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AIR QUALITY ALERT

UNHEALTHY

Alert issued for the following areas of Lassen County: Gold Run area, Susan Hills area south of Susanville, and River Bench Rd

Smoke levels in this/these areas have been classified as:

UNHEALTHY

Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.

All individuals, especially the elderly, young children, pregnant women, those with lung or heart disease, and anyone with sensitivities to air pollution should AVOID outdoor activities until further notice.

Wildfire smoke has harmful chemicals that can affect your health. It can cause eye and throat irritation, coughing and difficulty breathing. Everyone should take precautions to avoid smoke exposure.

- Minimize or stop outdoor activities, especially exercise.
- Stay indoors with windows and doors closed
- Do not run swamp coolers or fans that bring in outdoor air

People who are at greatest risk of experiencing symptoms due to smoke include those with chronic lung disease (such as asthma) and/or heart disease, young children, pregnant women, and older adults. If you have symptoms that may have been worsened by smoke exposure, contact your health care provider immediately. These symptoms include:

- Repeated Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- Wheezing
- Chest Tightness or Pain
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