



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT **SMOKE ADVISORY**

Issued Tuesday, August 16, 2016

This advisory is in effect through Wednesday morning. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Bluecut Fire, is burning in the San Bernardino National Forest southwest of Interstate 15 near the community of Devore. The burn area was estimated this afternoon to be over 5,500 acres, with no containment. Winds from the southwest are predicted to push smoke toward the north and east into the San Bernardino Mountains and the high desert. Depending on evolving fire and weather conditions, smoke impacts will mainly occur in the San Bernardino Mountain areas near and downwind of the fire, although some smoke may settle into the valley areas of San Bernardino County overnight. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** levels in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts in the South Coast Air Basin and **Unhealthy** air quality will likely include:

- Portions of the Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 32), especially near Devore;
- Portions of the Central San Bernardino Mountains (Area 37);
- Portions of the West San Bernardino Mountains (Area 36); and
- Portions of the Central San Bernardino Valley (Area 34).

In any area impacted by smoke: *Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.*

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To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see <http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisagi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

For a map of SCAQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/map-of-monitoring-areas.pdf>