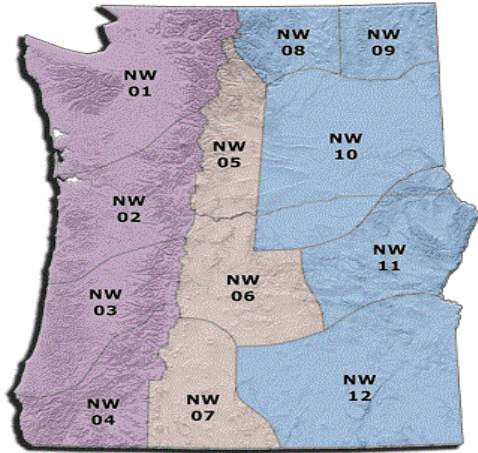


Pacific Northwest 7 Day Significant Fire Potential



Friday, 2/23/2024

Predictive Service

Areas	ytd	Today	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
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Legend

Significant Fire Risk Levels

Minimal	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a very low risk for significant fires (less than 1% chance)
Normal	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a normal risk for significant fires (1 - 4% chance)
Elevated	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a moderately high risk for significant fires (5 - 19% chance)
High Risk	- The risk for significant fire(s) is very high (≥ 20%) Triggers: 1. ⚡ (Significant Lightning) 2. BEN (Critical Burn Environment)

The assessment of Significant Fire risk considers three main factors including: weather elements, number of ignitions and background fire danger. Significant Fire risk is derived objectively via statistical methods that combine all three factors. **High Risk** levels (≥ 20% probability of a significant fire) are usually due to numerous fire starts from lightning. Human fires don't often result in a large fire probability above 20%.

Fire Weather: Dry across the region with generally light winds today. Rain and snow will move into northwestern Washington on Saturday afternoon as a strong cold front approaches. The cold front will advance across more of the region on Sunday with the snow level dropping significantly on Monday. General winds will increase Saturday night and Sunday as the front moves across. Next week's weather looks continued mild and wet.

See your local NWS forecasts for details in your area.

Note: NWCC 7-day Significant Fire Potential Outlooks are issued Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, during the off season.

Fire Potential: Weather and fire danger are not aligned to boost the risk of large, costly fires. Gusty southwest winds are likely in the Columbia Basin and other areas east of the Cascades beginning Sunday so any burn projects there should request and review spot forecasts carefully.

Fire Danger Trends:

https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/application/v1/views/predict/fire_fuel_graphs.php

Preparedness Level:

Northwest: 1

National: 1

-John Saltenberger