[Visibility Summary](http://views.cira.colostate.edu/fed/Sites/?appkey=SBA_AqrvVisibility) <http://views.cira.colostate.edu/fed/Nav/AqrvMenu.aspx>

Scenic vistas are diminished by haze that causes discoloration, loss of texture, and diminished visual range, and some of the pollutants that form haze have been linked to serious health effects and environmental damage. These reports summarize visibility in Class I areas that are protected and regulated by the Regional Haze Rule.

**READme for CA Visibility Data**

Data were sourced from the Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) program database. IMPROVE monitors visibility conditions, trends and aims to identify regional haze aetiology at over 160 rural sites in the USA, Canada and South Korea. It is managed by the Air Quality Research Center at UC Davis in conjunction with the EPA. For more information, see their website: <https://airquality.ucdavis.edu/improve>

**Code book**

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| Variable | Description | Units | Comments |
| Latitude | Latitude | Degrees decimal |  |
| Longitude | Longitude | Degrees decimal |  |
| Elevation | Elevation at station | Feet |  |
| ammNO3f | Ammonium Nitrate (fine) | ug/m^3 | Solid particles which dissolve at high humidity and negatively impact visibility. Released when biomass burns. |
| ammSO4 | Ammonium Sulfate (fine) | ug/m^3 | Solid particles which dissolve at high humidity and negatively impact visibility. Released when biomass burns. |
| ECf | Elemental Carbon (fine) | ug/m^3 |  |
| OMCf | Carbon, Organic Mass (Fine) (1.8\*OC) | ug/m^3 | Main metric for smoke |
| SOILf | Soil particles (fine) | ug/m^3 |  |
| SVR | Standard Visual Range | km | Measure of clarity |

Key info: <http://views.cira.colostate.edu/fed/Pub/DatasetDetail.aspx?dssl=1&dsidse=10001>

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