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Reduced Smoke Results in Good Air Quality in Lake County Caution is Still Urged

Weather forecasts indicate favorable west winds will push smoke away from the Lake County air basin. However, there is a chance of overnight settling of smoke that could linger into the morning hours before the west wind resumes.

Air Quality conditions on Wednesday was notably improved over Monday and Tuesday, due primarily to better meteorological conditions and significant advances in controlling the wildfires. Areas close to the fires may have experienced degraded air quality today, though most areas of the Lake County experienced good to moderate air quality. Levels of ozone and particulate were elevated, but did not exceed State health-based air quality standards.

The prediction is for "GOOD" air quality in Lake County, though areas near active burn areas and where cleanup efforts are underway may experience "MODERATE" to "UNHEALTHY" air quality intermittently during the day. Greatest concern exists for the Clearlake Oaks, Spring Valley, and portions of Clearlake.

Smokey conditions can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and air passages. These conditions can be hazardous for sensitive individual including young children, the elderly, and individuals with heart conditions, and those with chronic lung disease such as asthma, bronchitis and other respiratory conditions. The extreme heat forecast for Lake County can make the stress worse if combined with physical exertion.

Conditions have improved and GOOD air quality is forecast once again for Lake County. Caution is still urged as condition can change rapidly. Residual haze and particulate from the wildfires can be expected to intermittently impact areas of Lake County until the fires are out.