

SpokeFest Policy for Event Contingencies Due to Poor Air Quality

We are saddened by the extreme fire conditions in our region that threaten property and life. We look forward to having an enjoyable SpokeFest, but also recognize that holding any event with physical activity outdoors during a time of unhealthful air would not be in keeping with the healthy benefits we wish to promote. We also recognize that air quality conditions during this wildfire season change rapidly, and so that decisions about proceeding with SpokeFest may need to be made just prior to the planned start time of the event.

Decisions about proceeding with the event will be based on the Air Quality Index reported on the morning of the event on the AirNow website

http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_city&zipcode=99201&submit=Go

<p>Boise Medford</p> <p><small>National Parks/Monuments Tribal Boundaries</small> The tribal boundaries shown here are provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are intended to be used as a general spatial reference only. They are not a formal determination of tribal boundaries by the EPA.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Particles (PM10)</td> <td> </td> <td>Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ozone</td> <td> </td> <td>Moderate</td> </tr> </table> <p><small>Forecast Discussion: Wednesday, August 26th – The regional SW air flow should help to further reduce the amount of wildfire smoke today and tomorrow especially in the afternoon, but localized changes in wind direction could bring more smoke from nearby fires, thereby having a negative impact on our air quality. If the winds manage to keep most of the smoke to our north we should see air quality in the AQI-Moderate range later today, but the possibility of fresh smoke combined with overnight inversions will probably keep air quality in the AQI-Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups range Wednesday and Thursday. /MCKAY</small></p>	Particles (PM10)	 	Moderate	Ozone	 	Moderate
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Local Air Quality Resources
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency
State Air Quality Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Lung Association (ALA) of Washington Local Air Quality Agencies - Washington Northwest Clean Air Agency Olympic Region Clean Air Agency Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Puget Sound Clean Air Agency - Air Quality Right Now State of Washington-Department of Ecology-Air Quality Program Washington Smoke Information Blog
Past Air Quality Maps and Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yesterday's Maps and Data Air Quality Maps Archives (by region)

Specific actions to occur, based on AQI reading at 7am on 9/10/17



Event proceeds

Event goes on with cautions:

- People may opt out of riding.
- People may choose to scale down which course they ride, with the 50 mile course closed
- T-Shirt and water bottle provided



Event is cancelled. T-Shirt and water bottle provided

Shirt and water bottle pickup occurs at regular MG and REI packet pickup. After all, we don't know our status until ride morning, so we proceed as usual until then.

If the event is cancelled, we will put this notification on the SpokeFest website under ["News"](#) and on the our [Facebook page](#).

Unfortunately, refunds cannot be given. All of our expenses for the event will have already been committed well before event day.

