Smoke advisory for Tahoe region on Friday

The National Weather Service in Reno has issued a dense smoke advisory for the greater Lake Tahoe area, Alpine County, and northern Mono County through 8 tonight.

Expect smoke from the Rim Fire to continue to affect the Reno, Carson City and Carson Valley areas, too. While blue sky has been prominent on the South Shore for the last two days, east of the basin has been more socked-in by smoke.

Visibility is expected to improve as the day goes on.

“Winds are favorable for smoke to persist through the Labor Day weekend,” according to the Weather Service.

Because prolonged outdoor activity is discouraged in these conditions the athletic council overseeing area high school sports has canceled games for today and Saturday unless they can be played outside the eight affected counties.

The fireworks on the South Shore are set to go off Sept. 1 at 8:30pm.

The Rim Fire has burned 201,894 acres and is the fifth largest in California’s history. It is 32 percent contained; full containment expected Sept. 20.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report