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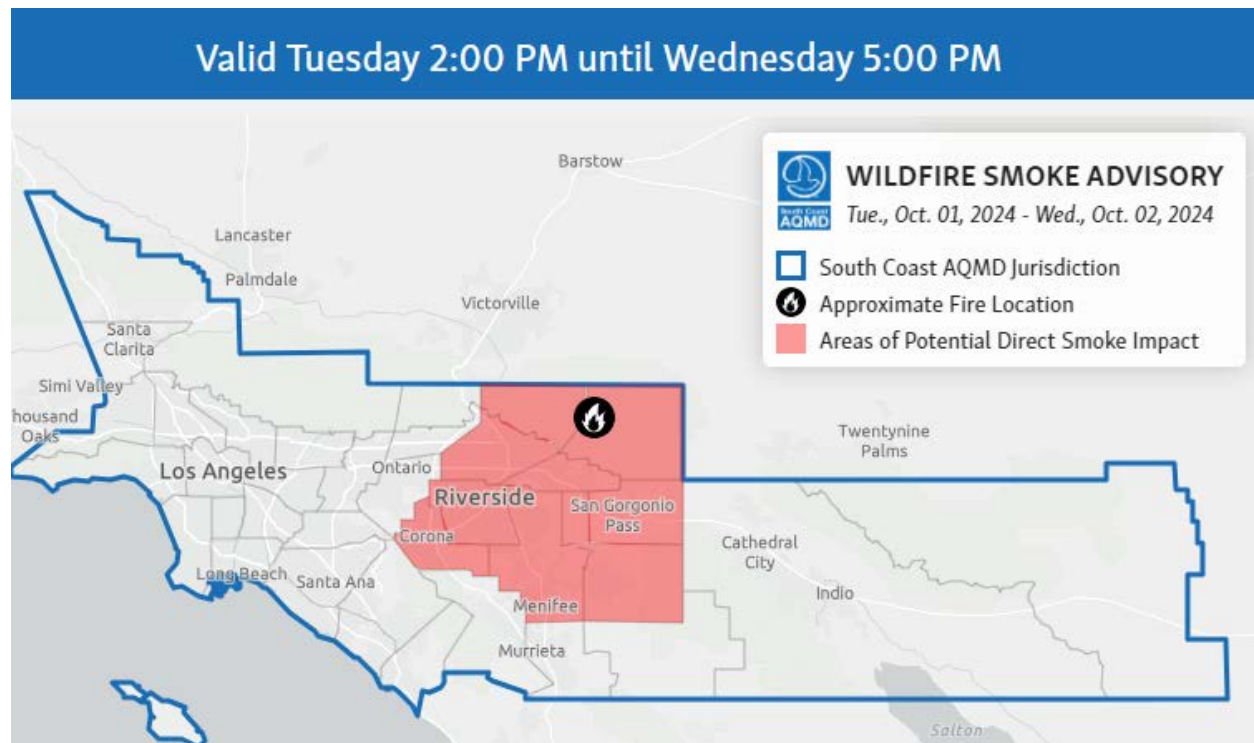
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South Coast AQMD Continues Smoke Advisory Due to Line Fire

Valid Tuesday 2:00 p.m. until Wednesday 5:00 p.m.



Current Conditions

- The Line Fire has pockets of fuels that are burning within containment lines in the Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages. As of Tuesday afternoon, the fire has burned 43,492 acres and is 76 percent contained. There is more fuel in Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages that will burn and create smoke over the next few days. For more information about the Line Fire, visit

the CalFire incident page at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/5/line-fire/> and the InciWeb webpage at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cabdf-line-fire>.

- PM2.5 reached the **Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) category in Angelus Oaks on Monday night and again on Tuesday afternoon, and PM2.5 was in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** to **Unhealthy** categories at times in Fontana and San Bernardino on Tuesday morning due to smoke from the Line Fire. As of 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, PM2.5 levels in Big Bear Lake have been in the **Good** AQI category since Monday morning. Ozone also reached the **Very Unhealthy** AQI category in parts of the South Coast Air Basin on Monday.
- Information about Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety is available at <https://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety>.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Smoke from the Line Fire is expected to impact parts of the San Bernardino Mountains, where the AQI category may reach **Unhealthy** or higher, with the highest AQI immediately adjacent to the Bear Creek and Santa Ana River drainages.
- Light winds from the northeast will push smoke further into the South Coast Air Basin on Wednesday.
- Afternoon and evening AQI levels in parts of San Bernardino County will also be elevated due to ozone (smog) formation over the next few days.

Detailed Forecast

<p>Tuesday afternoon</p>	<p>PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher on Tuesday afternoon in parts of the San Bernardino mountains including Big Bear Lake, Running Springs, Angelus Oaks, and nearby areas.</p>
<p>Tuesday evening through Wednesday morning</p>	<p>AQIs may again reach Unhealthy or higher in the San Bernardino mountains, with the highest AQI expected near the Bear Creek or Santa Ana River drainages, including in Angelus Oaks and Running Springs. Light winds in the South Coast Air basin are expected to cause Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories in Highland, San Bernardino, Redlands, Yucaipa, Beaumont and surrounding areas. Smoke will also move closer to the eastern foothills of the Santa Ana mountains in Riverside County, causing AQI levels of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, while Moderate conditions are expected in Banning Pass and the Western Coachella Valley.</p>

Wednesday afternoon	PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher on Tuesday afternoon in parts of the San Bernardino mountains including Big Bear Lake, Running Springs, Angelus Oaks, and surrounding area
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South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

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 www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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 www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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