



North Ops 7-day Significant Fire Potential Outlook

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Predictive Service Area (PSA)	Wed 20 Feb	Thu 21 Feb	Fri 22 Feb	Sat 23 Feb	Sun 24 Feb	Mon 25 Feb	Tue 26 Feb	Wed 27 Feb
NC01 - North Coast								
NC02 - Mid Coast To Mendocino								
NC03A - Bay Marine								
NC03B - Diablo-Santa Cruz Mtns								
NC04 - Northwestern Mtn								
NC05 - Sac Valley/Foothills								
NC06 - NE California								
NC07 - Northern Sierras								
NC08 - Far Eastside								

Weather:

- Brief, dry ridging turning more unsettled and active during the weekend and continuing through at least the middle of next week.
- Potential for a subtropical moisture tap by the following weekend although confidence remains moderate.
- Cooler than normal temperatures through weekend then some moderation thereafter.
- Still looking at a cold front setting up over the region Sat through Wed, and will be the catalyst for daily rounds of precipitation, initially favoring the northern tier. Snow levels generally above 3500-4500 feet.
- Gusty N-NE-E winds through Fri morning Peak gusts 30-40 mph favoring the Sacramento Vly, west slopes of the Cascade-Sierra Ranges and along the NV state line.

Fuels/Fire Potential:

- Much of the North Ops region has received above normal precipitation since January 1st.
- Most of the fine fuels have been matted significantly across the region due to the heavier precipitation and a new grass crop has emerged at lower elevations.
- No fire activity is anticipated during the next week as all areas will continue to receive wetting rain and/or snow.
- For the latest long-term drought information in California go to: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CA>

Resources:

Preparedness Levels:

North Ops: 1
South Ops: 2
National: 1

MACS Mode: NOPS and SOPS 2

For more information about this product, go

to: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/oncc/predictive/weather/Fire%20Potential%20Documentation.htm>

For more general information about this product, go

to: http://gacc.nifc.gov/oncc/predictive/weather/explanation_of_Sig_7-Day_Fire_Pot_product.doc

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