



Smoke Outlook for 8/17 - 8/18
West Central Colorado Grizzly Creek Fire
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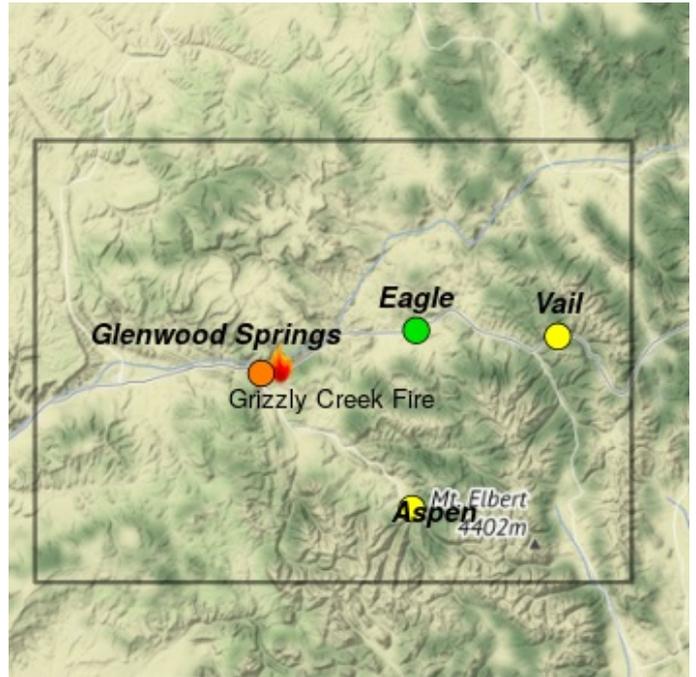
The Grizzly Creek fire is currently 25,690 acres, with active burning late into the evening yesterday. The fire has backed into No Name Creek, and firefighters are preparing for any spot fires that cross the creek. A lot of hard work is happening around the perimeter as firefighters are prepping structures and building control lines where the probability of holding fire is high. Dry conditions and hot weather will continue to be a challenge for the next few days, with a slight chance of more lightning moving into the area.

Smoke

Glenwood Springs saw smoke for most of the day yesterday, and today will be very similar. Some lifting will occur in the late morning hours, but smoke should stick around for most of the day. Areas farther to the west will see the same conditions as smoke from the Pine Gulch fire also stays trapped along the I-70 corridor. On the east side of the fire, smoke may be noticed in Gypsum at times but should lift and move out. Eagle saw a clear day yesterday, but hazy, smoky conditions will hang over the area throughout today. Farther east communities near Vail will see smoke move in tonight from the Williams Fork fire.

Health and Safety

Understanding when and how you are being impacted by smoke can be hard at times. A general rule of thumb is, "if you can smell smoke, you are breathing smoke." This is a broad statement, and we all have different levels of sensitivity to smoke. If you engage in outdoor activities, you may want to monitor yourself, drink plenty of fluids, and adjust the time spent outdoors due to the smoke and high temperatures.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Aug 17, 2020

Station	Yesterday hourly	Sun 8/16	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Mon, Aug 17	Mon 8/17	Tue 8/18
Glenwood Springs			Expect similar conditions today with smoke sticking around most of the day.		
Aspen	No hourly data		Expect more smoke to move into the area as winds shift the next couple of days.		
Eagle			Hazy conditions can be expected today, otherwise overall good air quality.		
Vail	No hourly data		Smoke will move into the area and surrounding towns later this afternoon and evening.		

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
Good	None
Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.
Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.

***Disclaimer:** This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

Additional Links

- Fire Information -- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6942/>
- Air Quality Monitor information -- https://tools.airfire.org/monitoring/v4/#!/?category=PM2.5_nowcast&erlat=39.4786&erlon=-107.2049&zoom=8
- Facebook link to the Grizzly Creek wildfire -- <https://www.facebook.com/GrizzlyCreekFireCO/>
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment -- https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx
- Pine Gulch Wildfire smoke outlook -- <https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/WesternColorado>



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