visible in the San Gabriel River valley and was being transported downslope to the south. Since Saturday afternoon, monitors and low-cost sensors throughout the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction measured Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in the **Good** to **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** categories. Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/aqdata> to view current air quality conditions.

In any area impacted by smoke:

If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter, and avoiding vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, see South Coast AQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>

Forecasted Smoke and Ash Impacts:

Areas in direct proximity to the Bobcat Fire will experience the highest AQI levels due to smoke impacts. Smoke and ash impacts will be highly variable in both timing and location through Monday. Smoke from fires burning in Central California could be present in the upper atmosphere at times during the forecast period. Smoke from the El Dorado Fire could also be visible in the San Bernardino Mountains at times.

- **Sunday afternoon:** Winds will be from the east and northeast and push smoke from the Bobcat Fire to the west and southwest into the San Gabriel Mountains, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Santa Monica Mountains, and then out of the South Coast Air Basin.
- **Sunday evening through Monday morning:** Winds will be light and variable and push smoke from the Bobcat Fire to the south and west into the San Gabriel Mountains, Santa Clarita Valley, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, and Los Angeles. Smoke is likely to remain closer to the ground overnight which can increase ground-level particulate matter levels.
- **Monday afternoon:** Winds are predicted to be from the east and northeast and move smoke from the Bobcat Fire to the west and southwest into the San Gabriel Mountains, San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys, Santa Monica Mountains, and then out of the South Coast Air Basin.

Extended Outlook for Bobcat Fire:

Smoke impacts in the South Coast Air Basin will likely continue until fire activity decreases for the Bobcat Fire. South Coast Air Quality Management District will continue to provide daily smoke advisory updates until air quality impacts from smoke subside.

In order to avoid increasing PM2.5 levels even further, South Coast AQMD recommends that the public avoid burning wood during periods of poor air quality.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of Los Angeles County in the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction. **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI levels due to PM2.5 concentrations are possible in areas of direct smoke impacts. Impacts will be highly variable throughout the day, impacting different parts of the region at different times. Ozone levels not directly associated with the fire are expected to reach **Unhealthy** AQI levels in some areas of the South Coast Basin on Sunday and Monday afternoons. See www.aqmd.gov/forecast for details on the expected ozone levels.



Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- **Los Angeles County:** Central Los Angeles (Area 1), Northwest Coastal LA County (Area 2), West San Fernando Valley (Area 6), East San Fernando Valley (Area 7), West San Gabriel Valley (Area 8), East San Gabriel Valley (Area 9), South San Gabriel Valley (Area 11), Santa Clarita Valley (Area 13), San Gabriel Mountains (Area 15)
- South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link: www.aqmd.gov/advisory
- To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to www.AirAlerts.org
- To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap>
- For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp
- Air quality forecasts are available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast>
- For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>.

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