

Smoke Information

Where there is FIRE there is SMOKE, and smoke can be a serious concern for many people. Fortunately there is good information about smoke concerns from wildfires throughout the state, including smoke from the Las Conchas Fire. If you have internet access, the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau has a page of links (<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb/WildfireSmokeResources.htm>) for monitoring data and air quality information, health information, smoke forecasts and fire information. These various web pages are updated regularly and are the best source of current information.

Here are some highlights if you do not have access to the internet:

Health Information

- Please see attached for a general rule of thumb for visibility.

Health Effects Categories	Visibility Ranges (miles) ³
Hazardous	< 1.3
Very Unhealthy	2.1 - 1.3
Unhealthy	5.0 - 2.2
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	8.7 - 5.1
Moderate	13.3 - 8.8
Good	> 13.4 +

Fire Information

- Even after a fire has been 100% contained, fuels within the interior of the fire will continue to burn and smoke will be visible until significant precipitation has occurred in the fire area.
- You may notice a spot within the interior of the fire start smoking, even if you have not seen smoke there for days.
- If you see smoke or flames on the containment lines, or across the containment lines, please report it.