

NPAIHB COVID-19 Weekly Update

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Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Chairman Lewis
- NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report: Celeste Davis
- Wildfire Update: Ryan Sealy
- Indian Health Service Update: Dean Seyler, Geniel Harrison, Ashley Tuomi
- Legislative and Policy Update: Candice Jimenez and Liz Coronado
- State Partner Updates:
 - Washington: Lou Schmitz, Tamara Fife, Jessie Dean, and Tam Lutz
 - Oregon: Julie Johnson, Candice Jimenez, and Sue Steward
 - Idaho: Joyce Broadsword, and Jessica Leston

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NPAIHB COVID-19 Situation Report

Celeste Davis



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Upcoming Indian Country ECHO telehealth opportunities

- **Pharmacy Led SUD ECHO** – 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10am PT:
 - **Today at 10am PT** (Topic: **Harm Reduction**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/pharmacist-led-sud/>
- **Virtual Care Implementation ECHO** – 3rd Tuesday of every month at 12pm PT:
 - **Today at 12pm PT** (Topic: **Telemedicine Implementation Checklist**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/virtual-care-implementation/>
- **COVID-19 ECHO** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12pm PT:
 - **Wednesday, August 18th at 12pm PT** (Topic: **Long COVID-19**)
 - To learn more and join: <https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/covid-19/>



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Wildfire Update

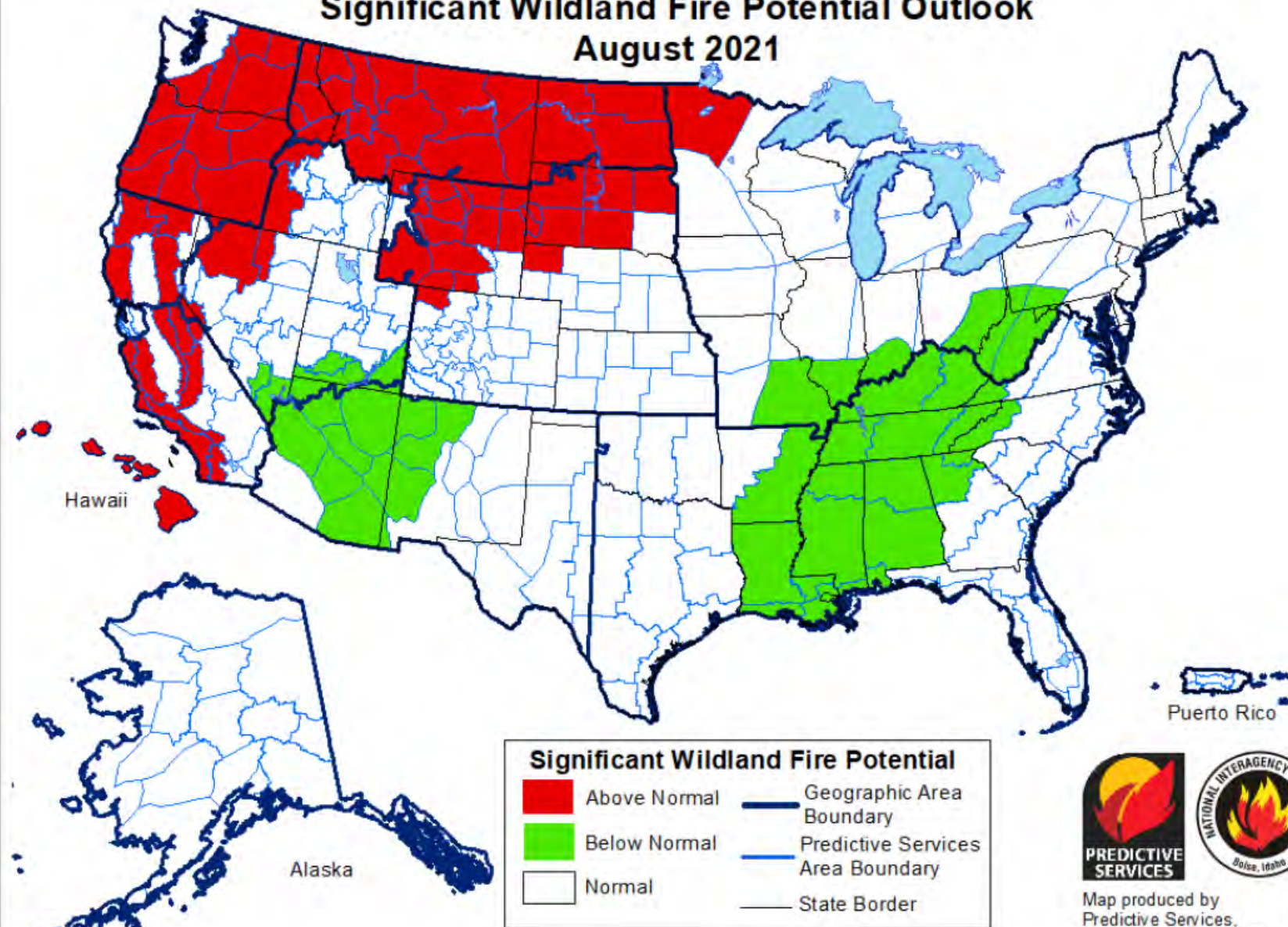
Ryan Sealy

Information and Resources for Public Health
Environmental Public Health Program



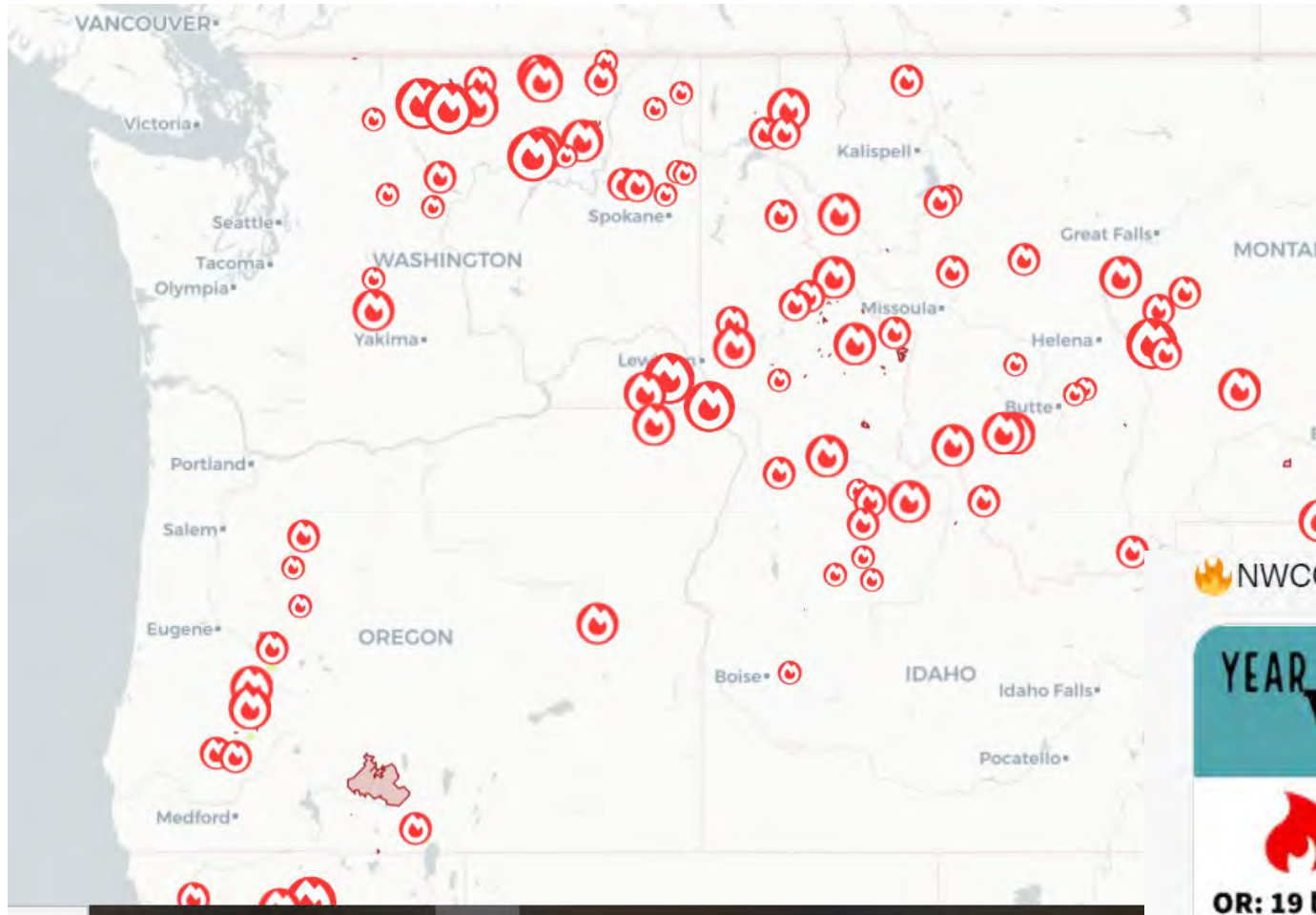
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Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook August 2021



Map produced by
Predictive Services,
National Interagency Fire Center
Boise, Idaho
Issued August 1, 2021
Next issuance September 1, 2021

Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur. Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.



NWCC Blog: nwccinfo.blogspot.com

YEAR TO DATE WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS 2021



2020

OR: 19 large fires, 13,550 acres
WA: 18 large fires, 38,993 acres

TOTAL LARGE FIRES:
37 fires
52,543 acres

2021

OR: 38 large fires, 569,891 acres
WA: 39 large fires, 484,045 acres

TOTAL LARGE FIRES:
77 fires
1,053,936 acres

Comparing August 15, 2020 vs August 15, 2021



Interactive Map of Air Quality

Current

Forecast

Loops

Archive

Info

Find address or place



Monitors
NowCast AQI

Contours
NowCast AQI

☐ Show green contours

☒ Ozone and PM
(PM2.5 and PM10)

☐ Ozone

☐ PM2.5

Boundaries

Basemaps

Legend

- U.S. Air Quality Index
- Good (0-50)
 - Moderate (51-100)
 - Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101-150)
 - Unhealthy (151-200)
 - Very Unhealthy (201-300)
 - Hazardous (301-500)
 - No Data

Note: Values above 500 are considered

Data updated Mon August 16, 2021 at 09:00 PM PDT

Earthstar Geogra

Information on reducing exposure to extremely high levels of particle pollution is available [here](#).

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Key Points

- ▶ Wildfire smoke is a hazardous mixture of air pollutants
- ▶ Climate change impacts in the Northwest are projected to increase fire activity, extreme heat events, lead to water supply shortages, coastal sea rise, and many other ecosystem disruptions and alterations¹
- ▶ Exposure to air pollutants in wildfire smoke can irritate the lungs, cause inflammation, alter immune function, and increase susceptibility to respiratory infections, likely including COVID-19
- ▶ Recent research suggests that air pollutant exposure worsens COVID-19 symptoms and outcomes^{2, 3}

Wildfire Smoke and At-Risk Populations

- ▶ The most vulnerable among us:
 - ▶ Children, the youngest are the most vulnerable
 - ▶ Elders, 65 years old and older
 - ▶ Pregnant women
 - ▶ People with existing chronic diseases, especially asthma, COPD, heart disease, and diabetes
 - ▶ Outdoor workers
 - ▶ People who have inadequate housing, low SES, and other social and environmental disparities

Actions to Minimize Health Impacts from Wildfire Smoke

- ▶ Reduce wildfire smoke exposure through seeking clean air shelters or cleaner air spaces
 - ▶ This could be complicated due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements
- ▶ Create a cleaner air space in your home
 - ▶ Portable air cleaners can help protect from wildfire smoke and COVID-19 or other respiratory diseases
 - ▶ Whenever possible, use air conditioners, heat pumps, fans, and window shades to keep your cleaner air space comfortably cool on hot days
- ▶ For forced-air HVAC systems, install HEPA or high-rated MERV filters and use recirculation settings to reduce indoor smoke

DIY 70\$



DIY Purifier vs. IQAir



Test data: @JimRosenthal4
Measured with Lighthouse 3016-IAQ

Graphic: Smart Air
smartairfilters.com

Actions to Minimize Health Impacts from Wildfire Smoke

- ▶ Avoid activities that create more indoor and outdoor air pollution, such as frying foods, sweeping, vacuuming, and using gas-powered appliances
- ▶ Limit outdoor exercise when it is smoky outside or choose lower-intensity activities to reduce smoke exposure
- ▶ N-95 respirators provide protection from wildfire smoke
 - ▶ BUT... Cloth face masks or coverings offer little protection against hazardous air pollutants in smoke

Actions to Take if Evacuation is Required

- ▶ Stock up on medicine. Store a 7 to 10-day supply of prescription medicines in a waterproof, childproof container to take with you if you evacuate
- ▶ In anticipation of a potential evacuation, consider developing a family disaster plan
- ▶ Pay attention to local guidance about updated plans for evacuations and shelters, including shelters for pets
- ▶ When you check on neighbors and friends before evacuating, be sure to follow social distancing measures to protect yourself and others
- ▶ If you need to go to a disaster shelter, follow CDC recommendations for staying safe and healthy in public disaster shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic



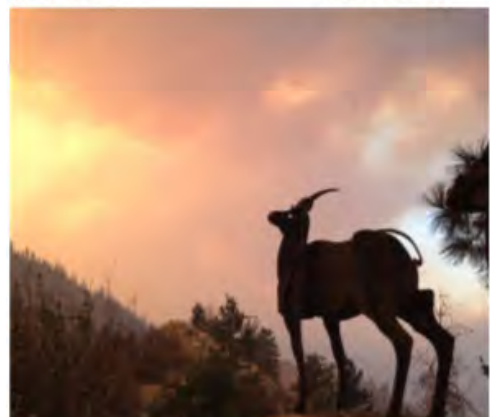
Tribal Air Quality Programs: Your Local Resource

- ▶ Often operated out of Natural Resources Program
- ▶ Expertise in indoor and outdoor air quality
- ▶ Monitor smoke conditions, communicate forecasts
- ▶ Valuable partners on
 - ▶ Communicating local air conditions
 - ▶ Preparing for/responding to wildfire smoke
 - ▶ Supporting cleaner indoor air spaces, making DIY filter fans
 - ▶ Identifying safer cleaning products
 - ▶ Wildfire outreach materials



Colville Tribal Numbers

EMS Fire and Rescue	509-634-2440
Law Enforcement	509-634-2472 or 800-551-5800
Mount Tolman Fire Center (MTFC)	509-634-3100
Natural Resources Enforcement	509-634-2472
TOSHA	509-634-2011
Environmental Trust Program	509-634-2411
Fish & Wildlife	509-634-2110
Fire Prevention Office	509-634-3157
Tribal Health	509-634-2944



CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

WILDFIRE

Environmental Trust Air Quality Program

P.O. Box 150
Nespelem, WA 99155

Tel: 509-634-2418

Fax: 509-634-2422



Nez Perce Tribe ERWM Air Quality Program

June 17 at 5:30 PM · 🌐

Wildfire smoke will soon be in the air, so let's be ready!

<http://idsmoke.blogspot.com/> #SmokeReady2020 #SmokeReady



Link: [DIY Homemade Hand Sanitizer](#)

Link: [Proper Disinfecting Steps](#)

Video Link: [DIY Homemade Hand Sanitizer - YouTube Video](#)

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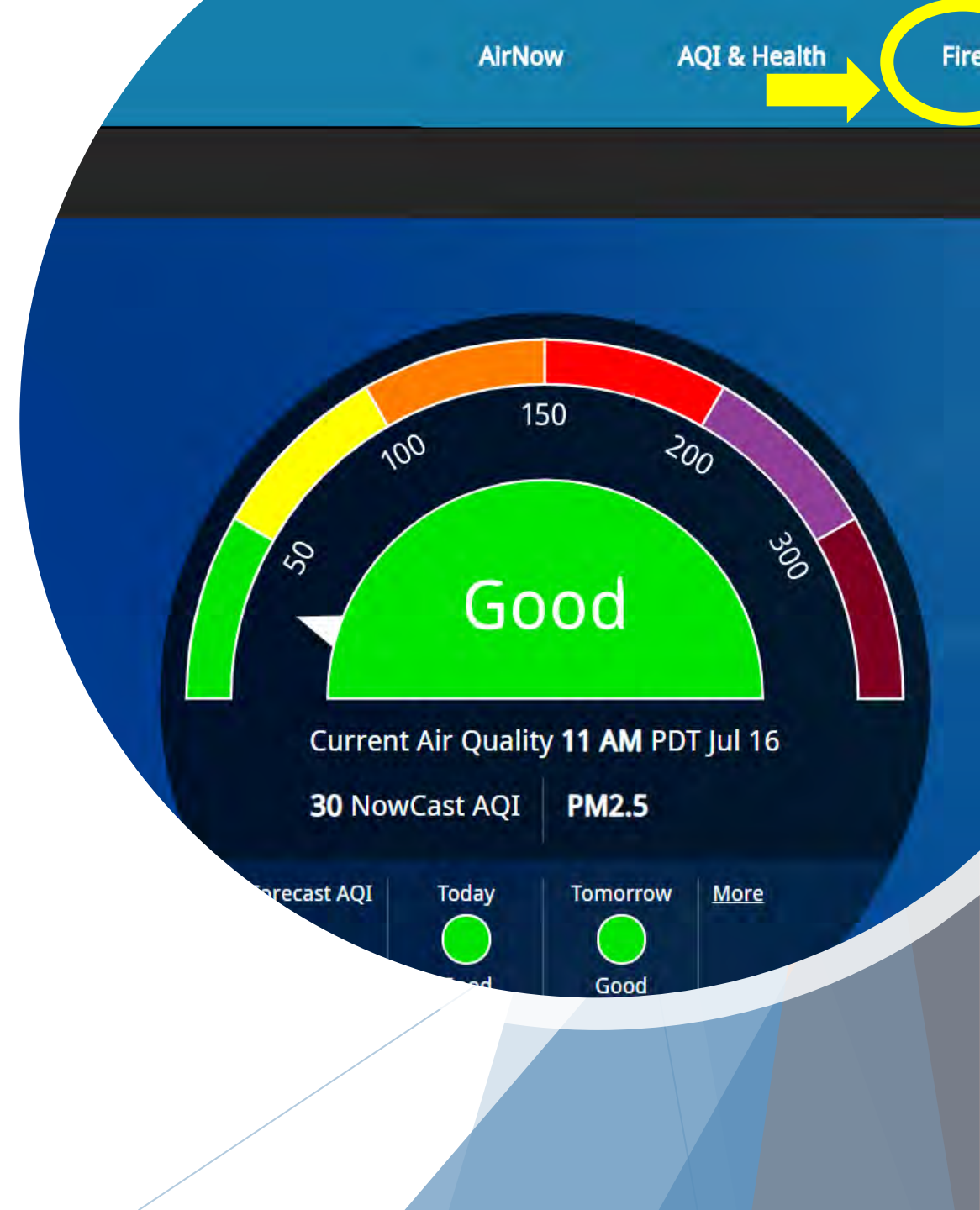
NW Tribes with Air Quality Programs

Contact mctigue.erin@epa.gov if you need staff contact information.

- ▶ Tulalip
- ▶ Chehalis
- ▶ Swinomish
- ▶ Quinault
- ▶ Makah
- ▶ Yakama
- ▶ Colville
- ▶ Kootenai
- ▶ Spokane
- ▶ Puyallup
- ▶ Umatilla
- ▶ Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw
- ▶ Warm Springs
- ▶ Burns Paiute
- ▶ Coeur d'Alene
- ▶ Kalispel
- ▶ Shoshone-Bannock
- ▶ Nez Perce

Stay in the loop

- ▶ See state wildfire smoke blogs
- ▶ Join daily wildfire response calls when fires are active. Tribes are welcome. Share concerns and hear updates.
- ▶ Use **Airnow.gov** - web & app: smoke info, “Wildland Fire Health Guide for Public Health Officials”
- ▶ See state wildfire response plans
- ▶ Smoke sense app - real-time smoke info + option to share smoke related symptoms with EPA



References and Resources

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- ▶ [COVID-19 Considerations for Cleaner Air Shelters and Cleaner Air Spaces to Protect the Public from Wildfire Smoke](#)
 - ▶ [Natural Disasters and Severe Weather: Wildfires](#)
 - ▶ [Protect Yourself from Wildfire Smoke](#)
 - ▶ [Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials](#)
 - ▶ Tribal Healthy Homes Network, <https://thhnw.org/>
 - ▶ Northwest Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, <https://deohs.washington.edu/pehsu/>

Indian Health Service Update

Dean Seyler, Geniel Harrison, Ashley Tuomi



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Legislative and Policy Update

Candice Jimenez and Liz Coronado

August 17, 2021– Virtual Update



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Legislative and Policy Update Agenda

- Legislative Updates
- Domestic Spending Plan
- Administrative & Regulatory Updates
- Upcoming Tribal Consultations
- Upcoming Regional & National Meetings
- NPAIHB Policy Resources



Legislative Updates

- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Update**

- U.S. Senate passed this bipartisan infrastructure package.
- The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote and approve on the final passage of this bill when it returns from recess on August 23.

- **FY 2022 Budget Resolution passed in the Senate**



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Administrative and Regulatory Updates

- **ACIP and FDA recommends third dose (Pfizer or Moderna) for some immunocompromised community members & CDC Webinar today following update**
- **Health IT Modernization Project Update**
 - IHS posted the draft Statement of Objectives
 - IHS issued DTLL Aug. 9, 2021
 - Tribal comments are due **Sep. 6, 2021**
- **Not Invisible Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians**
 - Nominations are due **Sep. 20, 2021** to consultation@bia.gov



Upcoming Tribal Consultations

- **U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women
16th Annual Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation**
 - **Tuesday, Aug 17 – Friday, Aug 20, 2021 10-2 pm Pacific**
 - Written comments due **Sep 20, 2021**
- **IHS Mandatory Funding Tribal Consultation**
 - **Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021 10-1pm Pacific**
 - **Wednesday, Sep 1, 2021 11-2pm Pacific**
 - Written comments due **Sep 3, 2021**
- **105(l) Leases Tribal Consultation**
 - **Friday, Aug 27, 2021 10-1 pm Pacific**
 - Written comments due **Sep 13, 2021**



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Upcoming Deadlines

- **OMH Tribal Advisory Committee**
 - Comments due **Aug. 20, 2021**
- **Reminder! Region 10 Tribal Consultation Testimony**
 - Due **Sep. 3, 2021** to consultation@hhs.gov
- **IHS Mandatory Funding Approaches Consultation**
 - Written comments due **Sep. 3, 2021**
- **IHS Health Information Technology (HIT) Modernization**
 - Written comments due **Sep. 6, 2021** on SOO.
- **CDC Tribal Consultation on Tribal Consultation Policy**
 - Written testimony due **Sep. 7, 2021** to tribalsupport@cdc.gov



Upcoming Regional & National Meetings

Aug 17	NIH TAC Monthly Meeting 11:00 AM Pacific
Aug 18	Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) Monthly Call 1:00 PM Pacific
Aug 19	DSTAC Monthly Meeting 12:00 PM Pacific
Aug 24	IHS Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation 12:00 PM Pacific
Aug 25	HHS Tribal Consultation on Mandatory Funding 10:00 AM Pacific
Aug 25	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) TAC Sub-Committee Monthly Meeting 11:00 AM Pacific



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NPAIHB Policy Resources

- Weekly – COVID-19 Call Lists (Mondays)
- Weekly – Legislative and Policy Updates (Tuesdays)
 - Federal Health Agency and Congress Tracker (*FHACT*)
- Weekly – Cindy Darcy's D.C. Legislative Update (Fridays)
- Monthly – Tribal Advisory Committee updates
- NPAIHB COVID-19 Funding Chart
 - Emailed Aug 2, 2021; will be included in the Leg and Policy Update



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Questions or Comments



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Oregon OHA: Julie Johnson, Candice Jimenez, and Sue Steward

Idaho DHW: Joyce Broadsword, Liz Coronado, and Jessica Leston



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