

# CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION



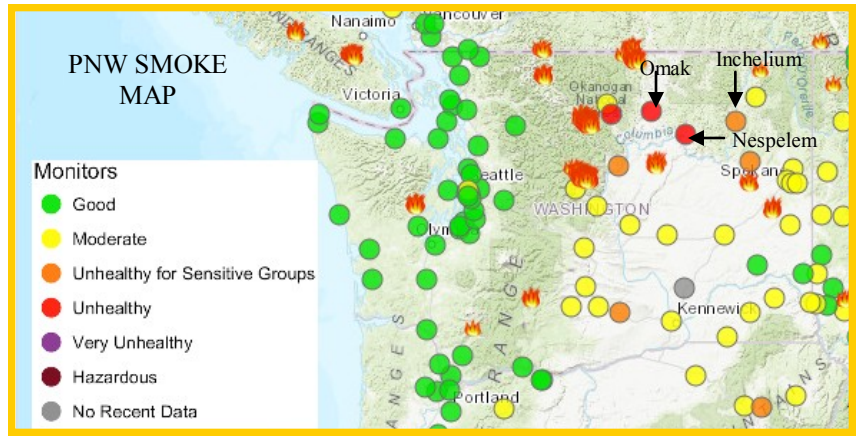
## OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

### Public Notice - Air Quality Warning For Colville Reservation

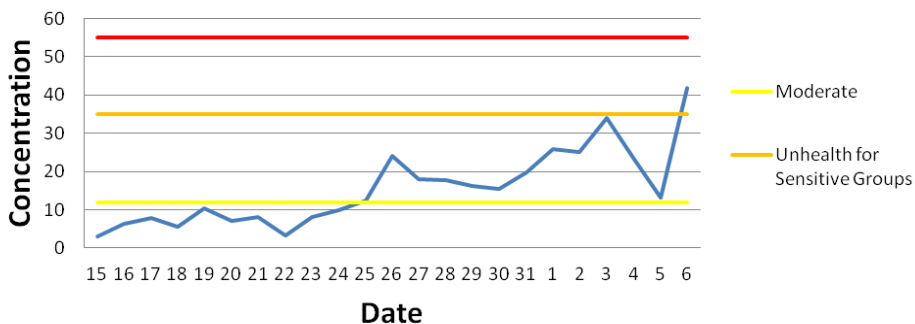
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Wildfire smoke seems to be a steady factor in our lives during the summers. Unfortunately when it hangs around for extended periods everyone will have symptoms associated with exposure.

The chart below shows a steady increase in smoke concentration beginning in late July until now when we are in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups Air Quality Index category.



**Smoke Concentrations, 24 Hour Averages, Omak  
July into August 2018**



**For more information contact:**

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Air Quality Program**

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**Useful websites to track fires  
and smoke are located online:**

**Washington Smoke Blog -**

<http://wasmoke.blogspot.com>

**Okanogan River Airshed sensor  
network -**

<https://www.purpleair.com/map>

Almost everyone will be experiencing eye, nose or throat irritation, coughing or wheezing and shortness of breath when moving around. People with any type of medical issues will have more concerns and issues than normal to deal with. If you become concerned with your level of health please see your health care provider.

Most important keep drinking water to stay hydrated and keeps your respiratory system functioning better.

Masks can help minimize the smoke we breathe but the proper use is very important. Use only N95 or P100 rated masks with two straps and a nose band.

**Masks are available at these locations:**

Omak TANF

Omak Senior meal site

Government Center front desk

Nespelem and Inchelium fire stations

Keller and Inchelium community centers



**We are interested in how  
smoke affects you.**

Tell us your smoke health story, how smoke affects your lives and health. What you do differently during the day to lower your exposure and how do you cope with smoke during the workday. We would like to use these stories to illustrate the impact of smoke on our community and will keep the stories anonymous.