

Fire Danger Area:

- SW Montana- LDE FDRA
- 108
- Ninemile, Seeley, Blue Mt
 Meets NWCG Wx Station Standards

Fire Danger Interpretation:

EXTREME - Use extreme caution

High -- Watch for change

Moderate -- Lower Potential, but always be aware

Maximum -- Highest Energy Release Component by day for 2003 - 2017

Average -- shows peak fire season over 15 years (3207 observations)

90th Percentile -- 10% of the 3207 days from 2003 - 2017

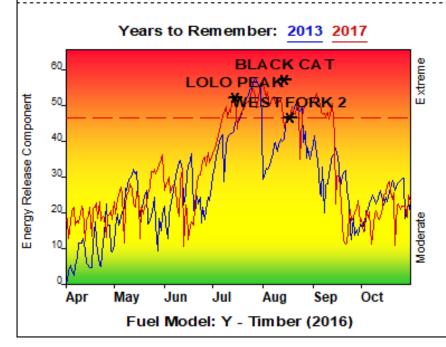
had an Energy Release Component above 46

Local Thresholds - Watch out: Combinations

of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior:

20' Wind Speed over 15 mph, RH less than 20%,

Temperature over 80, 1000-Hour Fuel Moisture less than 12



Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

Energy Release Component gives seasonal trends calculated from temperature, humidity, daily temperature & rh ranges, and precip duration.

Wind is NOT part of ERC calculation.

✓ Watch local conditions and variations across

the landscape -- Fuel, Weather, Topography.

Listen to weather forecasts -- especially WIND.

Past Experience:

Large fire growth often occurs on days of Haines 5 or 6 and when dry cold frontal passages from prevailing southwesterly winds align with drainages. The combination of relative humidities falling below 20%, 15 mph. winds aligned with drainages, and temperatures rising above 80 degrees provides opportunities for intense burning conditions and accelerated rates of spread.

Black Cat 8/14/2007 West Fork 2 8/18/2013 Lolo Peak 7/15/2017

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