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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. There are currently four fires burning in the Gila National Forest.

Air Quality June 21: Smoke conditions are expected to continue to improve on the eastern side of the Gila NF today. Shifting winds may cause moderate smoke in Winston, Hilsboro, and Truth or Consequences in the late evening (6/21) and early morning of June 22 as smoke settles into the valley.

Air Quality June 22: Smoke is expected to settle in Truth or Consequences on the morning of June 22, and lower smoke levels are expected on June 22nd.



Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Community Impacts

Site	Yesterday Observed Midnight	Today Forecast	Tomorrow Outlook	Worst Time of Day
	24-Hr AQI	24-Hr AQI	24-Hr AQI	Impacts
	20 June 2017	21 June 2017	22 June 2017	AQI and Period
Silver City	Good	Good	Good	
Mimbres Valley	Good	Good	Good	
Hillsboro	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate in late
Truth or	Good	Moderate	Good	evening (6/21) and
Consequences				early morning (6/22)
Winston	Good	Moderate	Good	

Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system, and intensify chronic heart and lung problems. Your eyes are your best tools to determine if it's safe to be outside. If visibility is over 5 miles, the air quality is generally good. If you are having health effects from smoke exposure then take extra care to stay inside or get to an area with better air quality. You should also see your doctor or healthcare professional as needed. For information on air quality and protecting your health, and to find guidance on distances and visibility, please visit https://nmtracking.org/fire.

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	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged and heavy outdoor exertion. Everyone else may find relief by limiting prolonged or		
Sensitive Groups	heavy outdoor exertion.		
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all 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.		