



SMOKE OUTLOOK

Northeast Minnesota – July 2026 Superior NF Wildfires

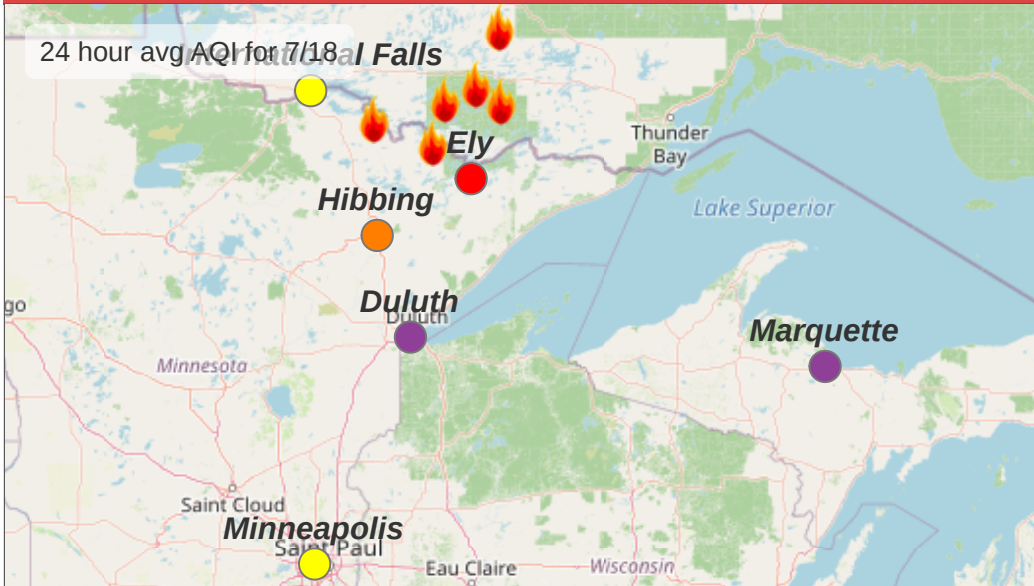
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AIR QUALITY ADVISORY: Alerts are in effect in Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as other midwestern and eastern states. Check the National Weather Service Link for alerts in your area. ([more info](#))



FIRE

Fire activity for the [July 2026 Superior NF Wildfires](#) fire is expected to remain active.

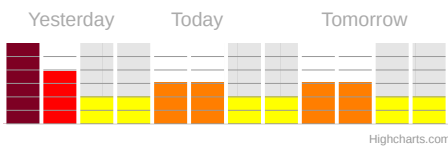
SMOKE

Heavy smoke conditions continue today in northeastern Minnesota and northern Wisconsin as light winds push smoke south into the region. Communities in the Arrowhead Region and along the shores of Lake Superior will most impacted, reaching **VERY UNHEALTHY** air quality. Air quality in Minneapolis remains **MODERATE** today.

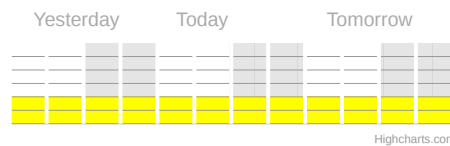
Tomorrow, conditions will improve in most locations as shifting wind direction pushes smoke in an easterly direction. Duluth, Hibbing, Ely and nearby communities will begin the day with improved conditions and remain **MODERATE** to **UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS** throughout the day. Heavier smoke concentrations should linger in communities further south and along the shores of Lake Superior. Conditions in Minneapolis should be **GOOD** to **MODERATE** and Marquette should reach **UNHEALTHY**, but should steadily improve overnight.

Limited visibility should be expected on the water and on roads in northeastern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin, and northern Michigan and boaters and drivers should limit speed and use caution when encountering these conditions.

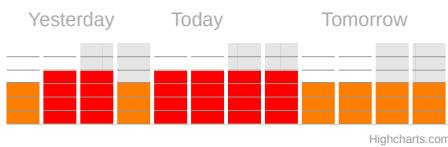
Hibbing **MODERATE** to **UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS** expected today and tomorrow.



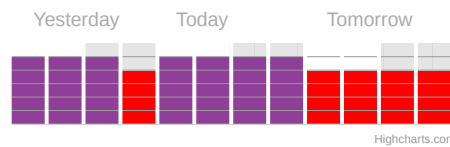
Minneapolis **MODERATE** conditions are expected to continue today and tomorrow.



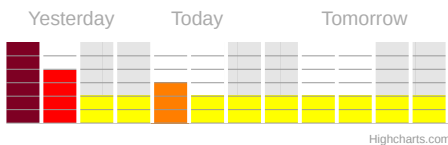
Ely **UNHEALTHY** conditions today should gradually improve to **UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS** tomorrow.



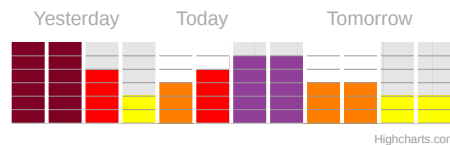
Marquette **VERY UNHEALTHY** conditions expected throughout the day with periods of **HEALTHY**.



International Falls Improved conditions expected today and tomorrow.



Duluth **UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS** to **VERY UNHEALTHY** conditions expected today, improving to **MODERATE** tomorrow.



AIR QUALITY INDEX

	Hazardous (H)
	Very Unhealthy (VU)
	Unhealthy (U)
	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG)
	Moderate (M)
	Good (G)

ACTIONS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity
Everyone should avoid all physical outdoor activity
People within Sensitive Groups should avoid all physical activity
People within Sensitive Groups should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion
Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion
None

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<https://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net>

Disclaimer: This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.