

**Air Quality Report**  
**Gila National Forest, East of the Continental Divide**

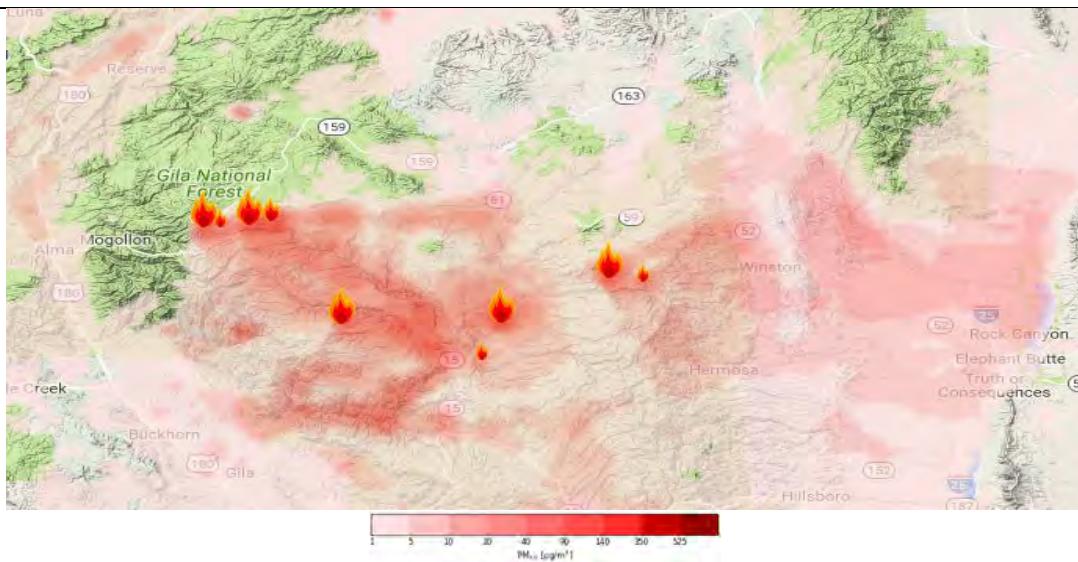
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*Forecast conditions represent impacts from smoke from the fires on the Gila National Forest. Contributions from ozone and other pollutants and impacts from other fires are not reflected.*

**Fire:** Fire activity on all fires in the Gila national forest has been low to moderate. These fires are being managed for a variety of benefits including fuel reduction, reducing live density in pinyon/juniper and to maintain the natural role of fire in the wilderness.

**Air Quality June 17:** Air quality was good in most of the area, with moderate and unhealthy for sensitive group's levels for 2-3 hours in the valleys in the evenings. Sensitive populations in valleys should consult the "Actions to Protect Yourself" chart below.

**Air Quality June 18:** Air quality is expected to be similar on June 18, with moderate to unhealthy for sensitive group levels expected in valleys in the late evenings and early mornings.



**Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Community Impacts**

Site	Yesterday Observed Midnight 24-Hr AQI 16 June 2017	Today Forecast 24-Hr AQI 17 June 2017	Tomorrow Outlook 24-Hr AQI 18 June 2017	Worst Time of Day Impacts AQI and Period
Silver City	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	
Mimbres Valley	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE	Higher PM2.5 concentrations expected in the early morning.
Hillsboro	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE	Higher PM2.5 concentrations expected around 8-10pm.
Truth or Consequences	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE	Higher PM2.5 concentrations expected around 8-10pm.
Winston	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE	Higher PM2.5 concentrations expected around 8-10pm.

**Disclaimer:** Conditions may change quickly; these projections are based on anticipated weather and fire activity. Sensitive groups\* including individuals with Asthma, lung or heart disease, children, older adults and pregnant women should take precautions to avoid exposure to smoke. If you feel as though you are having health effects from smoke see your doctor or health professional as needed. In some cases your eyes are your best tools. If it is smoky outside you are being impacted. Use caution when driving in or around smoky areas.

AQI Index	Actions to Protect Yourself
Good	None
Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups - USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>reduce</b> prolonged and heavy outdoor exertion. Everyone else may find relief by limiting prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should <b>avoid all</b> physical outdoor activity. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.

**Transportation Safety:**

Smoke limiting visibility is possible during the morning hours on roads in valley and canyon bottoms especially along road 35 and FS road 150. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your headlights and proceed with caution