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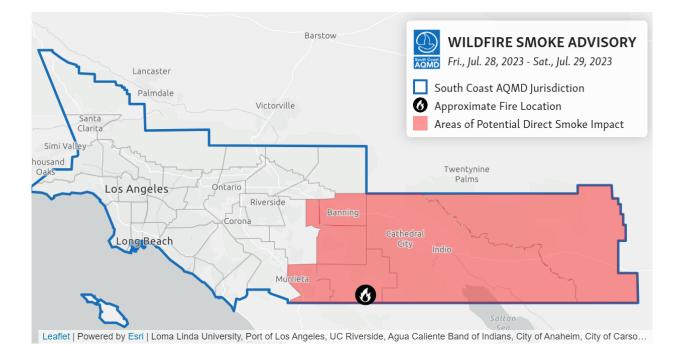
South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Wildfire in Eastern Riverside County

Valid until Saturday 3:00 PM.

Current Conditions

- The Bonny Fire is currently at 1,500-1,600 acres with 5% containment as of Friday at 2:13 PM:
- Visit the <u>Cal FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Incident Summary</u> for more details
- As of Friday at 2:20 PM, smoke production is increasing and primarily staying well above ground level
- Smoke is being transported towards the northeast toward Anza area and the San Jacinto mountains

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast</u> <u>AQMD app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u> to view current air quality in your neighborhood.



Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Hot and dry conditions will continue throughout the day on Friday and into Saturday
- Winds will push smoke toward the northeast and may result in Air Quality Index levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in impacted areas
- Light and variable winds during the overnight hours may result in the highest AQI levels in areas immediately adjacent to the fires
- Note that AQI levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category in the afternoon hours from high levels of ozone (smog) due to the current heat wave and are largely unrelated to the fire

Detailed Forecast

Friday	Winds from the west will continue to push smoke towards the northeast, potentially affecting the area near the fire and Coachella Valley. Ozone (smog) levels will also be elevated due to the heat wave affecting the region.
Friday Evening and Early Saturday Morning	If the fire continues to produce smoke, light and variable winds may lead to increased smoke concentrations in areas immediate adjacent to the fires

Saturday	If the fire is still producing smoke, winds from the west will continue to push smoke to the northeast affecting areas near the fire, San Gorgonio Pass near Banning, and Coachella Valley. Ozone (smog) levels will also be elevated in the afternoon hours.
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If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do not use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety</u>.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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