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

The Scotts fire continues to burn resulting in smoke, haze, and degraded air quality. Significant advances in control of the fire and favorable weather forecasts should result in minimal smoke impacts and generally good air quality throughout the Lake County Air Basin.

Air Quality conditions on Monday afternoon were notably improved over the weekend, due primarily to better meteorological conditions and significant advances in controlling the wildfires. Areas close to the fires may have experienced degraded air quality early Monday, but most areas of the Lake County experienced good to moderate air quality much of the day. 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" air quality intermittently during the day and until recovery efforts are complete.

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 and recovery efforts are completed.