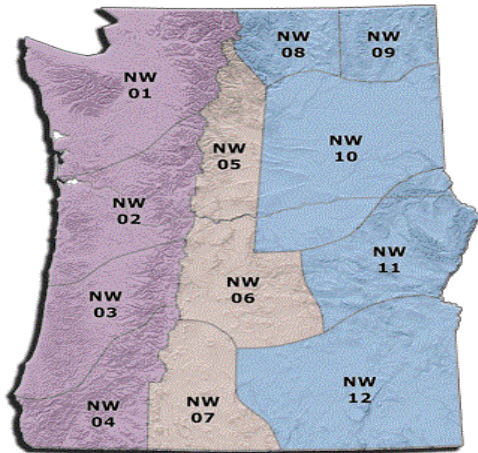


Pacific Northwest 7 Day Significant Fire Potential



Wednesday, 9/23/2020

Predictive Service		Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Areas	ytd							
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Legend

Fire Environment (FEN) 4 levels

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

The assessment of the overall fire environment considers multiple factors including weather, lightning amount and fuel dryness. Large Fire probabilities are derived objectively via statistical methods. **High Risk** levels (≥ 20% probability of a large fire) are almost always due to significant lightning as burning conditions alone rarely result in a large fire probability much above about 10%.

Fire Weather: A frontal system will move across the region Wednesday and Wednesday night with showers following Thursday. This will bring precipitation to much of the region. Another weather system will cross on Friday and Saturday. Next week looks much warmer and drier with some easterly winds and low humidity for the Cascade Crest westward. See your local NWS forecasts for the latest details for your area.

Fire Potential: The potential for new significant fires will remain generally low over most of the region through the weekend due to rain. Winds will increase east of the Cascades but will be accompanied by cloud cover and higher humidity. Only apparent risk is for slight potential for wind driven fires in fine fuels mainly in the Columbia Basin through Friday. Fire danger will rise steeply next week due to warming and drying along with some easterly winds from the Cascade Crest westward.

Preparedness Level:

Northwest: 5
National: 5

- John Saltenberger