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**A JOINT AIR POLLUTION ADVISORY ISSUED BY THE**  
**GLENN COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT and**  
**GLENN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**To:**

Public Safety Personnel  
News Media  
County Health Officer  
Local Hospitals

School Officials  
California Air Pollution Control Officers Assn.  
Local/State Law & Fire Federal  
Glenn County & City Managers

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The Glenn County Air Pollution Control District and the Glenn County Public Health Department are issuing this Air Pollution Advisory to notify the public of continued poor air quality conditions in Glenn County due to smoke from multiple fires in surrounding counties. Regional air quality is forecast to potentially reach unhealthy levels. Smoke impacts are expected to vary during the course of the next several days depending on wind direction and the intensity of the fire activity.

The major air pollutant of concern is fine particulate matter also known as PM2.5. While all persons may experience varying degrees of symptoms, more sensitive populations, such as the young, the elderly, pregnant women, smokers, and those with respiratory conditions, are of greatest risk to experience more aggravated symptoms which may include but are not limited to coughing, watery and itchy eyes, and difficulty in breathing. Some N95 masks may be available at the Public Health office in Willows for the most vulnerable populations.

Persons experiencing questionable or severe symptoms should seek professional medical advice and treatment. The following actions are recommended as needed in areas impacted by smoke during the poor air pollution periods:

- Limit outdoor exertion by children, students and adults;
- Reduction in travel including unnecessary driving;
- Avoid the use of non-HEPA paper face mask filters which are not capable of filtering extra fine particulates;
- Check or replace air conditioner filters.

Information is available by calling the Glenn County Air Pollution Control District at **(530) 934-6500**, visiting [www.countyofglenn.net/APCD](http://www.countyofglenn.net/APCD), and by following the District on Twitter [@GlennCountyAir](https://twitter.com/GlennCountyAir). More information regarding current fire and smoke information is also available at CAL-FIRE's website <http://www.fire.ca.gov/>, the California Smoke Blog <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/> and EPA's Air Now website <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

## Air Pollution Index (AQI): Particle Pollution and Visibility Chart

Index Values	Levels of Health Concern	Cautionary Statements	Visibility Range in Miles
0-50	Good	None	10+ miles
51-100*	Moderate	Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.	5 – 10 miles
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.	3 – 5 miles
151-200	Unhealthy	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. Everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.	1.5 – 2.5 miles
201-300	Very Unhealthy	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid all physical activity outdoors. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.	1 – 1.25 miles
301-500	Hazardous	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors and keep activity levels low. Everyone else should avoid all physical activity outdoors.	< 0.75 miles