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New for the 2006 Fire Season

New additions to the Annual Operating Plan

The Oregon Department of Forestry Salem Weather Center and the Northwest Coordination Center Predictive Services Annual Operating Plans are now being included in this document.

Changes to Red Flag Criteria

Overall "dry thunderstorm" Red Flag criteria for the Pacific Northwest are defined as follows: *Abundant lightning in conjunction with sufficiently dry fuels*.

"Abundant" and "Sufficient" are locally defined and verified by NWS offices and their fire agency customers using the following Northwest Area Fire Weather Annual Operation Plan guidelines (Please see specific AOP sections for detailed Red Flag criteria by office.):

Abundant Lightning:
1) Number of lightning strikes that meet climatologically significant criteria, or
2) Areal coverage of lightning such as "Scattered" or $\geq$ 25%

Sufficiently Dry Fuels:
1) GACC dryness levels remaining in the 'yellow' or 'brown' category on the day of and the day following a thunderstorm event, or
2) ERC or BI values meeting climatologically significant percentiles, or
3) Land management declaration

Please Note: Based on this definition, there may be instances of Lightning Activity Level (LAL) forecasts of 6 without Red Flag Warning (RFW) issuance due to fuel conditions that are not sufficiently dry. Also, since GACC dryness levels are one possible verification basis, archived dryness levels will be available on the NWCC web page.

FARSITE Data Support:

For the 2006 fire season, all NWS Western Region Offices will offer automatic 7-day FARSITE weather data support with all wildfire spot forecast issuances. For prescribed burn spot forecasts, FARSITE data will be produced at the request of the agency. Please call the NWS office issuing the prescribed burn forecast directly to request this service, or place the request in the "Remarks Section" of the spot request form. All FARSITE data will be available from the internet via the appropriate NWS office Fire Weather Page. Check for a "FARSITE Forecasts" button near the Spot Forecast Request link.

The data will be in simple ASCI format. Examples of the two FARSITE support outputs ("weather" and "wind") are below. If you have any questions, please contact your servicing NWS office.

Weather:

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ENGLISH
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03 08 14 0700 1600 23 43 81 47 5620
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etc., through seven days

Wind:

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ENGLISH
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03 06 0300 12 200 84
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03 07 0000 09 210 80
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03 07 0900 11 260 80
03 07 1200 09 260 80
03 07 1500 09 270 77
03 07 1800 10 290 70
03 07 2100 11 320 70
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etc., through seven days

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Changes for 2006:

New Fire Weather Watch/Red Flag Warning issuance criterion for lightning activity.

90th percentile ERC for the Stehekin RAWS re-evaluated at 73.

Land Management Forecasts changed to "modified Fire Weather Planning Forecasts" during the "off-season".

Requirement for an on-site weather observation added to spot forecast requests.

New Meteorologist In Charge (MIC) at Seattle; Brad Colman.

Listing of <u>NWS Seattle Fire Weather Stations.</u>

LOCATION

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Seattle is located at the NOAA Western Regional Center in northeast Seattle. The address is:

National Weather Service
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Seattle, WA 98115-0070

HOURS OF OPERATION

The National Weather Service Office in Seattle is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The fire weather desk will be staffed by an experienced fire weather forecaster normally between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily during the fire season - usually late May through October in Western Washington. Staff meteorologists trained in the fire weather forecasting will handle requests for spot forecasts or phone briefings after hours. The exact date for the switch from weekdays only to a seven-days-a-week operation varies each year based on spring weather conditions and user requirements.

Forecast service during the off-season, will be provided by staff meteorologists. This service during the off-season will be available Monday-Friday. Spot forecast requests or phone briefings will be handled by staff meteorologists, trained in the fire weather forecasting, on a 24/7 basis from November through May. Changing from the off-season level of service to the fire-season level of service will be made upon user request.

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Click the fire weather link on the main menu to access fire weather products.

Statewide, Internet-based, fire weather briefings will be conducted routinely Monday through Friday at 9:15 a.m. during the fire season. Additional daily, weekend and holiday Internet briefings may be conducted during critical fire weather episodes as coordinated with the land management agencies. Contact this office for the appropriate telephone number and conference ID to participate in the conference calls.

Requests for spot forecasts can be made via our Internet web site at http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sew/. Click the "Fire Weather" link, then "Web-Based Fire SPOT Request" near the top of the page. Completed spot forecasts will be posted to the web server within 30 minutes of the original request. This provides a one-stop-shopping method for requesting and obtaining spot forecasts. The Internet web site is the preferred format for requesting Spot Forecasts. Please notify the NWS Seattle if no spot forecast is posted after 30 minutes. *If at all possible, spot forecasts should be accompanied by an onsite weather observation. It should be understood that the quality of a spot forecast is highly dependent upon getting initial, accurate onsite weather conditions.*

FORECAST DISTRICT

The Seattle Fire Weather Office has forecast responsibility for most state and federal land in Western Washington. The Portland Fire Weather Office handles the Gifford Pinchot National Forest south of a line from Mt. St. Helens to Mt. Adams to the Oregon border. The Seattle fire weather district is divided into 5 distinct areas or districts for fire weather forecasting. The areas are further divided into 13 separate fire weather zones. Each fire weather zone is comprised of fire weather stations that exhibit similar weather and/or weather changes. However, not all of the fire weather stations report on a regular basis.

FORECAST PRODUCTS

1. FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECASTS

   During the "fire season", twice-daily Fire Weather Planning Forecasts are issued by 8:30 AM PT and 3:30 PM PT. NFDRS Zone Trend forecasts are issued daily with the afternoon Fire Weather Planning Forecast. A modified Fire Weather Planning Forecast will be issued Monday through Friday during the "off-season", normally from about mid-October to early- May. The forecast are available in WIMS and on the Internet by 9:00 AM PT.

2. FIRE WEATHER WATCHES AND RED FLAG WARNINGS

Mission Connection: Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings will be issued when the combination of dry fuels and weather conditions support extreme fire danger and/or fire behavior. These conditions alert land management agencies to the potential for widespread new ignitions, overwhelming Initial Attack activities, control problems with existing fires, etc; any of which could pose a threat to life and property.

Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings will be issued during Fire Season in the Seattle Fire Weather District, ***when the Energy Release Component***, as described by the National Fire Danger Rating System***, is equal to or greater than the 90th percentile value in the frequency distribution of historical ERCs.*** The conditions described below must either be occurring or forecast to occur within the next 72 hours. The table below shows the 90th percentile ERC values that will be used for each fire weather zone.

90th Percentile ERC

Zone 649:	17
Zone 650, 651, 653, 656, 657	25
Zone 652, 654, 655, 658, 659	31
Zone 661	34
Zone 662	73

Strong East Winds and Low Humidity (Westside zones only)

- Nighttime hours (midnight to 7 am):

  Duration: 5 hours

  Wind Speed: 20 ft /10 minute average wind greater than or equal to 10 mph

  RH: less than or equal to 35%.

- Daytime hours (7 am to midnight):

  Duration: 4 hours in an 8 hour block

  Wind Speed: 20 ft/10 min average wind greater than 10 mph

  RH: less than or equal to 30%, except less than or equal to 25% on the Gifford-Pinchot NF south of the Cowlitz River.

  Note: Since many fire weather stations in Western Washington do not show good exposure to strong east winds, a Red Flag Warning during east wind episodes will

verify if the above-mentioned wind criterion is reported by at least 3 of the following stations: Ellis Mt., Minot Peak, Greenwater, Lester, Stampede Pass, or Kosmos Mountain. Historical fire weather records indicate these sites are key indicators of strong east winds and low relative humidity values.

Strong West Winds and Low Humidity (<u>Eastside zone 662 only</u>)

Duration: at least 4 hours

Wind Speed: 20 ft /10 minute average wind greater than or equal to 15 mph

RH: less than or equal to 25%.

Stehekin and Camp Four RAWS will be used to verify Red Flag Warnings in zone 662.

The conditions described above should be fairly widespread in both time and space across the fire weather zone - as opposed to an isolated incident or a diurnal occurrence that lasts for only a few hours.

Lightning

Dry lightning (LAL 6) occurs when the environment below the cloud base is so dry that passing thunderstorms produce little or no precipitation at the surface. A Fire Weather Watch or Red Flag Warning will be issued for the combination of sufficiently dry fuels and the occurrence of significant lightning, wet or dry, within a particular Fire Weather Zone, to cause a threat to life and property. The thunderstorm activity must be at least **<u>scattered (25-54% aerial coverage) or greater</u>** within a particular zone.

Each potential Red Flag event will be coordinated with local land management agencies to ensure environmental conditions are sufficiently critical to justify the issuance of a watch or warning.

3. <u>TRANSPORT AND STABILITY FORECASTS</u>

Transport and stability forecasts will be appended to every Fire Weather Planning Forecast issued by Seattle. These forecasts include information on air mass stability, afternoon mixing heights of surface-based air, and free air winds from 3,000 feet to 7,000 feet for the next 48 hours.

4. <u>SPOT FORECASTS</u>

<u>Mission Connection:</u> WFO Seattle will issue spot forecasts in support of wildfire suppression and natural resource management. These forecasts aid the land management

and fire control agencies in protecting life and property during wildland fires, hazardous fuels reduction, and rehabilitation and restoration of natural resources. Spot forecasts may also be issued for hazardous materials incidents, search and rescue missions and other threats to public safety. All spot forecasts should be accompanied by an onsite weather observation.

Issuance Criteria: Spot forecasts are non-routine products issued at the request of the user. WFO Seattle will provide spot forecast service upon request of any federal, state, tribal, or local official who represents the spot forecast is required to support a wildfire.

For non-wildfire purposes, resources permitting, WFO Seattle will provide spot forecast service under the following circumstances and conditions:

a. Upon request of any federal official who represents that the spot forecast is required under the terms of the Interagency Agreement for Meteorological Services (NWS Instruction 10-406).

b. Upon request of any state, tribal, or local official who represents that the spot forecast is required to carry out their wildland fire management responsibilities in coordination with any federal land management agency participating in the Interagency Agreement for Meteorological Services (NWS Instruction 10-406).

c. Upon request of any public safety official who represents the spot forecast is essential to public safety, e.g. due to the proximity of population centers or critical infrastructure. A “public safety official” is an employee or contract agent of a government agency at any level (federal, state, local, tribal, etc.) charged with protecting the public from hazards including wildland fires of whatever origin and/or other hazards influenced by weather conditions such as hazardous material releases.

WFO Seattle will not provide spot forecasts to private citizens or commercial entities not acting as an agent of a government agency.

Information required by the fire weather forecaster from the requesting agency is found on WS Form D-1. Spot forecasts for wildfire suppression will take precedence over normal office routines.

AGENCIES SERVED

The Seattle Fire Weather Office serves the following state and federal land management agencies:

United States Forest Service - Olympic National Forest, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Gifford-Pinchot National Forest and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

National Park Service - North Cascades National Park, Olympic National Park, Mt. Rainier National Park and San Juan Islands National Park

Bureau of Indian Affairs - Olympic Peninsula Agency and Puget Sound Agency

Washington Department of Natural Resources -
Resource Protection Division and the Northwest, Olympic, South Puget Sound, and Pacific Cascade regions.

United States Army – Ft. Lewis Wildland Fire Program.

FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

A detailed map of the fire weather zone boundaries and a listing of the NWS Seattle NFDRS weather stations are included after this section.

Zone 649 – **North and Central Coastal Strip**: The western boundary of fire weather zone 649 is the Pacific coastline in Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor counties. The eastern boundary includes all Federal, State and private land within 5 miles of the Pacific coastline in Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties. It extends south along the eastern border of the Makah Indian Reservation and the east Shore of Ozette Lake to the town of Quillayute in Clallam County. In Jefferson County, the eastern boundary crosses US Highway 101 approximately 5 miles east of the Hoh Indian Reservation, then parallels the coast south until crossing US Highway 101 again along the border between Jefferson and Grays Harbor counties 5 miles inland from the coast. The eastern border continues south in Grays Harbor County until it crosses highway 101 at New London and US Highway 12 approximately 5 miles east of Aberdeen. The boundary then turns south, following US Highway 101 to the southern border of Grays Harbor County.

Zone 650 – North Coastal Lowlands: Zone 650 includes all State, Federal and private land 5 miles inland from the coast to an elevation of 1500 ft on the western side of the Olympic Mountains in Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties. The area includes the low elevation portion of the Calawah, Bogachiel, Hoh, Clearwater, Queets, Quinault, and the Humptulips River drainages below 1500 ft. The southern boundary begins where the Humptulips River crosses the southern boundary of Zone 652, stretching southwest along the Humtulips River until it intersects the eastern boundary of zone 649 in Grays Harbor County.

Zone 651 – Central Coastal Lowlands: The western boundary of zone 651 follows the Humptulips River and the eastern boundary of zone 649 in Grays Harbor County. The 1,500-foot contour interval on the south side of the Olympic Mountains forms the northern border of zone 651. The county line between Grays Harbor County and Pacific County forms the southern boundary. The eastern border follows the West Fork of the Satsop River south across US Highway 12 near the town of Satsop, continuing south along the west side of the Lower Chehalis State Forest. Zone 651 is mostly State and

Private land, but also includes Forest Service land below 1500 ft in the Humptulips and Wynochee River drainages.

Zone 652 – West Portion of the Olympic Mountains: Zone 652 includes US Forest Service, National Park Service, and Washington State lands at or above 1500 feet located in the western half of Clallam and Jefferson counties, and the far northeast corner of Grays Harbor County. The area includes the Pacific Ranger District office on the west and southwest side of the Olympic National Forest. Zone 652 is the wetter, west side of the Olympic Peninsula that reflects a greater influence of marine air in both weather and fire danger. The area includes all private, federal and state lands at or above 1,500 feet drained by the Calawah, Sitkum, Bogachiel, Hoh, Clearwater, Queets, Quinault, and Humptulips rivers in Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor counties.

Zone 661 – East Portion of the Olympic Mountains: Zone 661 includes private, federal and state land at or above 1,500 feet on the east side of the Olympic Peninsula. The area typically exhibits higher fire danger than zone 652 due to less rainfall, less influence of marine air, and a higher occurrence of lightning activity. The area includes lands at or above 1,500 feet drained by the Wynoochee, Satsop, North and South Fork Skokomish, Hamma Hamma, Duckabush, Dosewallips, Quilcene, Dungeness, and the Elwha rivers.

Zone 653 – Strait of Juan De Fuca and Northwest Interior Lowlands: Zone 653 includes all lands below 1500 ft msl on the north side of the Olympic Peninsula from the town of Sekiu on the west to a point just south of Discovery Bay on the east. The boundary extends southeast across Admiralty Inlet, east across the northern tip of the Kitsap Peninsula and Puget Sound to Interstate 5 along the border between King and Snohomish Counties. The eastern boundary of zone 653 parallels I-5 north through Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties to the Canadian border.

Zone 654 – Central and South Puget Sound Lowlands: Zone 654 includes lowland areas below 1,500 feet near the central and southern portion of Puget Sound and Hood Canal. The eastern boundary parallels I-5 south though King and Pierce counties, west through Olympia in Thurston County, then northwest along U.S. Highway 101 to city of Shelton. The boundary continues northwest form Shelton to the southeast corner of the Olympic National Forest in Mason County, then follows the 1500 ft contour northeast along the Hood Canal in Mason and Jefferson Counties.

Zone 655 – Black Hills and Southwest Interior Lowlands: The eastern border of zone 655 follows the West Fork of the Satsop River south across US Highway 12 near the town of Satsop, continuing south along the west side of the Lower Chehalis State Forest to the town of Brooklyn in northeast corner of Pacific County. From Brooklyn the boundary extends southeast to the town of Pe El in the eastern portion of Lewis County and then continues southeast to the town of Vader in Lewis County. The border then runs east along the southern border of Lewis County to the 1,500-foot contour along the west slopes of the Cascades. The boundary follows the contour on the north and south sides of the Cowlitz river valley. It then continues north along the 1,500-foot contour to the

boundary between Thurston and Lewis Counties. The zone boundary then extends east to the intersection of Pierce, Thurston, and Lewis Counties. It then follows the Pierce/Thurston County boundary northwest to the intersection of I-5 and then west along I-5 to US Highway 101. Zone 655 then extends northwest paralleling 101 to the southeast corner of the Olympic National Forest in Mason County. The area includes the Capitol State Forest and the Lower Chehalis State Forest.

Zone 656 – West Slopes of the North Cascades *below* 1,500 feet:
Zone 656 includes all State and Private lands in Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties east of I-5 below an elevation of 1500 feet. This includes the following river drainages...North, Middle and South Forks of the Nooksack River, Skagit River from town of Sedro Woolley to the town of Marblemount (including Lake Shannon and Baker Lakes in the Baker River drainage), Sauk River from the confluence of the Sauk and Skagit Rivers south along SR 530 to the town of Darrington, the Stillaguamish River from Darrington to the town of Arlington, and the Skykomish River along US Highway 2 from the town of Monroe to six miles east of the town of Skykomish.

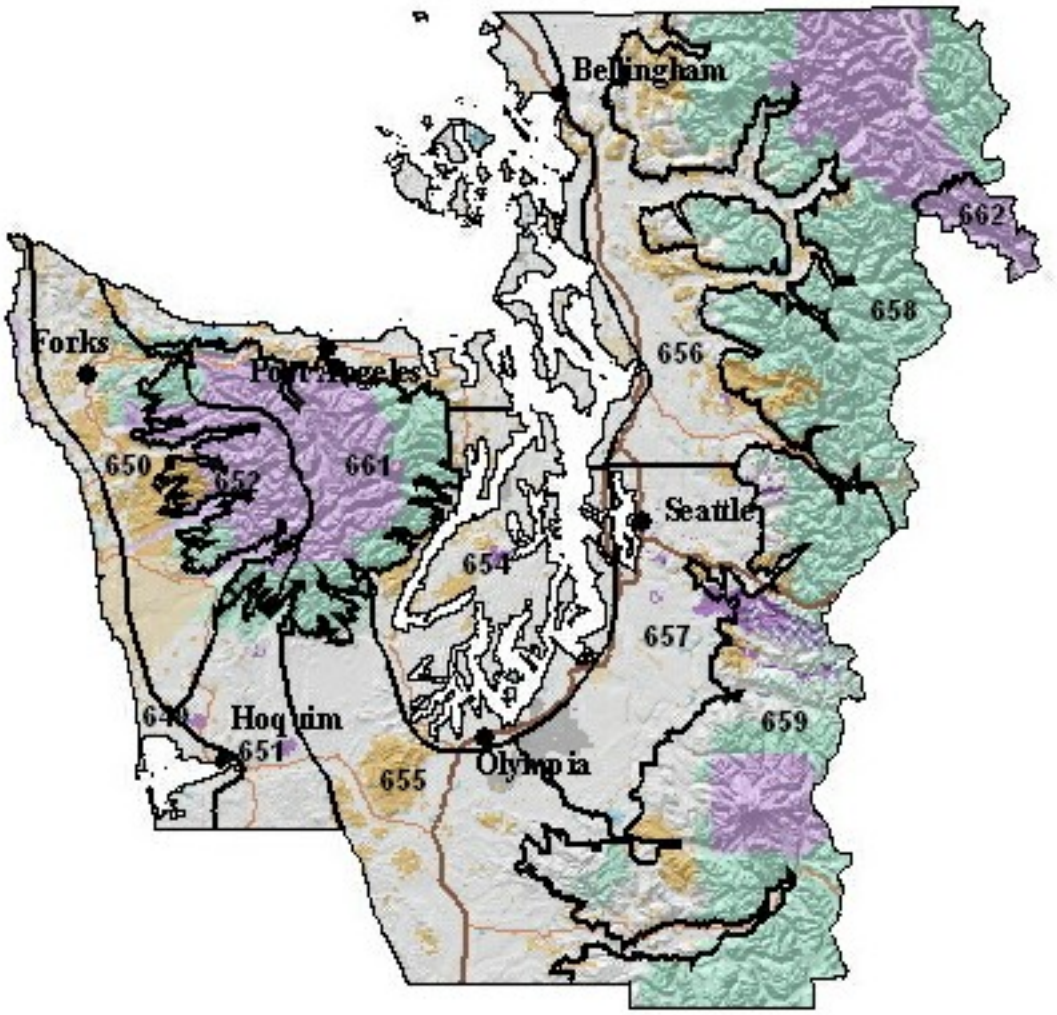
Zone 657 – West Slopes of the Central Cascades *below* 1,500 feet:
Zone 657 includes land below 1500 ft east of I-5 in King and Pierce Counties. The southern border of the zone follows the border between Pierce and Thurston Counties. This area includes the following river valleys below 1500 ft that reach into the Cascade Mountains...North, Middle and South Fork of the Snoqualmie River, White River including Mud Mountain Lake, Puyallup River, and the Nisqually River to the town of Ashford.

Zone 658 – West Slopes of the **North Cascades** *above* 1,500 feet:
Zone 658 includes Federal, State and Private lands at or above 1500 feet in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, and the northeast portion of King County in the Skykomish River drainage. The area includes the North Cascades National Park and the Ross Lake National Recreational Area, and the Mt. Baker, Darrington, and Skykomish Ranger Districts of the Mt.Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The eastern boundary is the Cascade crest.

Zone 659 – West Slopes of the **Central Cascades** *above* 1,500 feet:
Zone 659 includes Federal, State and Private lands at or above 1500 ft in King, Pierce, and Lewis Counties, and the extreme northern portion of Skamania County. This includes the North Bend and White River Ranger Districts of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mt. Rainier National Park, and the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The eastern boundary of this zone runs along the crest of the Cascades.

Zone 662 – East Portion of North Cascades National Park/Lake Chelan National Recreational Area:
Zone 662 includes federal lands managed by the North Cascades National Park east of the Cascade crest in Chelan county. This area includes the Lake Chelan National Recreational Area and the North Cascades National Park South Unit.

Seattle Fire Weather Zones



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ZONE	NAME	*TYPE*	NUMBER	OWNER	*LAT*	*LON*	*ELEV*
649	Quillayute	Metar	450120	DNR	48.00	124.50	179
	Hoquiam	Metar	450314	DNR	46.93	123.90	14
	Black Knob	RAWS	450321	BIA	47.42	124.10	650
650	Ellis Mtn.	RAWS	450130	DNR	48.16	124.32	2305
	Forks	Manual	450105	DNR	47.96	124.38	303
651	Minot Peak	RAWS	450306	DNR	46.88	123.42	1768
652	Toms Creek	RAWS	450121	USFS	48.02	123.92	2400
	Owl Mtn.	RAWS	450211	DNR	47.77	123.97	3398
	Humptulips	RAWS	450312	USFS	47.37	123.47	2400
661	Hurricane Ridge	RAWS	450124	NPS	47.97	123.50	5000
	Cougar	RAWS	450117	USFS	47.92	123.12	3000
	Jefferson	RAWS	450911	USFS	47.55	123.68	2200
	Buck Knoll	RAWS	450131	DNR	48.01	123.18	1630
653	Bellingham	Metar	451411	DNR	48.80	122.50	157
	Everett	Metar	451614	DNR	47.90	122.30	604
	Whidbey NAS	Metar	450701	DNR	48.30	122.70	46
654	Bremerton	Metar	450801	DNR	47.50	122.60	350
	Quilcene	RAWS	450207	USFS	47.57	124.15	62
	Sea-Tac	Metar	451716	DNR	47.50	122.30	449
	Tacoma	Metar	451808	DNR	47.10	122.50	322
655	Olympia	Metar	451001	DNR	47.10	122.80	200
	Chehalis	RAWS	451103	DNR	46.60	122.90	245
656	Abbotsford	Metar	451402	DNR	48.80	122.30	200
	Sedro Woolley	Manual	451507	DNR	48.50	122.20	160
	Marblemount	RAWS	451504	NPS	48.54	121.44	357
	Skykomish	Manual	451709	USFS	47.80	121.30	936
657	Enumclaw	RAWS	451702	DNR	47.20	122.00	742
	Elbe	Manual	451803	DNR	46.80	122.30	1200
658	Kidney Creek	RAWS	451409	USFS	49.00	121.90	3000
	Hozameen	RAWS	451412	NPS	48.98	121.07	1615

	Sumas Mtn.	RAWS	451415	DNR	48.90	122.23	3201
	Finney Creek	RAWS	451509	USFS	48.40	121.80	1900
	Gold Hill	RAWS	451613	USFS	48.20	121.50	3400
	Johnson Ridge	RAWS	451611	USFS	47.80	121.27	2000
659	Fire Training Acad.	RAWS	451721	USFS	47.45	121.66	1570
	Stampede Pass	Metar	451711	DNR	47.30	121.30	3967
	Lester	RAWS	451705	USFS	47.20	121.50	1615
	Greenwater	RAWS	451718	DNR	47.10	121.60	2400
	Ohanapecosh	RAWS	451119	NPS	46.73	121.57	1900
	Kosmos	RAWS	451105	DNR	46.60	122.20	2100
	Hagar Creek	RAWS	451115	USFS	46.57	121.63	3600
	Orr Creek	RAWS	451919	USFS	46.35	121.60	2550
662	Stehekin	RAWS	452121	NPS	48.35	120.72	1230

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PORTLAND FIRE WEATHER

LOCATION

National Weather Service Forecast Office
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Portland, OR 97230-1089

HOURS

The National Weather Service Office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The fire weather duty desk will be staffed with a **CERTIFIED** fire weather forecaster between the hours of 0600 and 1600 seven days a week during fire season, normally from Memorial Day through mid-October. The fire weather desk is staffed with a **CERTIFIED** fire weather forecaster from 0700 to 1500 Monday through Friday during Spring burning (mid to late March through Memorial Day), and also during the fall burning period (mid-October through early November).

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FORECAST DISTRICT

Portland services fire weather zones 601-608, 612, and 660. This area covers:

Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington, North Oregon Cascades including the Columbia River Gorge (to about Hood River). South Washington Cascades and adjacent lowlands of Clark County. The Portland Office is also responsible for spot forecasts in the east districts of the Mt. Hood National Forest (Barlow District).

See the attached map for a graphic description of individual areas/zones of the Portland district.

AGENCIES SERVED

U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
Various urban and rural local fire districts

FORECAST SERVICES

GENERAL FORECASTS

Fire Season: Regularly scheduled general fire weather forecasts are issued twice per day by certified fire weather forecasters at 0900 and 1445.

Prescribed Burning Season: Regularly scheduled land management forecasts are issued by certified fire weather forecasters Monday through Friday at 0900 and 1430.

Off-season: A land management forecast is issued once per day (approximately 0500) November through early March by the general forecast staff.

The Portland office will include wind gusts when the 10-minute wind speed is 10 mph or greater.

"Dryness Levels" (as developed by the Northwest Coordination Center) for the NWS Portland forecast district will be included in the morning forecast. Refer to the NWCC Predictive Services web site for more information. http://www.nwccweb.us

FORECAST SERVICES (CONT)

SPOT FORECASTS

Detailed weather information beyond what is presented in the general forecast may be obtained with a spot forecast request. Spot forecasts may be requested by a telephone call to the fire weather forecaster or through the spot forecast request web page available on the Portland fire weather web page at:

http://spot.nws.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/spot/spotmon?site=pqr

Spot forecasts will be handled by a certified fire weather forecaster. This may require that a qualified fire weather forecaster be called in on overtime. Overtime costs **ARE NOT** charged to the incident.

Spot Forecasts for prescribed burning: Spot forecast requests for prescribed fire are best initiated prior to 1100 on the planned day of the burn. Requests may also be entered into the spot forecast web page several days prior to planned ignition. In either case, ***A WEATHER OBSERVATION FROM THE BURN SITE WITHIN SIX HOURS OF PLANNED IGNITION IS REQUIRED***. Spot forecasts will be valid 12 hours. The user must request updates beyond 12 hours. Spot forecasts will be updated for unforeseen events. The appropriate agency (dispatch office) will be notified of any updates.

Spot Forecasts for wildfires: Spot forecasts for wildfires may be requested at any time and will take priority over other station duties

TELEPHONE BRIEFINGS

Daily internet conference call: Portland fire weather conducts a daily weather briefing at 0940 PDT via a conference call from about early June through early October. Fire weather users are encouraged to participate. The forecaster hosting the briefing will verbally highlight current and forecast fire weather conditions with the help of an internet web page. Conference call participants can follow along with the discussion while viewing graphics displayed on the web page. Conference telephone numbers (and passcodes) can be obtained by contacting the Portland weather office. The URL for the briefing graphics is: **http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/fwb.html** Graphics will be available by 0700 PDT.

> **NEW**: The Portland office will provide a recorded briefing, available on the fire weather web page, for those that miss or cannot participate in the 0940 daily briefing. The recording will be available after the briefing.

Unscheduled telephone briefings: Verbal weather briefings can also be obtained at any time. A certified fire weather forecaster should be requested to conduct the briefing during fire weather hours. Otherwise, a briefing will be available from the general forecast staff.

RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH

Fuels must be critically dry before a Red Flag Warning or Fire Weather Watch is issued from the Portland office. Evaluations of fuel conditions will be made in accordance with current NFDRS values and in consultation with fire managers. Assuming these conditions are met, Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings are usually issued for the following events:

1. COMBINATION OF STRONG WIND AND LOW HUMIDITY

Daytime: RH 25% or less **AND** 10-minute wind speed 10 mph or more for 4 hours.

Night: RH 35% or less **AND** 10-minute wind speed of 15 mph or more for 3 hours.

2. DRY AND UNSTABLE AIR MASS

High-level Haines 6, RH 25% or less, AND critical fuel conditions.

3. LIGHTNING

Scattered thunderstorm coverage, critical fuels **AND** no appreciable change in fuel conditions after the event.

RED FLAG VERIFICATION

Red Flag warnings will be verified using the following criteria:

1. COMBINATION OF STRONG WIND AND LOW HUMIDITY

NIGHTTIME CRITERIA:

ZONES 601 AND 602: Two stations (RAWS) must report 35% humidity or less **AND** 10-minute wind speed of 10 mph or more for three hours in an 8-hour time block. ***Key RAWS***: Cedar Creek, Rockhouse1, and South Fork.

ZONES 603 AND 612: Rockhouse1 RAWS reporting 35% humidity or less **AND** 10-minute wind speed of 15 mph or more for four hours in an 8-hour block **AND** one other RAWS reporting 35% humidity or less **AND** 10-minute wind speed of 10 mph or more for two hours**.** ***Key RAWS***: Rockhouse1, Goodwin Peak, High Point, and Cannibal Mountain.

ZONE 604: Two stations (airports) must report 30% humidity or less **AND** 2-minute wind speed of 15 mph or more for at least four hours in an 8-hour block. Typically occurs in the north part of the valley**.** ***Key STATIONS***: Troutdale, Portland, Vancouver, and Hillsboro.

ZONES 605, 607, AND 660: One station (RAWS) must report 35% humidity or less **AND** 10-minute wind speed of 10 mph or more for four hours in an 8-hour block, **AND** at least **TWO** other stations reporting 35% humidity or less **AND** 10-minute wind of 10 mph for at least **TWO** hours. **Key RAWS**: Horse Creek, Log Creek, Wanderer's Peak, Kosmos, Canyon Creek, Orr Creek, and Elk Rock. NOTE: Includes stations from zone 659.

ZONES 606 AND 608: One station (RAWS) must report 30% humidity or less **AND** 10-minute wind speed of 10 mph or more for at least four hours in an 8-hour block, **AND ONE** other station must report the same conditions for at least **ONE** hour. **Key RAWS**: Brush Creek, Trout Creek, Yellowstone, and Emigrant.

DAYTIME CRITERIA (ALL ZONES):

At least two stations within a zone must report 25% humidity or less **AND** wind-speed of 10 mph or more (except 15 mph in zone 604) for at least four hours in an 8-hour block.

Typically for east wind (offshore flow), but can occur in the Coast Range and central/south Willamette Valley with north to northeast wind. Can also occur in the Central Cascades and foothills with shallow marine surges (west to northwest wind).

2. CRITICALLY DRY AND UNSTABLE AIR MASS (HAINES INDEX 6)

At least **ONE** station within a zone must report 25% humidity or less and show a high-level Haines value of 6 **AND** fuel conditions (Dryness Levels) are in the "BROWN", or "YELLOW" under extreme or unusual conditions.

3. LIGHTNING IN COMBINATION WITH DRY FUELS

"Dry thunderstorm" Red Flag criteria is defined as follows: *Abundant lightning in conjunction with sufficiently dry fuels*.

Abundant Lightning:

1) Number of lightning strikes that meet climatologically significant criteria, or
2) Areal coverage of lightning such as "Scattered" or $\geq$ 25%

Sufficiently Dry Fuels:

1) GACC dryness levels remaining out of the 'green' category on the day of and the day following a thunderstorm event, or
2) ERC or BI values meeting climatologically significant percentiles, or
3) Land management declaration

This is a very rare event which, climatologically, has the highest likelihood of occurrence in the south half of the Willamette NF.

Dryness Levels **SHOULD** be in the "BROWN", and expected lightning frequency is such that multiple starts (5-7) are expected. (Typically "scattered" thunderstorm coverage). Under unusual or extreme conditions, a Red Flag Warning can also be issued when the Dryness Level is "YELLOW". Basically, "scattered" thunderstorms that do not produce enough precipitation to appreciably change the Dryness Levels (from "BROWN" or high "YELLOW").

NFDRS TREND FORECASTS

A numerical trend forecast is prepared and disseminated to WIMS at about 1545 each afternoon from about mid-May through early October. The trend forecasts are used to compute the expected NFDRS indices valid for the following day. The number of NFDRS indices forecast by the weather office depends only on the number of NFDRS observations input into WIMS by the fire agencies. If observations are not entered into WIMS by 1500, a forecast will not be produced for the zone(s).

Point forecasts will also be issued for the following RAWS stations:

Village Creek – Zone 603
Pebble – Zone 608
Fields – Zone 608
South Fork – Zone 602
Horse Creek – Zone 605
Yellowstone – Zone 606
Wanderer's Peak – Zone 607
Canyon Creek – Zone 660

INCIDENT METEOROLOGIST SERVICES

Portland has two certified Incident Meteorologists (IMETs) on staff available for wildfire, HAZMAT, or other emergency dispatches. To request an IMET, contact the appropriate fire agency dispatch office.

OTHER SERVICES

FIRE WEATHER TRAINING AND LECTURES

An experienced fire weather forecaster will be available to help instruct the weather sections of standard fire behavior training courses offered by federal, state and local government fire agencies. This includes S-190 through S-590 and other courses. In addition, a forecaster will also be available for special speaking engagements. For scheduling purposes, requests for an instructor or speaker should be made at least three weeks in advance.

NORTHWEST GACC SUMMER DETAIL

The Portland office will detail an experienced fire weather forecaster to the Northwest Geographic Coordination Center (GACC) for 40 hours each week March through October. Duties will include publication of the regional fire weather operating plan, keeping GACC staff continuously advised of fire weather conditions and conducting daily "blast-up" weather coordination calls. Duties also include participation in case studies and other fire weather research projects under the direction of the NWCC fire weather program manager.

FORECAST VERIFICATION

The purpose of verification is to improve the quality of forecasts and warnings issued from the Portland weather office. Weather conditions are recorded and archived on a routine basis during the fire season. These observations are studied and compared against the forecasts and warnings to identify any systematic bias or consistent errors. Verification will focus on Red Flag Warnings, but also include individual NFDRS station forecasts. Verification results are published in the Portland Fire Weather Annual Summary (available on the Portland fire weather internet page or via hard copy in late January or early February).

ANNUAL SUMMARY, ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN AND MISC

A summary of climatic statistics, forecast and warning verification, fire danger trends, spot forecast statistics, training rendered, dispatches, critical fire weather events and other noteworthy items is published each year.

An annual operating plan (this document) describing NWS office services, responsibilities, and procedures will be published each year prior to the fire season. The operating plan is available on the Portland fire weather internet page or via hard copy.

The fire weather program leaders also maintain the Portland Fire Weather Web page, provide internal NWS training and attend user agency annual conferences.

GEOGRAPHIC ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

Zone 601 – North Oregon and South Washington Coast including Willapa Hills

Represents the South Washington and North Oregon coastal strip including adjacent west slopes of the Oregon Coast Range and the Willapa Hills of Washington. This zone includes the north portion of the Siuslaw N.F., ODF, and WA DNR protected private land.

Extends east-west from the crest of the Oregon Coast Range to the Pacific Ocean. Extends north-south from the north boundary of Pacific County, WA to Oregon State Highway 22 along the eastern boundary of ODF regulated use area NW-2. The Washington section of this zone represents Pacific and Wahkiakum counties in their entirety.

Zone 612 – Central Oregon Coast

Represents the Central Oregon coastal strip including adjacent west slopes of the Oregon Coast Range. Includes southern portions of the Siuslaw N.F. and ODF protected private land.

Extends east-west from the crest of the Oregon Coast Range to the Pacific Ocean. Extends north-south from Oregon State Highway 22 to the Umpqua River along the west edge of the Siuslaw National Forest including ODF regulated use area SL-2.

Zone 602 – North Coast Range

Represents the east slopes of the North Oregon and South Washington Coast Range. Mostly private land under ODF and WA DNR protection.

Bounded on the west by Coast Range crest. Bounded on the east, in Oregon, by the west periphery of the Willamette Valley and Columbia River. Bounded on the east, in Washington, by the contour of the Willapa Hills/Coast Range. Extends north-south from the north boundary of Lewis County, WA to Oregon State Highway 22.

Zone 603 – Central Oregon Coast Range

Represents the east slopes of the Central Oregon coast range. Mostly ODF protected private land.

Bounded on the west by the Coast Range crest. Bounded on the east by the western periphery of the Willamette Valley. The north boundary is along Oregon State Highway 22. The south boundary lies along Oregon State Highway 38.

Zone 604 – Willamette Valley including Clark County Lowlands of Washington

Bounded on the west and east, in Oregon, by the foothills of the Coast Range and Cascades. Bounded on the west and east, in Washington, by the Columbia River and South Washington Cascade foothills. Extends north-south from Lewis County, WA to just south of Cottage Grove Reservoir.

Zone 605 – North Oregon Cascade Foothills

Represents foothill elevations of the North Oregon Cascades. Mostly ODF protected private land.

Bounded by the east periphery of the Willamette Valley on the west and the National Forest boundary of the Mt. Hood and Willamette National Forests on the east. Extends from the Columbia River on the north to Oregon State Highway 22 (Santiam Highway) on the south.

Zone 606 – Central Oregon Cascade Foothills

Represents the foothill elevations of the Central Oregon Cascades. Mostly ODF protected private land.

Bounded by the east periphery of the Willamette Valley on the west (Interstate 5 south of Eugene) and the Willamette Forest boundary, and extreme north Umpqua Forest boundary on the east. Extends from Oregon State Highway 22 on the north to the Lane/Douglas county line on the south.

Zone 607 – North Oregon Cascades

Represents all of the Mt. Hood NF west of the Cascade Crest along with interior Cascade wilderness areas.

Bounded by the Columbia River on the north, the Cascade Crest on the east, and the Mt. Hood forest boundary on the south and west.

Zone 608- Central Oregon Cascades

Represents the Willamette NF in its entirety along with interior high Cascade wilderness areas.

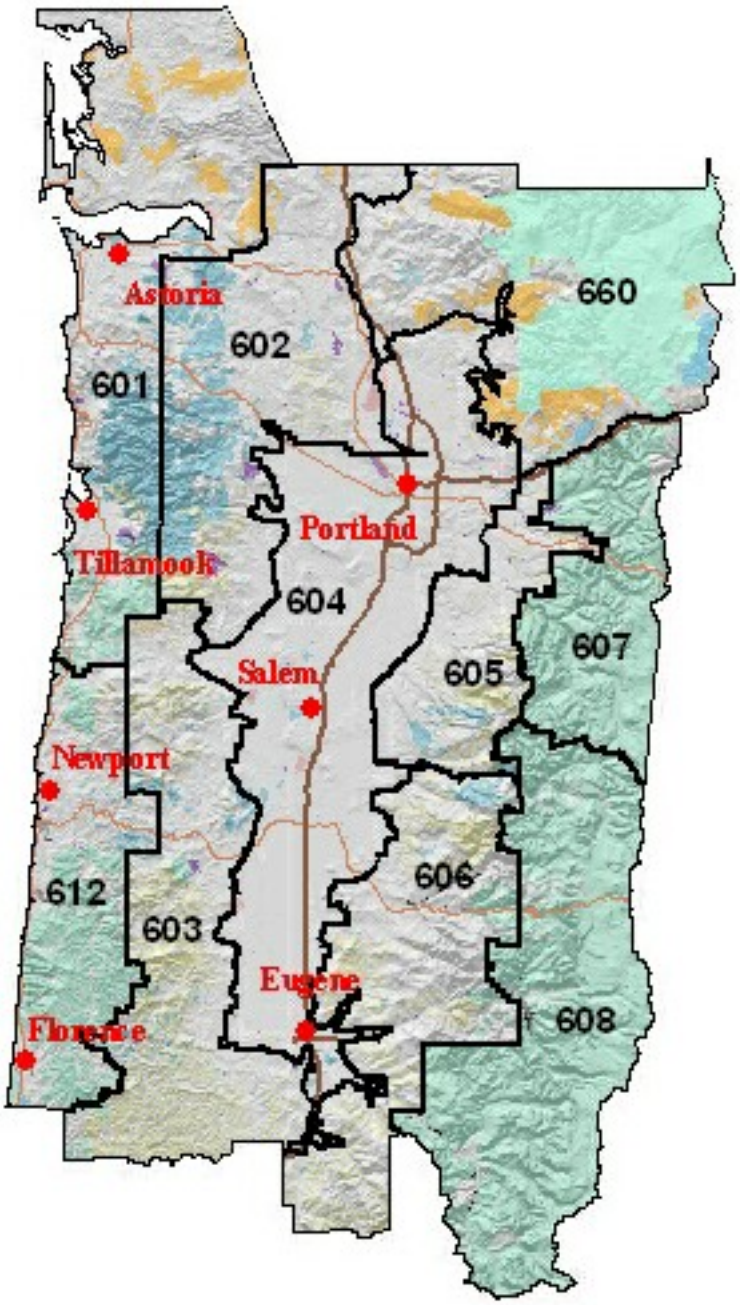
Bounded by the Cascade Crest on the east and the Willamette Forest boundary on the south, west, and north.

Zone 660 – South Washington Cascades and Foothills

Represents the Wind River, Mt. Adams and St. Helens Ranger districts of the Gifford Pinchot NF as well as adjacent WDNR protected Cascade and Green Mountain foothills to the south and west. It excludes the Columbia River lowlands of Clark County, WA, which is part of zone 604.

Bounded on the east by the Gifford Pinchot east forest boundary (approximately the Cascade Crest). The southeast boundary follows the Columbia River west to the Clark County, WA line. Then, the boundary heads north to northwest following the contour of the Cascade foothills to the Lewis River, then west along the Lewis River to the Columbia River. The boundary follows the Columbia River north to Kelso, WA. The north boundary extends from Kelso, WA northeast following the contour of the Green Mountain/Cascade foothills to the Lewis County line, then east to the Cascade Crest, bisecting the Gifford Pinchot NF along the north boundary of the St. Helens and the Mt. Adams Ranger districts.

Portland Fire Weather Zones



PORTLAND FORECAST AREA RAWS LIST

ZONE	NUMBER	NAME	TYPE	AGENCY	LAT	LON	ELEV	ASPECT	T	R	S
601	450404	Willapa	M	DNR	46.60	-123.60	60	W-in valley	13N	8W	10
601	450407	Huckleberry	R	DNR	46.50	-123.40	2500	S-on mid-slope	12N	6W	22
601	350208	Tillamook	R	ODF	45.26	-123.50	22	Flat	1S	9W	29
601	350215	Cedar Creek	R	USFS	45.21	-123.77	2240	Ridgetop	4S	9W	22
602	451207	Castle Rock	R	DNR	46.27	-122.89	213	S-in valley	9N	2W	14
602	451209	Abernathy Mtn.	R	DNR	46.35	-123.10	2000	Ridgetop	10N	3W	19
602	350216	South Fork	R	ODF	45.58	-123.49	2120	S-on ridge	1N	7W	12
602	350308	Miller	R	ODF	46.02	-123.27	1090	S-in valley	6N	5W	11
602	350505	Rye Mountain	R	BLM	45.22	-123.53	1960	S-on ridge	4S	7W	9
603	351710	Rockhouse1	R	ODF	44.93	-123.47	2000	Midslope	7S	7W	
603	351811	Wilkinson Ridge	R	USFS	44.33	-123.72	1370	W-on ridge	14S	9W	24
603	352542	Clay Creek	R	ODF	44.02	-123.21	1600		19S	7W	29
603	352547	Village Creek	R	BLM	44.25	-123.47	1500	SE-on ridge	16S	7W	1
603	352550	High Point	R	BLM	43.91	-123.38	1935	N-on ridge	19S	6W	23
604	451306	Vancouver	M	DNR	45.70	-122.70	210	Flat	2N	1E	28
604	451301	Larch Mtn.	R	DNR	45.72	-122.35	1150	Ridge-top	3N	4E	29
604	352561	Willow Crk.	R	BLM	44.03	-123.17	456	Valley	18S	4W	4
604	351911	Stayton	R	ODF	44.75	-122.87	507	S-in valley	9S	2W	36
604	351813	Finley	R	USFWS	44.42	-123.33	330	Valley	13S	5W	20
605	350727	Horse Creek	R	BLM	44.94	-122.40	2000	Ridge	7S	3E	23
605	350728	Eagle Creek	R	ODF	45.37	-122.33	744	SW-midslope	2S	4E	28
606	352024	Yellowstone	R	BLM	44.60	-122.42	3080	NE-in valley	11S	3E	22
606	352549	Hawley Butte	R	BLM	43.71	-122.84	3058	N-on ridge	21S	1W	29
606	352552	Trout Creek	R	BLM	44.11	-122.58	2400	SW-on ridge	17S	2E	9
606	352553	Brush Creek	R	BLM	44.28	-122.85	2300	N-on ridge	15S	1W	7
607	350718	Red Box	R	USFS	45.03	-121.92	3250	SW-on midslope	6S	7E	23
607	350605	Locks	R	ODF	45.67	121.88	128	Valley	2N	7E	12
607	350725	Si Si Lookout	M	USFS	44.92	-121.83	5617	SW-on ridge	7S	8E	33
607	350726	Wanderer's Peak	R	USFS	45.11	-122.20	4350	S-on ridge	5S	5E	28

607	350811	Blue Ridge	R	USFS	45.52	-121.72	3780	S-on ridge	1S	9E	6
607	350604	Log Creek	R	USFS	45.51	-121.90	2500	W-on midslope	1S	7E	12
607	350902	Clear Lake	M	USFS	45.15	-121.58	4458	W-on ridge	5S	10E	8
608	352554	Pebble	R	USFS	44.23	-121.98	3560	SW-on midslope	15S	7E	29
608	352557	Fields	R	USFS	43.73	-122.28	3360	Flat-on ridge	22S	4E	11
608	352558	Emigrant	R	USFS	43.47	-122.22	3840	S-on ridge	24S	5E	21
608	351909	Boulder	R	USFS	44.98	-122.00	3570	Flat-in valley	10S	7E	7
612	351604	Cannibal	R	USFS	44.35	-123.89	1946	Ridgetop	14S	10W	16
612	352545	Goodwin Peak	R	USFS	43.93	-123.89	1826	Ridgetop	19S	10W	9
612	352559	Dunes	R	USFS	43.96	-124.12	20	Midslope	18S	12W	34
660	451208	Elk Rock	R	USFS	46.35	-122.60	2500	Ridgetop	10N	3E	35
660	451917	Trout Lake	R	USFS	46.12	-121.68	3600	NE-on midslope	7N	9E	8
660	451921	Canyon Creek	R	USFS	45.92	-122.17	2500	W-on ridge	5N	5E	8
660	451922	Cedar Flats	R	USFS	46.13	-122.12	2320	S-on ridge	7N	6E	2
660	451928	Hamilton Mtn.	R	DNR	45.70	-122.07	3000	Ridgetop	2N	6E	9

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Medford Fire Weather

Operating Plan

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LOCATION

4003 Cirrus Drive
Medford, Oregon 97501

Medford Fire Weather is located at the Medford National Weather Service Office near the Rogue Valley Airport in Medford Oregon. The office maintains 2 advanced meteorological response units (AMRS) with laptop computers and modems for on-site support of wildfires. Fire weather forecasts and other products are disseminated to state and federal agencies through AWIPS (NWS Communications systems), WIMS and through our homepage.

The homepage address is: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mfr

HOURS

24 hours a day, year round

Meteorologists are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additional forecasters will be brought in to staff for additional projects, severe weather, etc. However, under the provisions of the National Fire Weather Agreement, special service provided by the Medford office will be done on a reimbursable basis.

PHONE NUMBERS

Primary Fire Weather.....541-776-4332
Secondary Fire Weather.....541-776-4326
Fax.....541-776-4333

STAFF

The Medford office is staffed with 13 full-time meteorologists. All forecasters participate in producing fire weather forecasts after each has completed the training, which includes correspondence course, computer-based Fire Weather Training Module, mesoscale analysis, climatological and terrain familiarization, and spot forecast training.

Management Staff

- John Lovegrove, Meteorologist in Charge
- Dennis Gettman, Science and Operations Officer (IMET)
- Ryan Sandler, Warning and Coordination Meteorologist

Forecast Staff

- Frederic Bunnag Senior Meteorologist / Fire Weather Program Leader (IMET)
- Michael Stavish Senior Meteorologist
- Michael O'Brien Senior Meteorologist
- Jay Stockton Senior Meteorologist
- Rick Holtz Meteorologist
- Dan Mundell Meteorologist
- Sven Nelaimischkies Meteorologist
- Dan Weygand Meteorologist

FORECAST SERVICES

FIRE WEATHER AND LAND MANAGEMENT FORECASTS

The Land Management Forecast is issued during the off-season, usually from mid-October to around May. The forecast is available on the homepage once daily by 1500 local time. The frequency of the Land Management Forecast and the forecast elements may be increased as the fire season approaches. The Fire Weather Program manager will survey the user agencies throughout the off season to determine when extra forecasts are needed.

During the fire season, the Fire Weather Forecasts will be issued twice daily at 0730 and 1500 PDT. The forecast follows the national standard format introduced during the 2001 fire season. NFDRS zone trend forecasts for specific meteorological parameters are issued with the afternoon Fire Weather Forecast. When necessary, trend forecasts may be updated on the morning Fire Weather forecast on the following day.

The Medford Forecast Office will activate the Internet fire weather briefing around the middle of May and continue through the end of the fire season. The forecaster on duty will narrate the briefing. The briefing time will be determined according to agency needs. Every fire and land agency is encouraged to dial into the conference call and ask questions. The graphics for the briefing can be accessed via the Fire Weather Section of the homepage under the Fire Weather Briefing subsection. The dial-in phone number will be provided approximately one week before the briefing starts. Commencement time of this call will be coordinated with the fire agencies.

FIRE WEATHER WATCHES AND RED FLAG WARNINGS

Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings will be issued when the following weather criteria are expected, in conjunction with certain fuel situations.

Fuel Situations that must be met are:

- 1000 hour fuel moisture < 15%
- Live fuel moisture 120% or less
- Annuals are cured.

Weather Criteria that must be met are:

A. Thunderstorms with little or no precipitation.
Lightning occurrence must be at least scattered in coverage. Generally, rainfall should be less than 0.25 inch for the Cascades/Siskiyou Mtns and west side, and less than 0.10 inch for zones east of the Cascades.

B. Strong Winds with low humidity generally associated with the marine push or a dry cold front.

Zones 616 617 620 621 622 623.

- Min RH < 15% AND 10 minute sustained wind 10 mph

Zones 616 and 617.

- Emigrant RAW and Roseburg METAR (KRBG) reporting above conditions for 2 hours.
- These two zones are to be verified as a block.

Zone 620.

- Two key stations reporting above conditions for 2 hours.
  Key stations: Illinois Valley, Provolt, Onion and Merlin RAWS

- Sexton Summit METAR (KSXT) may also be used but winds must be adjusted to 10 minute average.

Zone 622.

- Two key stations reporting above conditions for 2 hours.
  Key stations: Evans Valley, Star and Buckhorn RAWS.

- Medford METAR (KMFR) may also be used but winds must be adjusted to 10 minute average.

Zones 621 and 623.

- Two key stations reporting above conditions for 2 hours.
  Key stations: Zim and Parker Mountains RAWS in Oregon, and Slater Butte and Crazy Peak RAWS in northern California.

- These two zones are to be verified as a block.

Zone 624.

- Min RH < 15% AND 10 minute sustained wind 15 mph or peak winds to 25 mph.

- Two key stations reporting above conditions for 2 hours.
  Key stations: Calimus, Chiloquin, Coffee Pot, Gerber, Strawberry and Summit.

- Kingsley Field Metar (KLMT) may also be used but winds must be adjusted to 10 minute average.

Zone 625.

- Min RH < 10% AND 10 minute sustained wind 20 mph or peak winds to 25 mph.
- Min RH < 15% AND 10 minute sustained wind 25 mph or peak winds to 30 mph.
- Min RH < 20% AND 10 minute sustained wind 30 mph or peak winds to 35 mph.

- Two key stations reporting above conditions for 2 hours.
  Key stations: Fish Fin, Rock Creek, Catnip and Wagontire RAWS (Zone 636).

- Lakeview AWOS Metar (KLKV) may also be used but winds must be adjusted to 10 minute average.

C. Offshore East Wind Event resulting in strong winds and low relative humidity at night (2200 to 0600)

Zones 617.

- RH Recovery < 30% AND 10 minute sustained wind 10 mph.

- Sugarloaf RAW and Emigrant RAWS of zone 608 (Portland WFO) reporting the above conditions for 2 hours.

Zones 618.

- Redmound RAWS reporting RH Recovery < 25% AND 10 minute sustained wind 15 mph or peak winds to 25 mph for 2 hours.

Zones 619 and 620.

- RH Recovery < 30% AND 10 minute sustained wind 15 mph. or peak winds to 25 mph.

  Zone 620.

  - Onion RAWS or Sexton Summit METAR (KSXT) reporting above conditions for 2 hours.

  - METAR wind at KSXT must be adjusted to a 10-minute average value.

  Zone 619.

  - Quail Prairie or Bald Knob RAWS reporting above conditions for 2 hours.

  - In case where neither of the above RAWS is reporting, the Red Flag Event is assumed to be occurring in zone 619 if zones on both sides of its border (618/620) are reporting Red Flag condition.

Zones 621, 622, 623.

- RH Recovery < 25% AND 10 minute sustained wind 10 mph.

- Two key stations reporting above conditions for 2 hours.
  Key stations: Evans Valley, Zim, Parker Mountain and Buckhorn.

- These three zones are to be verified as a block.

D. Very Dry and Unstable Airmass

- Haines Index forecast of 6 in conjunction with extremely dry fuel. Forecasters will coordinate with the fire agencies when Haines Index 6 is forecast about whether fuel conditions warrant the issuance of the Red Flag Warning.

All Red Flag Warnings will be coordinated with the affected agencies and neighboring fire weather offices, in order to assess fuel conditions and general fire danger, before the issuance of a Red Flag Warning. Each issuance, update or cancellation of a Fire Weather

Watch or Red Flag Warning will also be relayed by telephone to the dispatch office(s) affected by the watch/warning.

SPOT FORECASTS

Spot forecasts are available year-round to federal land management agencies upon requests for wildfires, prescribed fires, spray projects and other land management activities. Spot forecasts are available to state forestry agencies and local fire departments for wildfire suppression only. Information required by the forecasters is found on WS Form D-1, items 1-12. Spot forecasts may be requested by filling out pertinent information in the Fire Weather Spot section of the Medford Weather Forecast Office homepage. They may also be requested using the WS Form D-1 with the information faxed to the Medford office or relayed by phone.

We strongly encourage the fire agencies to call this office after submitting a spot request to ensure it was received properly. Attempts will be made to notify field personnel when there is a significant change in the expected weather. However, spot forecasts will be updated only when new observations become available, and/or the update is requested by the users. The forecast will be valid for 12 hours after the proposed ignition time. Spot forecasts for wildfire suppression take precedence over normal office routines.

FIRE WEATHER ZONES

AREA 1...COAST (Zones 615 and 618)

This area extends from the Pacific Ocean to the foothills of the Coast Range, which rises to a crest of 2500 to 4500 feet, about 30 to 40 miles inland.

AREA 2...UMPQUA BASIN AND UMPQUA FOOTHILLS (Zones 616 and 617)

This area is located between the Coast Range and the crest of the Cascades mountains. The western portion of the area, mainly the Coast Range, varies in elevation between 2000 and 4500 feet, whereas the eastern portion rises to 4000 and 6000 feet with some peaks reaching as high as 8500 feet.

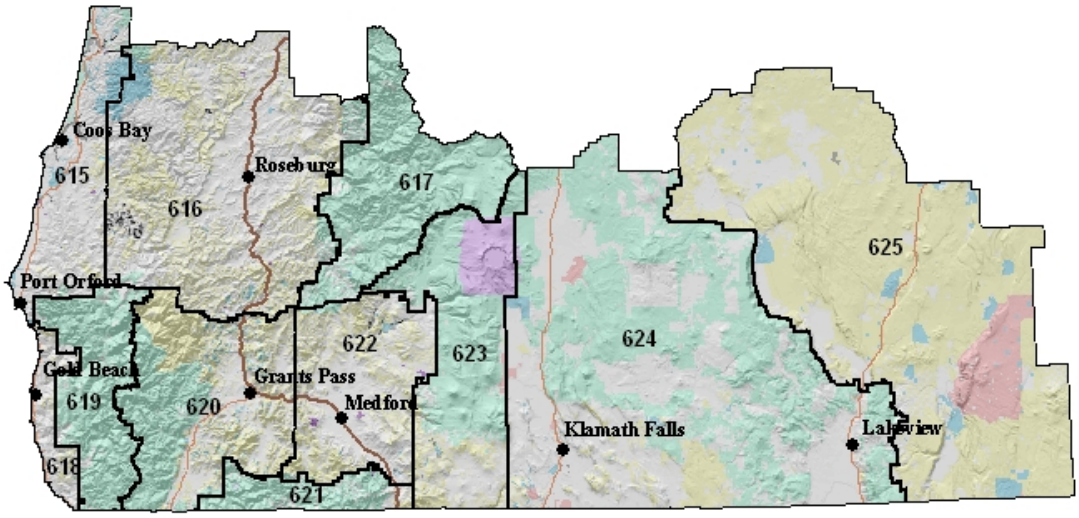
AREA 3...SOUTHWEST INTERIOR INCLUDING THE CASCADE AND THE SISKIYOU MOUNTAINS (Zones 619-623)

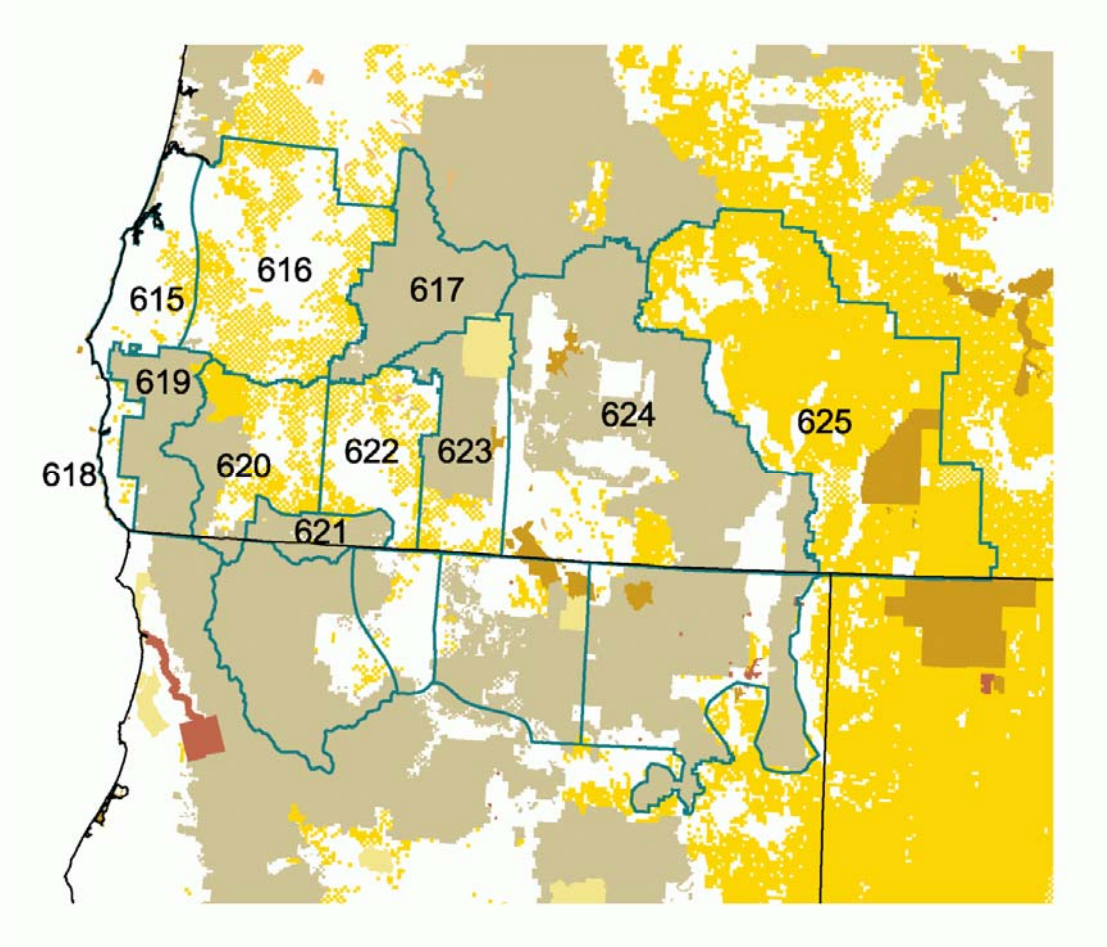
This area has complex terrain. The western boundary begins with the Coast Range, where elevations range from 3000 to 5000 feet. The area includes the Illinois Valley, the Siskiyou Mountain with peaks reaching as high as 7500 feet and the Rogue Basin. The area's eastern boundary includes the Cascade Mountains, where elevations can reach 6500 feet with a few peaks over 8000 feet high. Crater Lake is in the very northeast corner of this area.

AREA 4...EAST OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAIN (Zones 624 and 625)

This area extends from the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountains, with the elevation around 5000 feet, across the Klamath Basin with the elevation around 4000 feet. To the east of the Klamath Basin, this area includes a series of ridges, hills, then the Fremont Mountains and the Warner Valley on the northwest rim of the Great Basin. The eastern boundary of this area closely follows the border between Lake county and Harney county, and is representative of high plateaus with desert-like climate.

Medford Fire Weather Zones in Oregon





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ZONE	NAME	Type	NUMBER	OWNER	LAT	LON	ELEV
615	Long Prairie	R	352819	CFPA	42.95	-124.22	1180
615	Seven Mile Creek	R	352820	ODF	43.21	-124.32	506
616	Mt. Yoncalla	R	353043	BLM	43.64	-123.33	1799
616	Signal Tree	R	352816	BLM	43.01	-123.78	3294
616	Charlotte Ridge	R	353046	ODF	43.67	-123.94	1220
616	Silver Butte	R	353041	BLM	42.86	-123.38	3973
616	Burnt Mountain	R	353044	BLM	43.22	-123.84	2240
617	Sugarloaf	R	352546	USFS	43.23	-122.40	3500
617	Cinnamon	R	353031	USFS	43.26	-122.15	4636
617	Grandad	R	353036	USFS	43.41	-122.57	2900
617	Toketee	R	353038	USFS	43.23	-122.39	3360
617	Buckeye	R	353040	USFS	43.04	-122.64	2400
618	Flynn Prairie	R	352922	ODF	42.40	-124.39	1625
618	Red Mound	R	352920	BLM	42.12	-124.30	1753
619	Bald Mountain	R	352813	USFS	42.40	-124.04	3630
619	Quail Prairie	R	352915	USFS	42.24	-124.04	3033
619	Agness	R	352916	USFS	42.33	-124.02	150
620	Calvert Peak	R	352919	BLM	42.78	-123.73	3822
620	Merlin	R	353122	BLM	42.49	-123.40	1040
620	Onion Mountain	R	353114	USFS	42.28	-123.38	4438
620	Provolt	R	353120	BLM	42.28	-123.23	1176
620	Illinois Valley Airport	R	353115	BLM	42.11	-123.67	1389
621	Squaw Peak	R	353213	USFS	42.07	-123.01	4964
622	Buckhorn	R	353230	BLM	42.12	-122.56	2900
622	Evans Creek	R	353228	BLM	42.63	-123.06	3200
623	Parker	R	353344	BLM	42.11	-122.28	5250
623	Mt. Stella	R	353209	USFS	42.93	-122.43	4715
623	Zim	R	353227	USFS	42.70	-122.39	4106
623	Seldom Creek	R	353339	USFS	42.41	-122.19	4875
624	Klamath NWR	-	NA	BLM	42.95	-121.58	4531
624	Timothy	R	353337	USFS	43.20	-121.37	6020
624	Summit	R	353421	USFS	42.20	-120.25	6147
624	Chiloquin	R	353310	USFS	42.58	-121.89	4517

624	Gerber Reservoir	R	353328	BLM	42.20	-121.14	4940
624	Hoyt	R	353343	USFS	42.97	-121.42	5445
624	Coffee Pot	R	353422	BLM	42.53	-120.64	5250
624	Strawberry	R	353423	USFS	42.20	-120.85	5590
624	Calimus	R	353307	USFS	42.63	-121.56	6622
625	Rock Creek	R	353424	FWS	42.55	-119.66	5640
625	Fish Fin Rim	R	353516	BLM	42.47	-119.18	4900
625	Poor Jug	R	353426	USFS	42.93	-120.11	4600
625	Fort Rock	R	353406	BLM	43.43	-120.84	4430

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Spokane Fire Weather

Operating Plan

NEW FOR 2006:

Red Flag Criteria:
New Red Flag Warning criteria for lightning. See the section on Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings below.

Farsite data:
NDFD-based FARSITE Weather Support. See the section on Spot Forecasts below.

LOCATION:

National Weather Service Office
2601 North Rambo Road
Spokane, WA 99224-9164.

HOURS:

Office hours at WFO Spokane for Fire Weather will be as follows: Daily 24 Hour forecast coverage.

The Fire Desk is staffed daily 0700-1500 Mid March - Early November

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COMMUNICATIONS:

All forecasts and spot forecasts are input into AWIPS (Advanced Weather Integrated Processing System), WIMS, and on Spokane's Internet home page. Users who do not have access to WIMS, or Internet can still have forecasts faxed to them.

Internet Address:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/otx/fire.php
http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/otx

WEATHER BRIEFINGS

Internet based weather briefings are available from the Spokane office as needed. During peak fire season, normally mid June-October briefings will be daily at 0900 PDT. **New for 2006: An attempt will be made to provide recorded weather briefings following the morning phone briefing for those who may have missed the morning call.** During Land Management season briefings are available by customer request and are usually held twice per week for planning purposes. Phone briefings are available 24 hours per day.

FORECAST DISTRICT:

The Spokane Fire Weather Office has weather forecast responsibility for a large portion of protected lands in eastern Washington. Exceptions are the Blue Mountains area, the Yakama Indian Nation lands, the DOE Hanford Site, and portions of the Southeast Department of Natural Resources (DNR) land. These protected lands are the forecast responsibility of the National Weather Service Office Pendleton Fire Weather program.

Spokane Fire Weather's area of responsibility for Eastern Washington is divided into six districts for fire weather forecasting. In addition, these forecast districts are further sub-divided into ten fire weather zones. See the map for general locations of districts and zones for eastern Washington. The weather zones are comprised of fire danger stations with similar weather and similar trends in weather changes.

WFO Spokane has forecast responsibility for Central and Northern Idaho Panhandle. This district has one (1) zone (101) covering the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Idaho State Lands, and Coeur d'Alene Indian Agency lands.

Agencies Served:

Land management agencies served by the Spokane Fire Weather Office include:

USFS....	Colville NF Wenatchee NF Okanagan NF Idaho Panhandle NF
BLM....	Spokane District Coeur D Alene District
BIA....	Colville Indian Agency Spokane Indian Agency Coeur d' Alene Indian Agency
NWR...	Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Priest River National Wildlife Refuge Lake Pend Oreille Wildlife Refuge
Washington DNR...	Northeast Area Resource Protection Division
Idaho...	Department of State Lands
Other Public Agencies...	Coulee Dam National Recreation Area Lake Chelan National Recreation Area

FORECAST SERVICES:

Planning Forecasts

The issuance of planning forecasts is seasonal. Routine issuance of the morning and afternoon planning forecasts seven days a week normally begins in early spring. For 2006 it will be around Monday April 3rd continuing through late October or early November. Specific start and stop dates are coordinated with customer agencies. Morning forecasts will be available at 08:30 a.m., while afternoon forecasts will be available by 3:30 p.m.

Off-season Land management forecasts will be issued between 0900-1000 Monday through Friday through the winter months. These forecasts will begin the Monday following the end of fire season, typically late October or early November.

Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings

General Fire Weather Watch and Red Flag Warning criteria continue to be under review. Until formal changes have been agreed upon by the Land Management agencies and the National Weather Service we will continue with the present criteria. Red Flag criteria for eastern Washington and Northern Idaho are as follows:

- **"dry thunderstorm" Red Flag criteria is defined as follows:**

  Abundant lightning in conjunction with sufficiently dry fuels.

  "Abundant" and "Sufficient" are locally defined and verified by NWS offices and their fire agency customers using the following GACC AOP-wide guidelines:

  Abundant Lightning:
  1) Number of lightning strikes that meet climatologically significant criteria, or
  2) Areal coverage of lightning such as "Scattered" or ≥ 25%

  Sufficiently Dry Fuels:
  1) GACC dryness levels remaining out of the 'green' category on the day of and the day following a thunderstorm event, or
  2) ERC or BI values meeting climatologically significant pecentiles or
  3) Land management declaration

- Sustained surface winds exceeding a 10 minute average of 15 mph combined with relative humidity less than:

  - 15% in the Columbia Basin (zone 673)
  - 25% in the mountainous areas
  - 20% in the lower valley zones

This is typically (but not always) associated with a dry cold front passage.

These conditions must be verified by at least 2 observation sites (RAWS, METAR, DOT, Agrimet etc) for 2 consecutive hours. **For Idaho Zone 101 the criteria will be at least 2 observations sites for any 3 hours in an 8 hour period.** When using observation sites other than RAWS sites wind speeds will be converted to 10 minute averages.

Special consideration will be given whenever very hot temperatures are combined with very low relative humidity.

- Haines Index of 6 when combined with low relative humidity, typically 15% or below.
- An unusually unstable atmosphere This would be associated with a strong thermal trough which typically forms along the east slopes of the Washington Cascades.

The issuance of Red Flag Warnings will take into account fuel conditions, and will be coordinated with land management agencies and other applicable fire weather offices. Typically when 1000 hour fuels are at or below 11% and 100 hour fuels are at or below 8% and Live Fuels at or below 120%. In 2006 the NWSFO Spokane will be utilizing the NWCC dryness levels as input into the decision making process for issuing fire weather watches and red flag warnings.

Red Flag Warning Verification Points

Zone 673

- Douglas Raws, Escure Raws, Saddle Mountain Raws

Zone 676-677

- Camp Four Raws , Dry Creek Raws , Entiat Raws

Zone 686 Spokane County portion

- Wellpinit Raws , Midnight Mine Raws, TurnBull Wildlife Refuge Raws

Zones 680, 682, 685

- NCSB , Raws, Leecher Raws , Signal Peak Raws, Peoh Point Raws

Zone 684

- Nespelem Raws , Kramer Raws , Douglas Ingram Raws , Oroville Raws…*****If Kramer Raws and Oroville Raws are used to meet red flag conditions at least one other RAWS in the fire zone will need to meet the criteria for at least one hour*****

Zones 686-687

- Kettle Falls Raws , Midnite Mine Raws , Gold Mountain Raws, Deer Mt. Raws

Zone 101

- Bonners Ferry Raws, Hoodoo Raws, Fish Hook Raws Magee Peak Raws , Line Creek Raws , Nuckols Raws Priest Lake Raws , Saddle Pass Raws

*****For Idaho Zone 101 the criteria will be at least 2 observations sites for any 3 hours in an 8 hour period.*****

Spot Forecasts

Official spot forecasts will be prepared and disseminated 24 hours a day. All prescribed fire spot forecast requests **MUST BE** accompanied by a recent weather observation that is representative of the burn site. More observations from the burn area will generally result in better spot forecasts. Feedback is imperative to increase the accuracy of spot forecasts. **In addition valid times for spot forecasts will be twelve hours from issuance**. If a fire has a longer duration, a new spot forecast should be requested.

"Spot forecasts are available year-round to all Federal, State and Local government entities for wildfire suppression, prescribed burns (for hazardous fuel reduction), search and rescue missions, HAZMAT incidents, or for any other land management activity that directly supports federal resources or the safety of civilians and forests. Spot forecasts cannot be provided to Local and State governments for non-fire/range management activities such as spray projects, road building, tree planting, recreational events, and prescribed burns (other than for hazardous fuel reduction) that do not have the potential to escape and threaten life and property."

Farsite Data: New for 2006

For the 2006 fire season, NWS Spokane will offer automatic 7-day FARSITE weather data support with all wildfire spot forecast issuances. For prescribed burn spot forecasts, FARSITE data will be produced at the request of the agency. Please call the NWS office issuing the prescribed burn forecast directly to request this service, or place the request in the "Remarks Section" of the spot request form. All FARSITE data will be available from the internet via the appropriate NWS office Fire Weather Page. Check for a "FARSITE Forecasts" button near the Spot Forecast Request link. The data will be in simple ASCI format. Examples of the two FARSITE support outputs ("weather" and "wind") are below. If you have any questions, please contact your servicing NWS office.

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Weather:

ENGLISH
03 06 12 0700 1600 30 54 59 30 5620
03 07 63 0700 1600 27 44 84 63 5620
03 08 14 0700 1600 23 43 81 47 5620
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etc., through seven days

Wind:

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ENGLISH
03 06 0000 11 200 79
03 06 0300 12 200 84
03 06 0600 14 200 95
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etc., through seven days

NFDRS Trend Forecasts

A numerical zone trend forecast is prepared and disseminated to WIMS by 1540 each afternoon from early to mid May through early October. The trend forecasts are used to compute the expected NFDRS indices valid for the following day. The number of NFDRS indices forecast by the weather office depends only on the number of NFDRS observations input into WIMS by the fire agencies. If observations are not entered into WIMS by 1500, a forecast will not be produced for the zone(s).

IMETS (Incident Meteorologists)

Spokane Fire Weather Office will have a minimum of two certified IMET'S on staff with at least one available at all times during the high summer fire season.

NON-FORECAST SERVICES:

There are several duties that fall into the non-forecast services including, but not limited to teaching assignments, customer meetings, customer consultations, preparation of annual reports, preparation of annual operating plans, program management, research and in-house training of personnel.

There is a need for advanced notice for teaching assignments, customer meetings and consultations. The NWS-NWSEO Collective Bargaining Agreement provides rules for scheduling of bargaining unit employees. NWS management has limitations regarding modification of the work schedule after it has become "fixed" without paying overtime.

All requests for teaching assignments, customers meetings and consultations will be honored provided they are scheduled more than three weeks ahead of time, and they do not conflict with other Fire Weather commitments. NWS Spokane will make every effort to fulfill requests for teaching assignments, customer meetings and consultations that are scheduled with less than three weeks lead time, or conflict with other Fire Weather

commitments. Shifts will be scheduled to complete the Annual Operating Plan and other Fire Weather commitments. Program management, research and training time will be provided to ALL employees based on the needs of the office.

Fire Weather Program Leader - The NWS Spokane Fire Weather Program Leader is Bob Tobin. High primary focus will be customer outreach, training, program development, IMET dispatches, and fire weather operational shifts.

Meeting Proficiency and Currency Standards - All forecasters will complete required proficiency prior to working alone on any real time Fire Weather products and services.

FORECAST VERIFICATION

Routine verification will be made on Red Flag Warnings and Spot Forecast turnaround times. In addition selected NFDRS trend forecasts for temperature, relative humidity, and wind will be verified. Results of the verification will be published in the Fire Weather Annual Summary. The National Weather Service will work with local fire agencies and the Pacific Northwest Coordination Group to develop a baseline for product verification.

Geographical Area Descriptions

The National Weather Service Office in Spokane has fire weather forecast responsibility for protected lands in the northern and central part of eastern Washington and the northern and central Idaho Panhandle. Exceptions are the Blue Mountains area, the Yakama Indian Reservation, and portion of the Southeast Department of Natural Resources (DNR) protected lands. Forecasts for these areas are handled out of the National Weather Service office in Pendleton (see zone descriptions below).

WFO Spokane's eastern Washington fire weather area is divided into six districts. In addition, these forecast districts are further sub-divided into ten fire weather zones. See the map for general locations of districts and zones for eastern Washington. The fire weather zones are comprised of fire danger stations with similar weather and similar trends in weather changes.

South Central District:

This district consists of two zones. Zone 676 lower elevations and Zone 680 higher elevations. The south central district covers those areas of the southern Washington Cascades north of the Yakama Indian Reservation to Mission Ridge. The district boundary also runs west to east from the Cascade crest to Interstate 82. This includes the Naches and Cle Elum Ranger Districts of the Wenatchee National Forest. This district has pronounced climate differences, from the marine air influence near the Cascade crest, to the dry arid climate of the valleys. This district has a relatively low frequency of lightning, and averages about 7-10 storm-days per season from June through September.

Central District:

This district has two zones. Zone 677 lower elevations and Zone 682 are the two zones in this district. This district extends from Mission Ridge north to the Sawtooth Ridge, and from the Cascade crest east to the Columbia River. It includes the northern part of the Wenatchee NF. Lightning frequency averages around 10-15 storm-days per season. The summer climate is similar to the South Central District, but winds tend to be stronger and more persistent, and day to day weather changes are more pronounced. This district contains some of the highest fire hazard areas in the Pacific Northwest.

Northern District:

This district has three zones. Zone 687 is the Okanogan Highland zone. Zone 684 lower elevations, mainly the Okanogan River Valley, and zone 685 higher elevations of the North Cascades. This district extends across the north part of eastern Washington from the Cascade crest to the Kettle River Ranger District on the east. It includes the Okanogan NF, the Republic Ranger district of the Colville NF, land under the protection of Northeast Department of Natural Resources, and the western and central parts of the Colville Indian Agency. The marine influence is minimal in this district compared to the south central and central districts due to its more continental location. Winds are generally lighter than central and south central districts. Lightning activity though is greater, averaging about 15 storm-days per season.

Northeast District:

Zone 686. The northeast district extends from Kettle River to the Idaho border, and south to the vicinity of Spokane. It covers the remainder of the Colville NF and Colville Indian Agency, as well as lands under the jurisdiction of Northeast DNR. This district is normally a bit wetter than the other districts since it extends into the western foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The southern portion around Spokane is the drier, windier section of this district. Lightning frequency is the greatest of any of the districts averaging 15-20 storm-days per season.

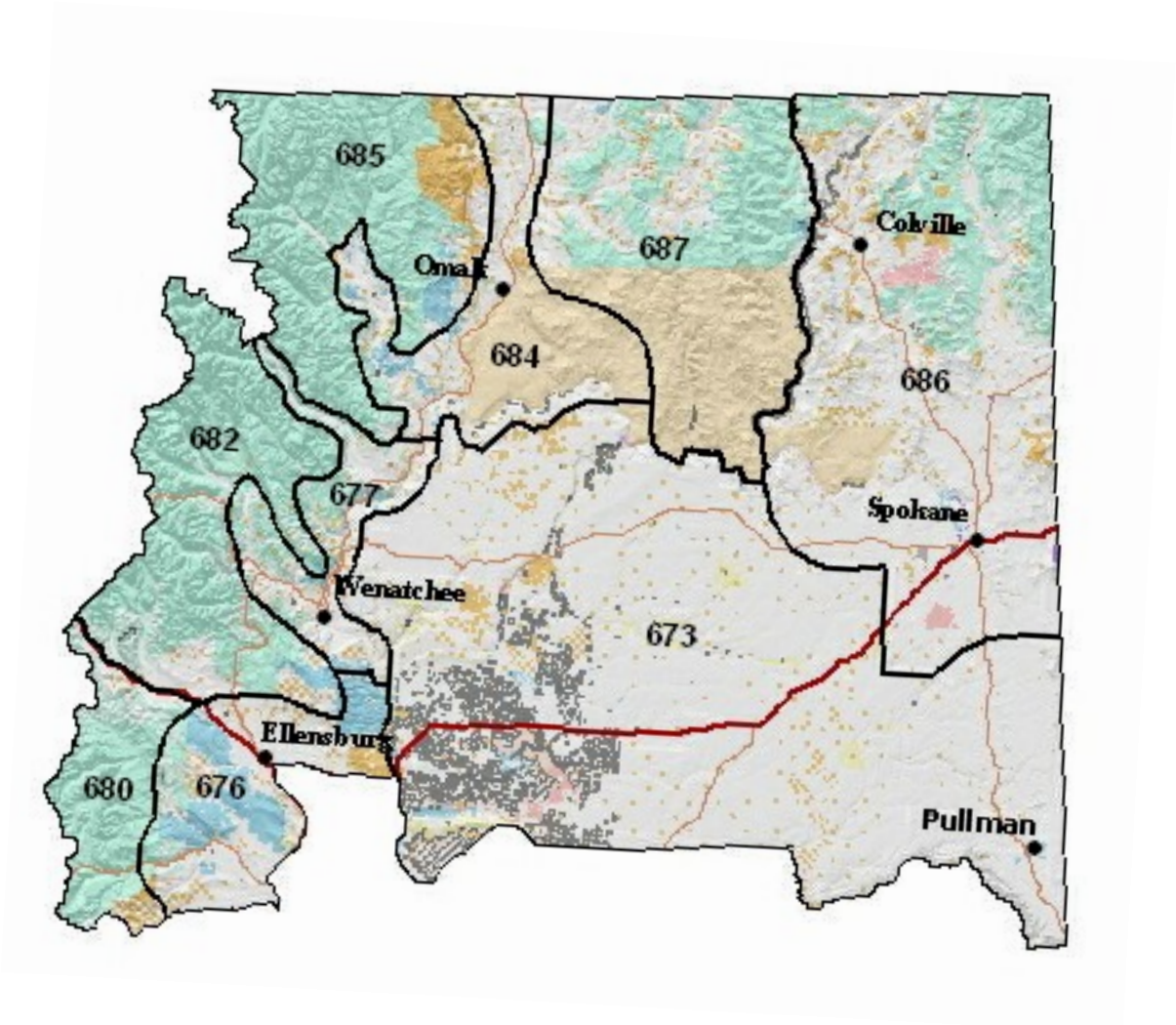
Northern Columbia Basin District:

Has one zone. Zone 673. Pendleton weather office has responsibility for a large portion of Washington State DNR Southeast Region lands, Yakama IA, and DOE Hanford. The southern boundary is I-90 for that part of the Yakima Firing Center in Kittitas County then follows county lines west to east across Grant, Adams, and Whitman Counties. The western part of the district boundary is the Columbia River at the Grant County line. The northern boundary is the same as previous years following the Columbia River to the eastern Ferry County then south across the northeast part of Lincoln County to Highway-2 near Davenport then east to the Spokane County line. Fuels in this district consist of mainly grass and sage. Zone 673 includes the Waterville Plateau which contains low ridges and coulees'. Most of the district is at fairly low elevations between 900 and 3,000 ft...with the exception being Badger Mountain near Waterville at 4,221 feet. Due to the

relatively low elevations and locations, this is the warmest and driest district. Winds in some areas can be very strong. Lightning activity is the least of the districts, averaging about 6 storm-days per season.

Northern and Central Idaho Panhandle District:

This District is part of Region 1 and has one zone. Northern and Central Idaho Panhandle Zone 101 - Northern and Central Idaho Panhandle. This zone includes...Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Coeur d'Alene Indian Agency lands, and Idaho State protected lands in the following counties: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone, and the northern part of Latah county, where a part of the St. Joe District resides. Zone 101 is broken into three (3) separate zones the Northern zone, Central zone and Southern zone. This area averages 12-15 thunderstorm days per season.



Spokane Fire Weather forecast zones in Washington
2006 NWS Spokane NFDRS Station Index

ZONE	NAME	Type	NUMBER	OWNER	LAT	LON	ELEV
673	Escure	R	453601	BLM	47.07	-117.98	1725
673	Columbia NWR	R	453102	FWS	46.87	-119.33	890
673	Spring Canyon	R	453002	NPS	47.93	-118.93	1340
673	Saddle Mtn	R	452701	FWS	46.69	-119.69	650
673	Entiat	R	452136	USFS	47.67	-120.21	796
673	Aeneas	R	452001	DNR	47.70	-119.60	5167
673	Douglas	R	452601	BLM	47.62	-119.90	2530
673	Yakima	M	452313	NWS	46.57	-120.54	1066
677	Dry Creek	R	452134	USFS	47.72	-120.53	3480
677	Camp4	R	452132	USFS	48.02	-120.23	3773
680	Peoh Point	R	452206	DNR	47.15	-120.95	4020
680	Sawmill Flats	R	452221	USFS	46.98	-121.08	3500
680	Sedge Ridge	R	452306	DNR	46.58	-120.90	4300
682	Viewpoint	R	452128	USFS	47.85	-120.87	3760
682	Swauk	R	452219	USFS	47.25	-120.67	3773
682	Alpine Lookout	M	452127	USFS	47.80	-120.85	6237
684	NCSB	R	452030	USFS	48.43	-120.14	1650
684	Oroville	R	452039	BLM	48.96	-119.49	1360
684	Nespelem	R	452009	BIA	48.21	-119.02	1782
684	Douglas Ingram Rdg	R	452035	USFS	48.12	-120.10	3460
684	Kramer	R	452040	BIA	48.27	-119.52	2720
685	83Monument	R	452036	USFS	49.00	-120.65	6500
685	Leecher	R	452020	USFS	48.25	-120.00	5019
685	First Butte	R	452006	USFS	48.62	-120.11	5500
686	Turnbull Wildlife	R	453506	FWS	47.41	-117.53	2250
686	Midnite Mine	R	452913	BLM	47.94	-118.09	2693
686	Pal Moore Orchard	R	452915	USFS	48.39	-117.43	3120
686	Kettle Falls	R	452916	NPS	48.61	-118.12	1310
686	Tacoma Creek	R	453413	USFS	48.49	-117.43	3300
686	Little Pend Oreille	R	453416	FWS	48.27	-117.43	2020
686	Deer Mountain	R	453412	USFS	48.80	-117.45	3300
686	Wellpinit	R	452918	BIA	47.88	-118.10	2240
686	Colville	M	452903	DNR	48.50	-117.90	1730
686	Spokane Airport	M	453505	NWS	47.60	-117.50	2365

687	Peony	R	452038	USFS	48.59	-119.21	3600
687	Brown Mountain Ochd	R	452514	USFS	48.54	-118.69	3210
687	Owl Mountain	R	452513	USFS	48.94	-118.30	4400
687	Lane Creek	R	452511	USFS	48.61	-118.28	4500
687	Gold Mountain	R	452510	BIA	48.18	-118.49	4636
687	Iron Mountain	R	452512	USFS	48.56	-118.62	4325
687	Lost Lake	R	452029	USFS	48.87	-119.06	3760
101	Bonners Ferry	R	100101	USFS	48.72	-116.35	2310
101	Magee peak	R	100425	USFS	47.89	-116.31	4856
101	Fish Hook	R	100421	USFS	47.86	-115.91	4700
101	Hoodoo	R	100208	USFS	48.05	-116.84	2270
101	Lines Creek	R	100424	USFS	48.15	-116.29	5120
101	Nuckols	R	100423	USFS	47.54	-115.97	4000
101	Priest Lake	R	100204	USFS	48.60	-116.96	2600
101	Saddle pass	R	100107	USFS	48.98	-116.79	5120
101	COE Airport	M		FAA			

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Pendleton Fire Weather

Operating Plan

PENDLETON FIRE WEATHER OPERATIONS PLAN 2006

LOCATION:
National Weather Service Office
2001 NW 56th Dr.
Pendleton, OR 97801.

NEW FOR 2006
New Red Flag Warning criteria for lightning
New dissemination call procedures of Red Flag Warnings.
NDFD-based FARSITE Weather Support.

HOURS:
The Pendleton Fire Weather Program is committed to establishing a program with staff trained to respond to fire weather needs 24 hours per day. In addition a Fire Weather shift will be scheduled during the following times:

Land Management Season Shifts: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday.
Late March - May and late September - October.

Fire Season Shifts: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM 7 days a week
June to late September.

The National Weather Service office in Pendleton is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is fully staffed. If there is a need to support a project, additional forecasters can be made available. **However, under the provisions of the National Agencies/NWS Agreement, special services provided by the Pendleton Fire Weather office will be done on a reimbursable basis**.

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Dennis Hull	Warning Coordination Meteorologist
Jon Mittelstadt	Science and Operation Officer

All Senior and Journeyman Forecasters will train and be certified to issue all forecast from the Fire Weather desk. However a **core group** of forecasters will provide the majority of forecasts during fire season.

Name	Position
Joe Solomon	Fire Weather Program Leader / Senior Forecaster / IMET
Mary Smith	Senior Forecaster
Roger Cloutier	Senior Forecaster
Vincent Papol	Senior Forecaster
Zaaron Allen	Senior Forecaster
Gordon Hepburn	Journeyman Forecaster
Diann Coonfield	Journeyman Forecaster
Alan Polan	Journeyman Forecaster

COMMUNICATIONS

All forecasts including spot forecasts are input into the National Weather Service communication system, WIMS and on Pendleton's Internet home page. Forecasts can also be faxed to customers who do not have access to these systems. Internet address is: http://weather.gov/pendleton

WEATHER BRIEFINGS

Internet based weather briefings usually begin in May. During Land Management season briefings will be held Monday and Thursday. During peak fire season, normally mid June-September briefings will be daily at 0930 PDT. Phone briefings are available 24 hours per day.

AGENCIES SERVED

USFS: United States Forest Service
BLM: Bureau of Land Management
NPS: National Park Service
BIA: Bureau of Indian Affairs
USF&W: United States Fish and Wildlife
ODF: Oregon Department of Forestry
DNR: Southeast Washington Area
County and Local Fire Jurisdictions in southeast Washington, central and northeast Oregon.

FORECAST SERVICES

Land Management and Fire Weather Planning Forecasts:
Routine land management planning forecasts are issued seasonally in the early and late part of the burning season. They are available twice a day Monday through Friday at 0900 and 1530 PDT. Specific start and stop dates are coordinated with customer agencies. Routine fire weather planning forecasts are available twice daily during the heart of the fire season, usually from early June through late September. They will be issued at 0900 and 1530 PDT.

Spot forecasts/FARSITE/Special request Forecasts:
Spot forecast and **FARSITE weather data** are available year round for wildfires, prescribed fires, or any other critical land management activities conducted by ALL land management agencies. The NWS will support non-federal, non-wildfire activities such as HAZMAT and search and rescue. We are urging land managers to customize spot forecast requests for the parameters that are needed and provide critical weather thresholds that may adversely impact the burn, such as wind, relative humidity, or burn period. This will allow the forecaster to concentrate on the specific data and time line needed rather than a host of parameters that may be of little interest. Spot forecasts take precedence over normal office duties. **As implemented in 2003, the Region 6 National Weather Service offices will: require at least one observation from the fire site for prescribed spot requests. In addition valid times for spot forecasts will be 12 hours from issuance.**

Information required by the fire weather forecaster from the requesting agency is found on our internet web site: http://spot.nws.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/spot/spotmon?site=pdt NWS form D-1, items 1-12, can be used for fax requests. A spot forecast for a planned ignition the next day may allow us to provide you with more lead time before the planned prescribed burn. Feedback of how well the forecast verified is extremely valuable in order to provide more accurate subsequent forecasts. As such, the forecasters in Pendleton request all observations taken from the burn site be sent to our office. This may be accomplished through FAX or electronically. Phone consultations are available 24 hours a day.

NFDRS Trend Forecasts

A numerical zone trend forecast is prepared and disseminated to WIMS by 1540 each afternoon from June through September. In addition, two “point” forecasts are also prepared for Haystack and Fall Mountain RAWS. The trend forecasts are used to compute the expected NFDRS indices valid for the following day. The number of NFDRS indices forecast by the weather office depends only on the number of NFDRS observations input into WIMS by the fire agencies. If observations are not entered into WIMS by 1500, a forecast will not be produced for the zone(s).

Incident Meteorologist Services

Pendleton has certified Incident Meteorologists (IMETs) on staff available for wildfire, HAZMAT, or other emergency dispatches. To request an IMET, contact the appropriate fire agency dispatch office.

NON-FORECAST SERVICES

There are several duties that fall into the non-forecast services, including but not limited to teaching assignments, customer meetings, customer consultations, preparation of annual reports, preparation of annual operating plans, program management, research and in-house training of personnel.

There is a need for advanced notice (3 weeks) for teaching assignments, customer meetings and consultations. The NWS-NWSEO Negotiated Agreement provides rules for scheduling of bargaining unit employees. NWS management has limitations regarding modification of the work schedule after it has become fixed without paying overtime.

All requests for teaching assignments, customers meetings and customer consultations will be honored provided they are scheduled more than three weeks ahead of time, and they do not conflict with other Fire Weather commitments. NWS Pendleton will make every effort to fulfill requests for teaching assignments, customer meetings and consultations that are scheduled with less than three weeks lead time, or conflict with other Fire Weather commitments. For training requests, please contact Joe Solomon at NWFO Pendleton (541) 276-8134 or by e-mail joe.solomon@noaa.gov

FIRE WEATHER WATCHES AND RED FLAG WARNINGS:

Specific Red Flag criteria differ for each situation and district. The following are criteria which would warrant a Fire Weather Watch/Red Flag Warning in the Pendleton Fire Weather District:

Criteria:

Any or a combination of the following combined with very dry fuels are criteria for the issuance of a Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning depending on the lead time:

- Abundant lightning (scattered thunderstorms) in conjunction with sufficiently dry fuels (fuels remain dry or critical during and after a lightning event).

- Haines Index of 6 in combination with RH of 15% or less.

- Strong winds combined with low relative humidity which meet the criteria listed below:

  Zones (630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 638, 675 & 681) for two hours at two locations (determined by the RH/WIND in Table A)

Zone 609: criteria are at least TWO stations (including Greyback) reporting RH 20% or less AND wind speed 10 mph or greater for 2 hours.

Zone 610: criteria are TWO stations for multiple hours in either scenario A or B below:

A) HeHe Butte RAWS and Haystack RAWS reporting RH of 15 percent or less AND wind speed of 10 mph or greater for 4 hours in a 9-hour block (afternoon and evening) OR

B) HeHe Butte RAWS OR Haystack RAWS reporting RH of 15 percent or less AND wind speed of 10 mph or more for 4 hours in a 9-hour block (afternoon and evening) AND one other RAWS or Station reporting the same for two hours.

Zone 611: criteria is any TWO stations (including Timothy RAWS) reporting RH of 15 percent or less AND wind speed of 10 mph or greater for at least TWO hours

Table A. National Weather Service Pendleton Wind vs. RH Red Flag/Fire Weather Watch Criteria Table

Note: This is only one element in determining the necessity for a Red Flag Warning or Fire Weather Watch and shall not be the solitary justification.

Columbia Basin ZONES 631 & 675

SUSTAINED 2O FT WIND OVER WIDESPREAD AREA

(10 MINUTE AVERAGE in MPH)

		5	10	15	20	25	30
	30						W
	25					W	W
RH(%)	20				W	W	W
	15			W	W	W	W
	10			W	W	W	W

The Central and Northeast Mountains ZONES 630...632-635...638 AND ZONE 681

SUSTAINED 2O FT WIND OVER WIDESPREAD AREA

(10 MINUTE AVERAGE in MPH)

		10	15	20	25	30	35
	30						
	25					W	W
RH(%)	20			W	W	W	W
	15			W	W	W	W
	10		W	W	W	W	W

A Red Flag Warning or Fire Weather Watch may be issued if the wind and humidity fall within the warn section of Table A. Fuel dryness, both live and dead, will be determined based on the 3 steps below.

1. The forecaster is required to check with fire/land management agencies to ensure that fuels are dry enough to support large fire potential.

2. 1000 Hr fuel moisture should be less than 12% and 100 Hr fuel moisture less than 10%

3. Also refer to GACC "Dryness Level" for additional fuel moisture evaluation.

Red Flag Warning Dissemination:
Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches shall be issued using the Red Flag Statement (RFW) and will be headlined in the routine Fire Weather Forecast. All Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches will be cancelled using the Red Flag Statement (RFW) and the Fire Weather Forecast will include a headline stating such.

All Red Flag Warnings will be disseminated utilizing the National Warning System (NAWAS) network

All issuances of Red Flag events will be coordinated beforehand with the agencies included in the watch/warning area and with adjacent fire weather offices if the watch/warning is for a zone on a common district boundary. In order to rapidly disseminate Fire Weather Watches/Red Flag Warnings or other information of rapidly changing or hazardous weather conditions that do not meet Red Flag criteria, but will affect fire control or pose a safety threat a priority calling list has been established. **NWFO Pendleton will contact the dispatch offices affected by warnings who will then contact other affected land management agencies in those zones**.

USER AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

There are several responsibilities of the user agencies including:

- 1300 PST NFDRS observations.
- Site observations for Spot forecast requests. **A representative observation from the burn site is required for all prescribed fire spot forecast requests.**
- Quality Control of RAWS observations
- Timely maintenance of RAWS sites.

FORECAST VERIFICATION

Routine verification will be made on Red Flag Warnings and Spot Forecast turnaround times. In addition selected NFDRS trend forecasts for temperature, relative humidity, and fuel moisture will be verified. Results of the verification will be published in the Fire Weather Annual Summary. The National Weather Service will work with local fire agencies and the Pacific Northwest Coordination Group to develop a baseline for product verification.

FIRE WEATHER FORECASTER PROFICIENCY & CURRENCY STANDARDS

Pendleton forecasters working the Land Management and Fire Weather shifts will meet the proficiency standards established by the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service and the Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group will review the progress in meeting the standards. Prior to each fire season, the Annual Operating Plan will provide a list of currently qualified forecasters and those expected to be qualified at each weather Forecast office who will be providing fire weather services during the upcoming year.

FORECAST DISTRICT

The Pendleton Fire Weather District currently covers the east slopes of the Cascades mountain range from the Deschutes National Forest to the alpine reaches of the Yakama Indian Reservation, central Oregon, the northeast quadrant of Oregon (including Baker county and Harney county north of highway 20), and Southeast Washington (Benton, Franklin, Klickitat, Yakima Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties). Please see the district map for specific outlines of the Fire Weather Zones.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA DESCRIPTIONS (See Zone Map)

The Pendleton Fire Weather forecast will be sectioned by Fire Weather Zone. This will result in 12 separate zone forecasts. These zones are based on terrain, elevation, weather characteristics, and political boundaries. The following are descriptions of each of the twelve Fire Weather Zones in the Pendleton Fire Weather district.

East Slopes of North Oregon & Southern Washington Cascades – Fire Weather Zone 609

Represents the portion the east slopes of the Cascades from Mt Hood NF to western Klickitat County as well as adjacent foothills under ODF & WA DNR protection.

Bounded by the Cascade crest on the west, the Yakima County line on the north and the northern boundary of the Warm Spring Indian Reservation on the south. The eastern boundary lies along Highway 97 from Satus Pass south to Biggs, OR, then runs west along the Columbia River to The Dalles, then follows Highway 197 south to near Maupin then roughly follows Wapinita Road to the northern border of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation boundary.

This zone has elevations that range from the peaks of Mt Hood (11000 feet) down to the eastern Columbia River Gorge (200 feet) and includes the Foothills of the Cascades.

East Slopes of Central Oregon Cascades - Fire Weather Zone 610

Represents Warm Springs Indian Reservation and the Sisters RD of the Deschutes NF.

Bounded by the Cascade crest on the west and the boundaries of Warm Springs Reservation and Sisters RD on the north, east and south.

This zone has elevations that range from the crest of the Cascades (10000 feet) down to the Foothills of the Cascades (2000 feet).

Deschutes NF (minus Sisters RD) - Fire Weather Zone 611

Includes the Deschutes NF with the exception of the Sisters RD…includes interior islands of private land and high Cascade wilderness areas.

Bounded on the west by Cascade crest...on the north by the southern boundary of the Sisters RD...and on the east and south by the Deschutes Forest boundary.

This zone has elevations that range from the peaks of the Cascades (10000 feet) down to the high plateau deserts (4000 feet).

Central Oregon Mountains - Fire Weather Zone 630

Represents the Ochoco NF, Crooked River National Grasslands, Prineville ODF, Prineville BLM of Central Oregon.

Bounded on the west by the borders of the Deschutes NF and Warm Springs Indian Reservation. North boundary runs west to east from the northeast section of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation to north central Wheeler County. Southern boundary roughly

follows the southern border of Deschutes County east of the Deschutes NF and includes the extreme northeast portion of Lake County around Glass Butte. The west boundary roughly follows the east border of Crook County then cuts west across southern Wheeler County just north of the northern Crook County border then turning north again in western Wheeler County meeting the northern border in north central Wheeler County.

This zone covers the mountains of central Oregon including the grasslands and high plateau deserts. Elevations range from 2500 feet in the Grasslands to 7000 foot peaks in the Ochoco NF.

Columbia Basin of Oregon and Southeast Washington - Fire Weather Zone 631

Represents the Lower Columbia Basin of Oregon and Washington. Includes the Foothills of the Blue Mountains. Agencies responsible for fire protection in this area are ODF Pendleton, ODF The Dalles, Prineville BLM, Spokane BLM, Vale BLM, and southeast DNR.

West boundary is the Columbia River Gorge. South boundary follows the Foothills of the Blue Mountains from north central Oregon into southeast Washington. North boundary follows the Horse Heaven Hills through southern Benton County of Washington then turns north following the Columbia River to the east border of the Hanford Reach National Monument. Then it runs east along the northern borders of Franklin, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties of Washington.

This zone covers the flat or smooth rolling hills in the Lower Columbia Basin of Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington. Elevations range from about 200 ft MSL along the Columbia River to approximately 3000 ft MSL along the foothills of the Blue Mountains.

Southern Blue and Strawberry Mountains - Fire Weather Zone 632

Represents the Southern Blue Mountains in the Ukiah region down to the Strawberry Mountains in southern Grant County and northern Harney County. Agencies responsible are the ODF John Day, ODF Fossil, the Malheur National Forest, the Ochoco National Forest, Burns BLM, and Prineville BLM.

The west boundary follows the east boundary of zone 630 from north central Wheeler County down the eastern Crook County border then down the west Harney County line to Highway 20. The southern border follows Highway 20 through Burns to the Malheur County line. The east border runs north roughly following the eastern Grant County border and the western border of Union County to near Ukiah. The north boundary runs along the Foothills of the Blue Mountains from north central Wheeler County through southern Umatilla County.

This zone is composed of varying and complex terrain, ranging from mountains with numerous steep sloped and narrow drainages to flat plateaus, meadows, and river valleys.

Elevations range from about 3200 ft MSL in the John Day valley to over 8500 ft MSL in the Strawberry Mountains.

Northern Blue Mountains - Fire Weather Zone 633

Represents the Elkhorn and Blue Mountains as well as the Grande Ronde Valley. Agencies responsible are the ODF Baker City, the Umatilla National Forest, the Wallowa Whitman National Forest, the Malheur National Forest, and Vale BLM.

The west boundary starts at Highway 26 and runs north along the Grant and Baker County line, and then follows the Union and Umatilla County line north until reaching the Blue Mountain foothills around Pendleton. Then it follows the Foothills into southeast Washington around the northern tip of the Blue Mountains which includes the southern portions of Columbia and Garfield Counties. Then it runs south along the east boundary of the Umatilla NF to the northern tip of the Grande Ronde Valley. Then it runs down the east side of the valley until it hits the north border of Baker County. From there it jogs around the Elkhorn Mountains ending up back at Highway 26.

Terrain in this area is highly variable and complex, ranging from mountains with steep slopes and narrow canyons to flat plateaus, meadows, and river valleys. Elevations range from below 2500 ft MSL in the Grande Ronde valley to near 9000 ft MSL in the Elkhorn Mountains.

Eagle Cap District - Fire Weather Zone 634

This area is entirely within the Wallowa Mountains and the majority of Eagle Cap Wilderness area. Terrain in this area is very complex with high mountains and numerous very steep slopes and narrow drainages. Elevations range from below 3500 ft MSL to near 10,000 ft MSL. The agency chiefly responsible is the Wallowa Whitman National Forest.

Wallowa District - Fire Weather Zone 635

This represents the County of Wallowa minus the Wallowa Mountains. Agencies responsible are the ODF Baker City, ODF Wallowa, the Wallowa Whitman National Forest, and Vale BLM.

This zone contains highly variable terrain as well, ranging from mountains with steep, narrow drainages to the deep canyons of the Snake and Imnaha River, to open, flat Wallowa Valley. Elevations range from near 2000 ft MSL to near 6500 ft MSL.

Baker Valley – Fire Weather Zone 638

This represents most of Baker County except for the Elkhorn Mountains in northwest Baker County. Agencies responsible are the ODF Baker City, the Wallowa Whitman NF and Vale BLM.

This zone contains highly variable terrain as well, ranging from mountains with steep, narrow drainages to the deep canyons of the Snake, to open, flat Baker Valley. Elevations range from near 3500 ft MSL to near 6000 ft MSL

Eastern Washington Southern Columbia Basin - Fire Weather Zone 675

This represents Columbia Basin west of the Columbia River to the Foothills of the east slopes of the southern Washington Cascades. Agencies responsible for fire protection in this area are the Yakama BIA, Hanford Fire, Southeast DNR, Spokane BLM, Benton County Fire, Franklin County Fire.

The southern border runs west to east from Satus pass along the Horse Heaven hills to the Columbia River. Form there it runs north along the Columbia River (including the Hanford Reach National Monument) to I-94. Then it follows I-94 west to Ellensburg then turns south to Yakima following I-82. From Yakima it follows the Cascade Foothils south back to Satus Pass.

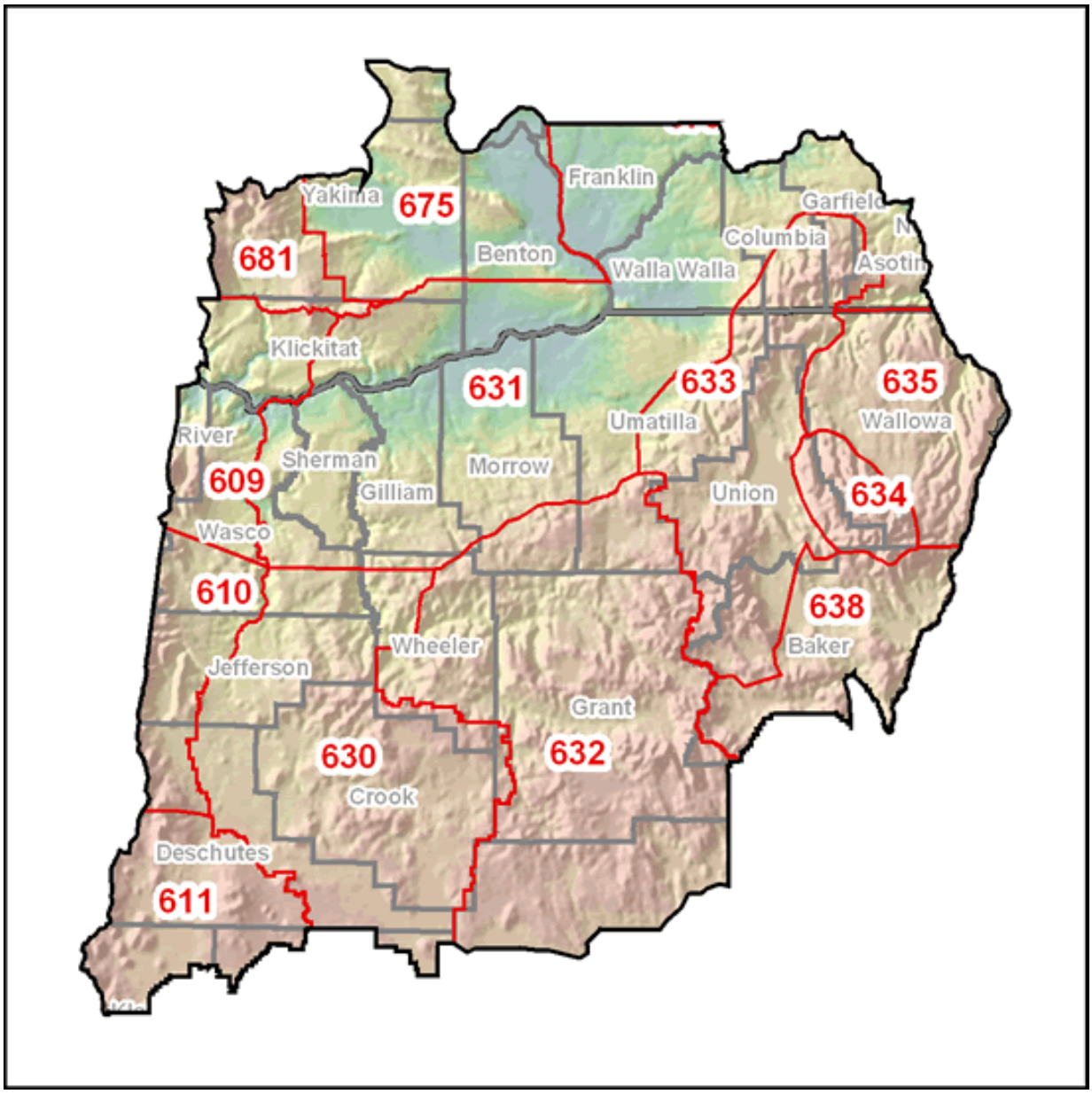
This area is characterized as a wide river basin with numerous west to east running ridge lines, and smooth rolling hills in the Lower Columbia Basin of Southeast Washington. Elevations range from about 200 ft MSL to just below 4000 ft MSL along the Rattlesnake Hills.

Yakama Alpine District - Fire Weather Zone 681

This represents the southwest portion of Yakima County with is the Yakama Indian Reservation. The agency responsible for fire protection in this area is the Yakama BIA.

This area covers the east slopes of the southern Cascades crest down to the southern boundary of the Yakima Indian agency. Elevation ranges from near 2000 ft MSL to 12000 ft MSL Mount Adams peak.

Pendleton Fire Weather Forecast Zones



Pendleton Fire Weather Station Index

ZONE 609

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
POLLY WOG	350912	USFS	RAWS	45.46	121.45	S29-01S-11E	MIDSLOPE	3320
WAMIC MILL	350913	USFS	RAWS	45.24	121.45	S08-04S-11E	MIDSLOPE	3320
WASCO BUTTE	350919	ODF	RAWS	45.36.36	121.19.38	S05-01N-12E	SLOPE	2345
MIDDLE MTN	350812	ODF	RAWS	45.34.58	121.34.58	S08-01N-10E	RIDGETOP	2600
THE DALLES	452406	FAA	MANUAL	45.36.00	121.06.00	S34-02N-13E	VALLEY	210

ZONE 610

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
SIDWALTER BUTTE	350909	BIA	MANUAL	44.93	121.54	S27-07S-10E	RIDGETOP	3000
MT WILSON	350916	BIA	RAWS	45.03	121.63	S23-06S-09E	S SLOPE	3780
MUTTON MTN	350917	BIA	RAWS	44.93	121.19	S32-07S-13E	RIDGETOP	4100
HE HE 1	350920	BIA	RAWS	44.97	121.49	S13-07S-10E	VALLEY	2640
SHITIKE BUTTE	350102	BIA	MANUAL	44.74	121.61	S36-09S-09E	RIDGETOP	5000
EAGLE BUTTE	352106	BIA	MANUAL	44.84	121.23	S30-08S-13E	RIDGETOP	3100
WARM SPRINGS	352108	BIA	MANUAL	44.48	121.25	S24-09S-12E	VALLEY	1632
METOLIUS ARM	352110	BIA	RAWS	44.61	121.63	S12-11S-09E	VALLEY	3440
COLGATE	352620	USFS	RAWS	44.32	121.61	S36-15S-09E	FLAT	3280

ZONE 611

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
ROUND MTN	352605	USFS	RAWS	43.76	121.72	S13-21S-08E	RIDGETOP	5900
LAVA BUTTE	352618	USFS	RAWS	43.93	121.33	S18-19S-12E	RIDGETOP	4655
TEPEE DRAW	352622	USFS	RAWS	43.84	121.05	S17-20S-14E	SLOPE	4770
BLACK ROCK	353342	USFS	RAWS	43.52	121.81	S06-24S-08E	MIDSLOPE	4880
CABIN LAKE	353402	USFS	RAWS	43.5	121.06	S17-24S-14E	FLAT	4545
TUMALO RIDGE	355621	ODF	RAWS	44.05	121.40	S03-18S-11E	RIDGETOP	4000

ZONE 630

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
HAYSTACK	352107	USFS	RAWS	44:27:01	121.07.48	S12-13S-13E	S VALLEY	3240
BROWN'S WELL	353428	BLM	RAWS	43.33.40	120.14.55	S20-23S-21E	S RIDGE	4560
COLD SPRINGS	352701	USFS	RAWS	44.21.00	120.07.48	S18-14S-22E	S VALLEY	4695
SALT CREEK	352712	BLM	RAWS	44.02.40	120.39.58	S26-14S-17E	SW RIDGE	5670
BADGER CREEK	352711	USFS	RAWS	44.01.48	120.24.00	S02-18S-19E	SE SLOPE	5680
SLIDE MT.	352207	USFS	RAWS	44.27.45	120.17.14	S24-15S-25E	NE SLOPE	5700
BRIAR RABBIT	352208	USFS	RAWS	44.19.23	119.46.01	S30-14S-25E	S VALLEY	5900
BOARD HOLLOW	352109	ODF	FTS	44.21.39	120.24.35	S14-14S-19E	RIDGE	4200

ZONE 631

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
UMATILLA NWR	351316	USFWL	RAWS	45.55.00	119.33.57	S18-05N-28E	FLAT	270
JUNIPER DUNES	453201	BLM	RAWS	46.21.54	118.52.46	S14-10N-31E	VALLEY	950
WALLA WALLA	453302	NWS PDT	MANUAL	46.06.00	118.17.00	S15-07N-36E	SW VALLEY	1166
PENDLETON	351307	NWS PDT	MANUAL	45.41.00	118.51.00	S06-02N-32E	S RIDGE	1482
PATJENS	351001	BLM	RAWS	45.19.20	120.55.30	S10-03S-15E	W RIDGE	2230
NORTH POLE RIDGE	350915	BLM	RAWS	45.01.42	120.32.20	S23-06S-18E	N RIDGE	3480
GOLDENDALE	452403	DNR	RAWS	45.52.02	120.43.23	S17-04N-16E	VALLEY	1650

ZONE 632

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
CASE	352329	USFS	RAWS	44.58.16	118.55.47	S12-07S-31E	S SLOPE	3800
TUPPER	351202	USFS	RAWS	45.04.15	119.29.24	S04-06S-27E	S SLOPE	4000
BOARD CREEK	352330	BLM	RAWS	44.35.36	119.16.40	S30-11S-29E	FLAT RIDGE	5000
KEENEY 2	352332	USFS	RAWS	44.39.58	118.55.15	S19-10S-32E	S VALLEY	5120
CROW FLAT	353515	USFS	RAWS	43.50.00	118.57.00	S19-20S-32E	W VALLEY	5130
ALLISON	353501	USFS	RAWS	43.55.29	119.35.40	S15-19S-26E	S VALLEY	5320
CRANE PRAIRIE	352305	USFS	RAWS	44.10.00	118.28.00	S25-16S-34E	S VALLEY	5500
FALL MOUNTAIN	352327	USFS	RAWS	44.17.38	119.02.31	S06-15S-31E	S RIDGE	5949
ANTELOPE	353524	BLM	RAWS	44.02.23	118.24.59	S04-18S-35E	SW RIDGE	6460
MITCHELL	352209	ODF	FTS	44.34.55	122.10.34	S26-11S-21E	NW ALOPE	2620

ZONE 633

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
MEACHAM	351308	NWS PDT	AUTO	45.52	118.42	S34-01N-35E	E VALLEY	4058
EDEN	351518	USFS	RAWS	45.55.36	117.35.18	S30-05N-42E	S SLOPE	4200
ALDER RIDGE	453803	USFS	RAWS	46.27	117.49	S13-09N-42E	S SLOPE	4500
J RIDGE	351414	USFS	RAWS	45.06.50	118.24.14	S23-05S-35E	SE SLOPE	5180
BLACK MOUNTAIN	351317	USFS	RAWS	45.35.42	118.14.06	S06-01N-37E	RIDGE	5425
LAGRANDE	351417	ODF	FTS	45.33.10	118.00.43	S24-1N-38E	RIDGE	3100
ELK CREEK	352126	USFS	RAWS	44.45.28	117.58.16	S19-9S-39E	SW SLOPE	6576

ZONE 634

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
POINT PROM II	351419	USFS	RAWS	45.21.17	117.42.16	S21-02S-41E	W RIDGE	6607
MINAM	351416	USFS	RAWS	45.35	117.63	S20-04S-35E	VALLEY	4200

ZONE 635

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
ROBERTS BUTTE	351520	USFS	RAWS	45.40.54	117.12.23	S20-02N-45E	SW RIDGE	4263
HARLE BUTTE	351502	USFS	RAWS	45.19.09	116.52.03	S07-03S-48E	W RIDGE	6071

ZONE 638

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
BAKER AIRPORT	352419	NWS PDT	MANUAL	44.83	117.81	S33-08S-40S	FLAT VALLEY	3368
BLUE CANYON	352416	BLM	RAWS	44.40.12	117.56.01	S27-10S-39E	SW SLOPE	4200
SPARTA BUTTE	352418	USFS	RAWS	44.53.06	117.20.18	S31-07S-44E	S SLOPE	4278
FLAGSTAFF HILL	352123	BLM	RAWS	44.48.51	117.43.44	S06-09S-41E	W SLOPE	3945
MORGA N MTN.	352420	BLM	RAWS	44.31.00	117.17.00	S26-12S-44E	NE SLOPE	3600
YELLOWPINE	352124	USFS	RAWS	44.31.35	118.19.23	S17-10S-36E	NE RIDGE	4200

ZONE 675

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
HANFORD	452802	FAA	MANUAL	46.57	119.6	S10-12N-26E	FLAT	732
SADDLE MOUNTAIN	452701	USFWL	RAWS	46.41.40	119.41.37	S21-14N-25E	FLAT	650

ZONE 681

STATION NAME	NFDRS#	AGENCY	TYPE	LAT	LONG	Sec-Twn-Rng	ASPECT	ELEV
SIGNAL PEAK	452307	BIA	RAWS	46.13.37	121.08.15	S35-09N-12E	S RIDGE	5100
MILL CREEK	452304	BIA	RAWS	46.15.45	121.51.44	S17-09N-16E	VALLEY	2900
TEPEE CREEK	452317	BIA	RAWS	46.09.47	121.01.56	S26-08N-14E	SOUTH	2980
GREYBACK	452404	DNR	RAWS	45.59.30	121.05.00	S7-06N-10E	SW SLOPE	3766

2006

Boise Fire Weather

Operating Plan

BOISE NWS FIRE WEATHER ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST 2006

NEW FOR THE 2006 SEASON

1) **For those people who cannot listen into the morning internet briefing, it will be recorded live for the possibility of later viewing.**
2) **The criteria set for dry thunderstorms has been changed with the emphasis of the term "dry" being used for the fuels instead of the amount of precipitation from those thunderstorms.**

LOCATION

NIFC/National Weather Service Forecast Office
3833 S. Development Ave, Bldg 3807
Boise, ID 83705

HOURS OF OPERATION

Depending on variables such as fuel parameters and customer need, seasonal fire weather hours of operation will be: 0830-1630 MDT.

4/24 through 5/13: One planning forecast will be issued at 1530 MDT.
5/14 through 10/28: Two planning forecasts will be issued at 0730 and 1530 MDT.

Staff meteorologists will be on duty and available at **any time**.

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FIRE WEATHER SERVICES

A. Description of the Boise Fire Weather District:

West Central Idaho Mountains...

- Zone 400 – Northern Boise BLM
- Zone 401 - West portion of the Payette NF and Southern Idaho Timber Protection Agency (SITPA)
- Zone 402 - East portion of the Payette NF
- Zone 403 - North portion of the Boise NF
- Zone 404 - South portion of the Boise NF

Southwest Idaho

- Zone 408 – Treasure Valley
- Zone 418 – Western Twin Falls district of the Shoshone BLM
- Zone 419 – Owyhee Mountains

Southeast Oregon...

- Zone 636 - Portion of the Burns BLM that lies south of Highway 20.
- Zone 637 - Vale BLM (including Malheur County and the far SE corner of Baker County).

See the appendix for a map delineating the area and zone configuration.

B. Basic Meteorological Services

INTERNET BRIEFING: A daily internet briefing will be offered for all agencies at 0930 MDT, seven days a week once the fire season is underway with sufficient interest. Otherwise it will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays. This briefing will include a general discussion of weather conditions and forecasts for the current day, as well a brief discussion of the extended period. Model data, satellite loops, and other items of interest will be addressed for the forecast period. During the briefing, the appropriate maps will be available via the internet and the Boise Fire Weather website. The briefing will usually last less than 15 minutes, but may be longer as significant fire activity necessitates. For those that miss the briefing, it will also be recorded live at 0930 am for the possibility of listening to it at a later time in the day.

SPOT FORECASTS: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/boi/fwx.php
Please reference LAT/LON when requesting spot forecasts.
Follow-up phone calls are always encouraged and feedback is extremely useful.

PLANNING FORECASTS: Smoke dispersal parameters in the form of mixing heights and transport winds will continue to be included in the daily fire weather planning forecasts for Idaho, but not SE Oregon. The mixing height is defined as the height above the ground (AGL) through which relatively vigorous mixing will take place due to convection. The transport wind is defined as the average wind speed and direction within the mixing layer.

C. SCHEDULE OF PRODUCTS

Product:	Issuance time: (MDT)
Morning planning forecast	0730
Internet briefing	0930
Afternoon planning forecast	1530
NFDRS point forecast -	1545
NFDRS point forecast - Burns BLM	1630
Fire Weather Watch / Red Flag Warnings	Event-Driven
Spot forecasts	Upon request

D. RED FLAG EVENTS

High to extreme fire danger and dry fuels (dryness level brown or yellow as defined by the Geographic Coordination Center 7 day Fire Potential Outlook and user input) in combination with the following weather conditions:

- Abundant lightning in conjunction with sufficiently dry fuels. Areal coverage must be at least scattered (≥25%) in nature.

- High Haines index of 6.

- Strong winds and low humidities for 3 hours or more (see table below):

  Criteria are considered to be met if conditions are met at any 3 RAWS stations within a combined area of Fire Weather Zone 636 and 637. Alternatively, if a RFW is issued separately for Fire Weather Zones 636 and 637, it is considered to verify if conditions are met at 3 RAWS stations in Zone 636 or 2 RAWS stations in Zone 637.

Wind vs. Relative humidity for Burns BLM (636) and Vale BLM (637)

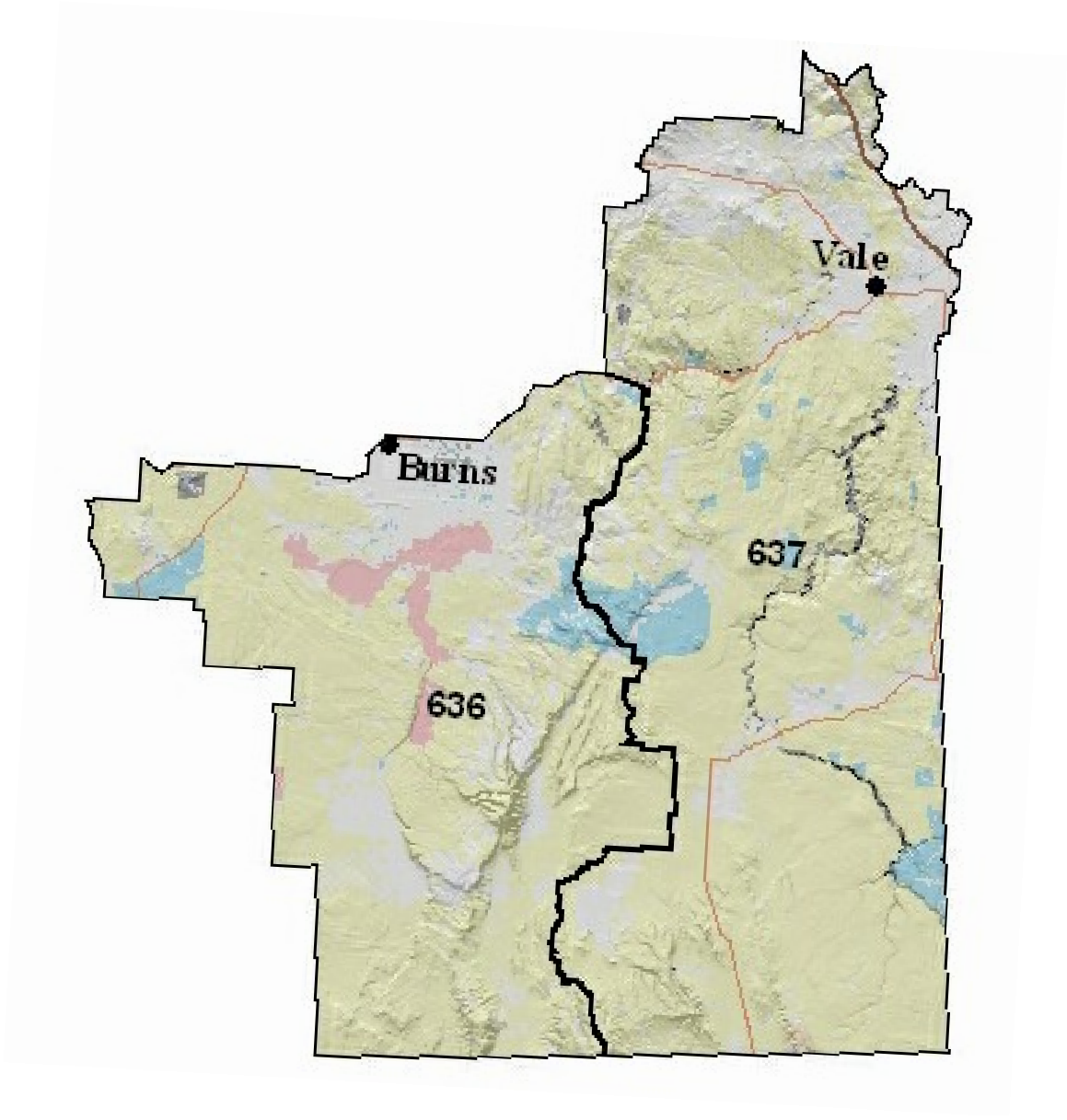
SUSTAINED 20 FT WIND (10-MINUTE AVERAGE in MPH)

	10 mph	15 mph	20 mph	25 mph	30 mph
25%					
20%					W
15%				W	W
10%			W	W	W

Interagency Coordination: Before the issuance of a Fire Weather Watch or Red Flag Warning, there will be coordination with the affected agencies and neighboring NWS fire weather offices in order to assess fuel conditions and general fire danger.

Dissemination of Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings: Each issuance, update or cancellation of a Fire Weather Watch or Red Flag Warning will be relayed by telephone to the dispatch office(s) affected by the watch/warning.

Boise Fire Weather Forecast Zones in Oregon



2006 NFDRS Station Index

ZONE	NAME	Type	NUMBER	OWNER	LAT	LON	ELEV
636	Moon Hill	R	353526	BLM	42.86	-118.68	6100
636	Bald Mountain	R	353522	BLM	43.56	-118.40	5480
636	PHill	R	353521	BLM	42.83	-118.94	4880
636	Foster Flat	R	353525	BLM	42.97	-119.25	4999
636	Basque Hills	R	353520	BLM	42.26	-118.98	4990
636	Riddle Mountain	R	353511	BLM	43.10	-118.50	6281
636	Wagontire	R	353512	BLM	43.34	-119.88	6510
636	Sage Hen	R	353517	BLM	43.52	-119.29	4400
636	Little McCoy Creek	R	353527	BLM	42.71	-118.51	5080
637	Kelsey Butte	R	353613	BLM	43.92	-117.97	5200
637	Owyhee Ridge	R	353614	BLM	43.52	-117.24	4400
637	Red Butte	R	353616	BLM	43.53	-117.80	4460
637	Grassy Mound	R	353612	BLM	42.63	-117.42	4500

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Oregon Department of Forestry

Salem Weather Center

Fire and Smoke Management Operating Plan

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY'S SALEM WEATHER CENTER FIRE AND SMOKE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

LOCATION

Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

HOURS

The Oregon Department of Forestry's Salem Weather Center office hours vary depending upon fire and prescribed fire activity. The office is open from 0630 - 1700, five days a week between November 15-March 15 and July 1-September 30. During the spring and fall burning periods, the office is staffed from 0630 - 1700, seven days a week. Exact dates of five and seven day a week service vary and are responsive to user needs for smoke management and other fire danger rating services.

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FORECAST AREA

The ODF Salem Weather Center provides services statewide, supporting prescribed burning/smoke management activities on all but a small amount of private, state, county and federal forestland in Oregon. The fire weather zones that are serviced are described below in this operating plan. The Center also provides fire danger, fire severity and specialized weather (e.g. heavy rain or snow, debris flow) support to all ODF districts.

Note that prescribed burning on all forestland in Oregon comes under the jurisdiction of ODF Smoke Management Plan. Prescribed burning must follow the requirements of the Smoke Management Plan, regardless of the party or agency that is responsible for the ownership or management of the land. Forecasts and service provided by the National Weather Service should only be used for fire management purposes and not for smoke management approval.

AGENCIES SERVED

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
Private forest land owners
U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
U.S. National Park Service (NPS)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

FORECAST SERVICES

GENERAL FORECASTS:

Fire Season: ODF meteorologists provide smoke forecasts during major wildfire events statewide on a case-by-case basis. Forecasts are issued at 1430 or as needed. Special fire severity statements are issued on an as needed basis.

Prescribed Burning Season (which may overlap fire season): Smoke management forecasts and prescribed burning instructions and advisories are issued daily by 1500. Updated forecasts are scheduled for release by 0800 on an as needed basis. Forecasts, burning instructions and advisories provide detailed information on a zone by zone basis. Forecasts describe the expected weather in detail for the next day and provide three to five day outlooks in more general terms. Three separate forecasts are issued daily for different areas of the state:

1. Western Oregon and the Deschutes National Forest (Zones 601-623)
2. Northeast Oregon (Zones 630-635, the Malheur NF portion of 636, and 638)
3. South-Central Oregon (Zones 624,625, 636 and 637)

Open Burning Season: Open burning forecasts in support of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's open burning program for the Willamette Valley are issued at 1600 between October 1 and June 15.

Off-season: Forecasters issue forecasts or special weather statements as needed in support of special prescribed burning requests and in support of the State of Oregon's Debris Flow Warning System during heavy rainfall events that may trigger debris flows.

SPOT FORECASTS:

Detailed weather information beyond what is presented in the general smoke management forecast may be obtained with a spot forecast request. Spot forecasts are handled through oral briefings by contacting the duty forecaster at the forecast desk phone number shown above.

TELEPHONE BRIEFINGS

Telephone briefings may be provided by the ODF duty forecaster. These verbal weather briefings may be obtained at any time by calling the forecaster desk phone number shown above.

OTHER SERVICES

SMOKE MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND LECTURES

ODF forecasters are available to provide weather and smoke management training and program information at field locations. These sessions would generally have to occur during the seasons when prescribed burning is not occurring.

ANNUAL SUMMARY and ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN

The Smoke Management Annual Report is published by the staff of the Center. It provides a summary of prescribed burning activities for all landowners/land managers throughout the state.

An annual operating plan (this document) describing Salem Weather Center services, responsibilities, and procedures will be published each year. The operating plan is available on the ODF internet page shown in the "Contact" section of this plan.

GEOGRAPHIC ZONES

Forecast zones may be found at the following web site:
http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/images/FWZ.pdf

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NWCC Predictive Services

Operating Plan

Predictive Services

INTRODUCTION

The role of Predictive Services is to gather weather information, fuel conditions and fire intelligence for the purpose of evaluating current wildland fire activity and fire potential throughout the Northwest geographic area.

LOCATION

Northwest Interagency Coordination Center
5420 NE Marine Drive
Portland, OR 97218

OPERATING HOURS

FIRE SEASON

0700-1700 PDT 7 days a week

NON FIRE SEASON

0700-1500 PDT 5 days a week

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WORLD WIDE WEB

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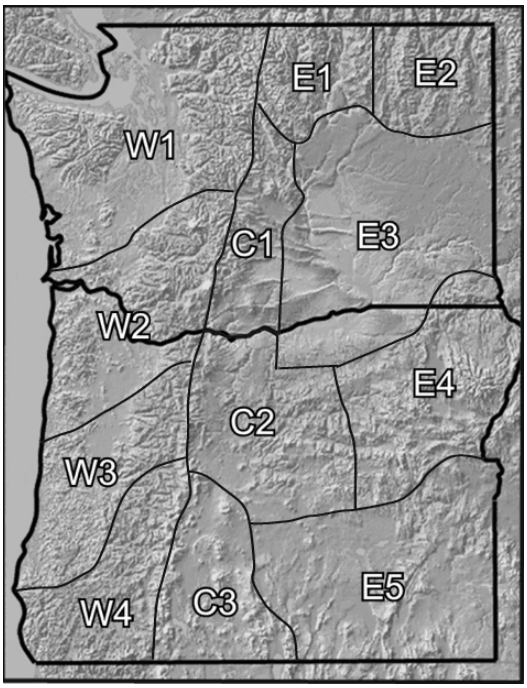
PREDICTIVE SERVICE RATING AREAS



The 12 Predictive Service Areas (PSAs) were identified from a climatological study of average weather and NFDRS index values around the region. The statistics from the study showed that the weather conditions and fire danger indices within each PSA tend to be similar. NWCC's Predictive Service fuels products and fire potential outlooks are based on these PSAs.

Note: The PSAs do not necessarily correspond with agency or unit administrative boundaries.

FIRE POTENTIAL OUTLOOKS

7 DAY FIRE SIGNIFICANT FIRE POTENTIAL

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/fwx/guidance/dl.pdf

MONTHLY FIRE POTENTIAL OUTLOOK

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/fwx/guidance/dl.pdf

SEASONAL FIRE OUTLOOK EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/intelligence/assessment.pdf

FUELS

ENERGY RELEASE COMPONENT SEVERITY GRAPHS

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/intelligence/erc_graphs.pdf

100 HOUR DEAD FUEL MOISTURE SEVERITY GRAPHS

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/intelligence/f100_graphs.pdf

10 DAY PROJECTION OF ERC AND 100 HOUR DEAD FUEL MOISTURE

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/fwx/guidance/nfdr.pdf

NDVI GREENESS AND 1000 HOUR DEAD FUEL MOISTURE

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/intelligence/ndvi.pdf

FIRE INTELLIGENCE

NORTHWEST MORNING SHARED RESOURCES REPORT

http://www.nwccweb.us/content/products/intelligence/amreport.pdf

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRE MAP

http://www.nwccweb.us/information/firemap.asp

WEATHER

http://www.nwccweb.us/predict/weather.asp

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Chair, Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group

/s/ Richard H. Douglas Date: 5/16/06

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Appendix

- **Link to Interagency Agreement for Meteorological Services.**

  http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/pd01004006curr.pdf

- **Link to National Fire Weather Services Product Specifications (NWS Instruction 10-401).**

  http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/pd01004001curr.pdf

- **Link to Western Region Forecast Office Fire Weather Services (Western Region Supplement to 10-401)**

  http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/pd01004001w042005curr.pdf

- **Link to information regarding on-site meteorological support (NWS Instruction 10-402).**

  http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/pd01004002curr.pdf

- **Link to information regarding NWS forecaster training and development standards (NWS Instruction 10-405).**

  http://www.weather.gov/directives/sym/pd01004005curr.pdf

- **An electronic copy of the NWS D-1 spot forecast request form can be found at:**

  http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pdt/forecast/fireWeatherReports/spotRequestForm.pdf