



STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



North Idaho Air Quality Forecast & Burn Advisory

**Forecast for Friday October 16, 2020 through
Sunday October 18, 2020**

Forecast Discussion: Friday will be another windy day for the area. It doesn't look as windy as our recent storm on Tuesday, but we may still experience some scattered power outages and localized blowing dust. Air quality will be in the GOOD range for all areas on Friday.

- DEQ continues to ask for your help in assisting with COVID-19 relief efforts. If you are considering residential or "backyard" burning, please consider postponing your burn.
- Smoke from open burning can cause unnecessary public health concerns, and emergency services have limited resources to respond to out-of-control burns.
- Learn more at <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/news-archives/air-nonessential-burning-update-covid-19-0320/>

DEQ recognizes that agriculture-related burning, weed control burning, and prescribed fire are often necessary prior to planting and to reduce fire risk.

Location	AQI Air Quality Forecast	AQI Health Message	Yesterday's AQI (10/14/20)	Open Outdoor Burning and Woodstove Status Advisory Forecast
Pinehurst	<i>Tomorrow</i> Good (15)	None	19	<i>Day 1 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 2</i> Good (20)			<i>Day 2 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 3</i> Good(20)			<i>Day 3 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
Kootenai County	<i>Tomorrow</i> Good (10)	None	8	<i>Day 1 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 2</i> Good (15)			<i>Day 2 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 3</i> Good(15)			<i>Day 3 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
Greater Sandpoint Area	<i>Tomorrow</i> Good (20)	None	18	<i>Day 1 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 2</i> Good (25)			<i>Day 2 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 3</i> Good(25)			<i>Day 3 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
Bonnors Ferry Area	<i>Tomorrow</i> Good (15)	None	13	<i>Day 1 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 2</i> Good (15)			<i>Day 2 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 3</i> Good (15)			<i>Day 3 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
St. Maries	<i>Tomorrow</i> Good (25)	None	31	<i>Day 1 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 2</i> Good (25)			<i>Day 2 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.
	<i>Day 3</i> Good (25)			<i>Day 3 - Yellow</i> Voluntary restrictions on open burning until further notice.

For more information about air quality in northern Idaho including open burning or woodstove restrictions and links to other air quality issues please visit: [Daily Air Quality Reports](#)
 For a voice recording of the current open burning and woodstove condition in your area please call 1-800-633-6247.
 Questions or comments? E-mail us at Ralph.Paul@deq.idaho.gov or call 208-769-1422.

Air Quality Index

Range		Category	Meaning
0 to 50		Good	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk
51 to 100		Moderate	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
101 to 150		Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups*	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
151 to 200		Unhealthy	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
201 to 300		Very Unhealthy	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.
301 to 500		Hazardous	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.