Devils Postpile National Monument

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Air Quality Advisory in Effect for Devils Postpile National Monument

Due to the Aspen Fire on the Sierra National Forest, air quality within Devils Postpile National Monument has at times reached unhealthy levels of particulate matter, PM2.5. PM2.5 is fine particulate matter that is 2.5 microns or smaller. This size of particulate matter can irritate your airway and can cause short and long-term health problems.

Monitoring equipment measuring PM2.5 near the Devils Postpile Ranger Station have shown particulate matter concentrations in the unhealthy range for human health and therefore we are initiating a daily air advisory. When PM2.5 levels are high, please use caution when participating in physical activities. It's important to limit your exposure to smoke – especially if you may be susceptible.

If you have heart or lung disease such as congestive heart failure, angina, emphysema, or asthma, you may experience health effects earlier and at lower smoke levels than healthy people. People who have pre-existing health problems, older adults, and young children are all identified as "Sensitive Groups". Please note the Air Quality Index for Particles below and note the cautionary statement that will help you reduce your exposure to smoke and protect your health. Daily air advisories will be posted at nps.gov/DEPO under alerts.

Air Quality Guide for Particle Pollution

Good	None
Moderate	Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.
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.
Very Unhealthy Alert	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid all physical activity outside. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.

General information on how smoke from fires can affect your health can be found here:
http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=smoke.page1

The approximate "real time" data for particulate matter for the past few hours and prior days that can be accessed here: (Note: Please check the date/time, we experience occasional technical difficulties)

https://airsis.com/usfs/fleet.aspx
Flag pole is unit # USFS1016
Meadow is unit # USFS1027

For updates on the Aspen Fire visit
http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3552/