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## **Air officials issue smoke health caution** ***Junction Fire in Oakhurst fire affects Madera, potentially more counties***

Smoke from the Junction Fire in Oakhurst is affecting air quality in **Madera County** and may impact more Valley counties tomorrow, local air officials said.

As meteorological conditions change, smoke impacts may be felt in additional Central Valley counties, including **Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Tulare and Kings**, and may periodically affect these counties until the fire is extinguished. Smoke can send pollution to the Valley floor, including particulates and ozone precursors.

Residents can check the District's wildfire page --- [www.valleyair.org/wildfires](http://www.valleyair.org/wildfires) --- for information about any current wildfires and whether they are impacting the Valley. The District also provides the Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN), an automated reporting system that delivers data directly to users' computers. It's free and easy to subscribe! Visit <http://www.valleyair.org/RAAN> for complete instructions.

People with existing respiratory conditions, young children and elderly people are especially susceptible to health effects from these pollutants. Air District officials urge residents to follow their doctors' orders when exposed to wildfire emissions.

For more information about the Air District, visit [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or call a District office in Fresno (559-230-6000), Modesto (209-557-6400) or Bakersfield (661-392-5500).