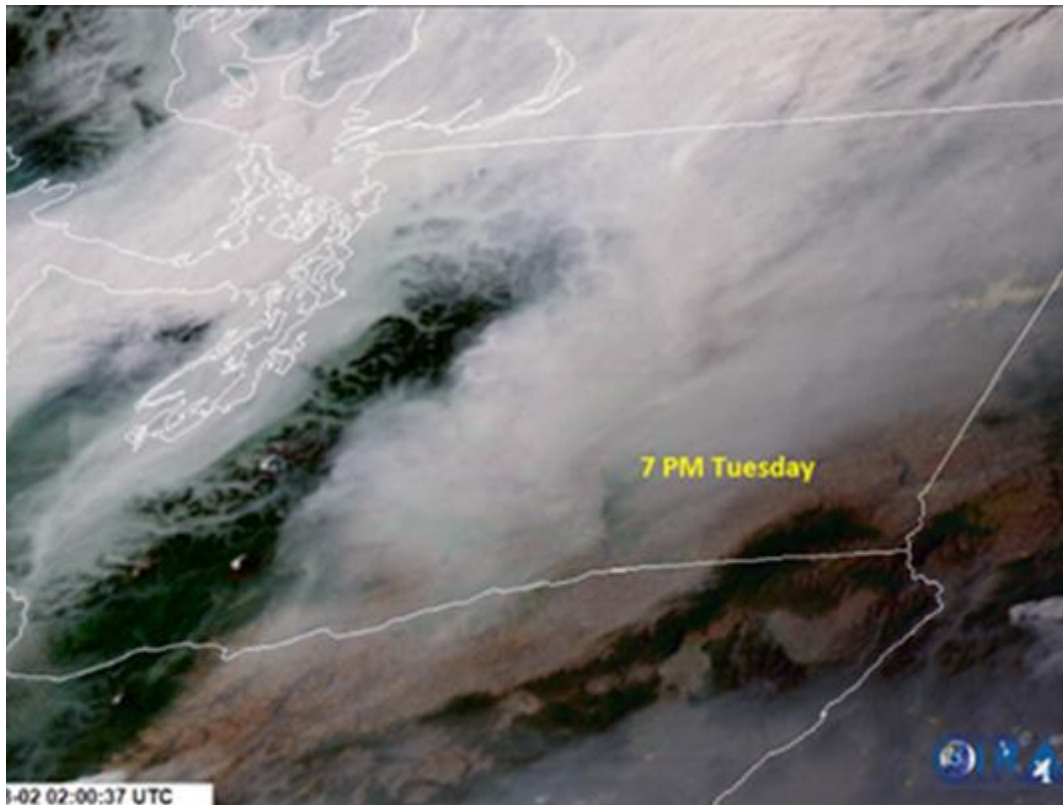


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(Image from King 5 and Washington State Department of Ecology)

It's no surprise that the hot summer temperatures have lent a hand in causing wildfires across North America, and British Columbia is no different. According to [King 5 News of Washington State](#), there are at least 150 wildfires that are clouding the skies, and the smoke is settling into Washington.

With the increase of smoke in the air, the air quality has significantly gone down. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has listed the air quality for the following counties as "unhealthy for sensitive groups":

King

Pierce

Kitsap

Snohomish

With this in mind, it's important to remember that we aren't the only ones dealing with the smoke. This low air quality can also be harmful to our pets as well. And just as you're taking precautions to protect yourself and your health, you need to do the same for your four-legged friends.

While we don't have it as bad as British Columbia, a local news site for the area, [KamloopsBCNow](#), put out some helpful tips to protect your pets during this low air quality alert:

- 1) Avoid Strenuous Activity
- 2) Short Walks
- 3) Stay Indoors

https://www.kamloopsbcnow.com/watercooler/news/news/Central_Okanagan/Protect_your_pets_from_the_wildfire_smoke/

(Follow the link for more in-depth details on what to do)

On top of these tips, it's a good idea to keep an eye on the air quality and where we stand with it impacting our everyday lives. Follow your local news stations for the latest updates, and keep up-to-date by checking in with the following sites:

<http://nwcleanairwa.gov/news-release/caution-wildfire-smoke-impacts-possible/>

<http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/p/federal.html>