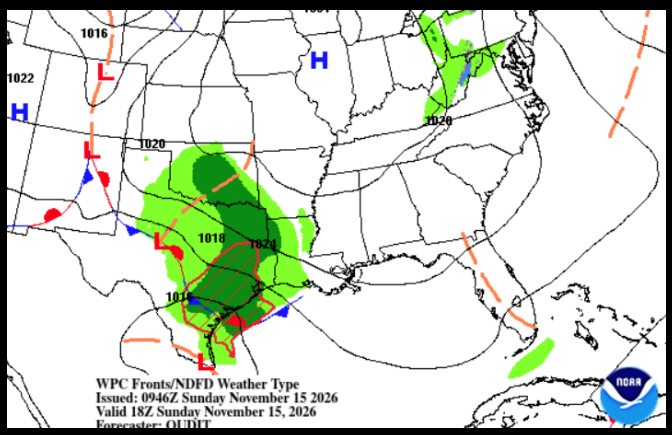
SACC Daily Outlook

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Watches, Warnings and Advisories

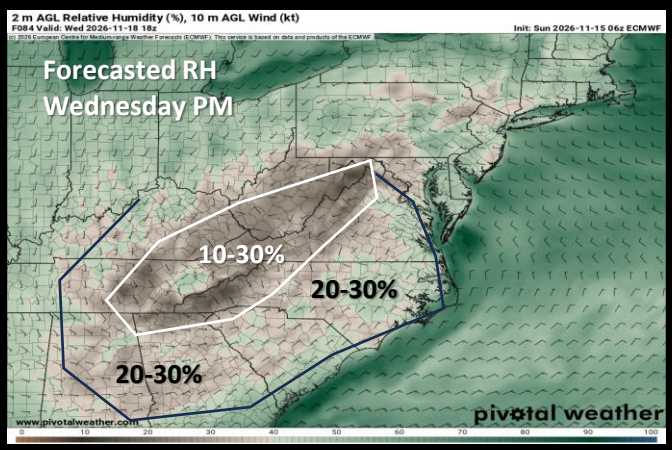
- **Freeze Warning** this morning in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia
- **Frost Advisory** in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, north Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia
- **Wind Advisory** in upper coastal Texas and southwest Louisiana
- **Dense Fog Advisory** in west Texas and the Oklahoma panhandle
- **Flood Warnings/Advisories** in Texas, Florida

Today's Weather Outlook



- Rain is gradually tracking southeast across the Plains this morning and will affect portions of west and south Louisiana this afternoon
- Locally heavy rain will be possible, and the risk for flash flooding will be highest along the Texas coast overnight
- Expansive high pressure will be in charge over the rest of the area, promoting widespread freezing conditions this morning followed by a cool and dry afternoon
- Areas from the Lower Mississippi and Tennessee Valleys to most of the Southeast will see low humidity this afternoon, along with lingering gusty winds that will maintain elevated fire risks

Accelerated Drying Trend Begins Mid-Week



- Several more days of cold mornings are expected to further cure herbaceous fuels in the Southeast, ahead of a warming trend by Tuesday into Wednesday
- A feed of dry air will accompany this warmup over most inland portions of the Mississippi Valley and Southeast, with some coastal areas in the Carolinas to Virginia seeing dry conditions, as well
- Humidity will trend more critical in the Appalachians Tuesday ahead of a more concerning drying trend Wednesday that will include the already dry coastal plain, as well
- Forecasted minimum RH Wednesday will be as low as 10-30% in the Appalachians and some adjacent elevations, and even drier conditions are possible Thursday into next weekend as temperatures continued to warm
- ERCs are forecasted to surge above the 90th percentile later in the week and could at least locally exceed the 97th percentile by Friday or next weekend in the Appalachians

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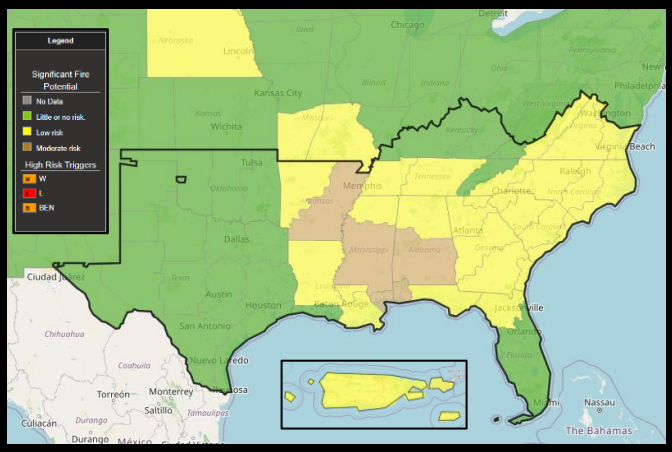
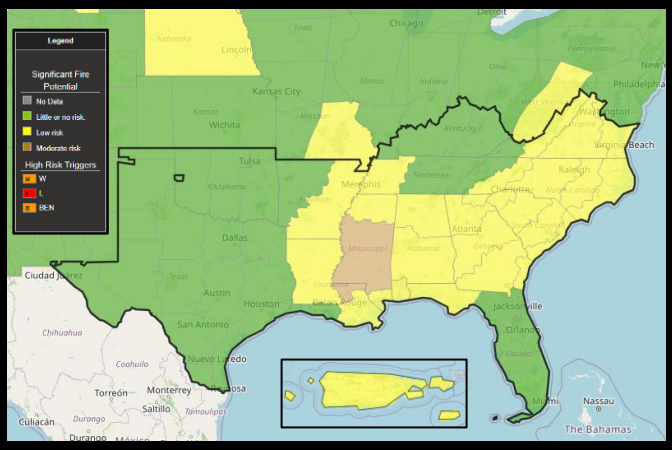
Significant Fire Potential Outlook Today



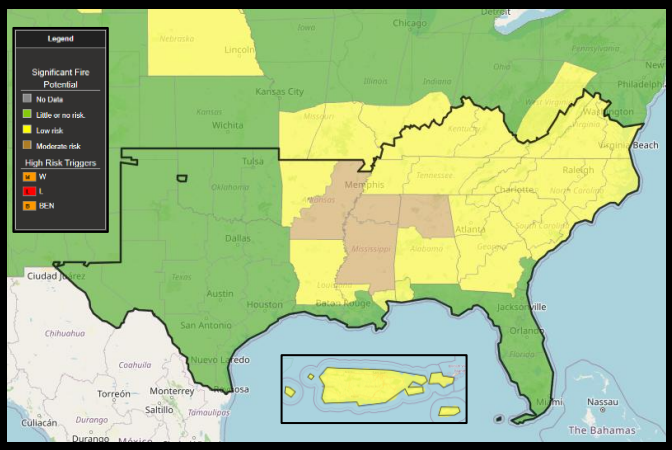
- Breezy and dry conditions will immediately precede light rain moving towards Louisiana and west Arkansas; low to moderate significant fire potential is expected in the Lower Mississippi Valley where breezy conditions develop and drier air holds on
- Areas that remain sunnier will see RH as low as 20-30%, while E wind gusts of 15-25 mph will be common, with lighter winds expected in south Alabama
- Chilly temperatures will be a mitigating factor in the Southeast, but RH will fall to 20-30% in lower elevations and 30-40% in parts of the southern Appalachians, Piedmont and Tennessee Valley
- Occasional N wind gusts of 15-20 mph are expected, with stronger winds possible in northwestern North Carolina into Virginia

Significant Fire Potential Outlook Monday



- High pressure will bring relatively lighter winds to the Southeast, while RH may not be quite as critical in the Lower Mississippi Valley, where it will be a gustier day
- At least low significant fire potential will continue inland from the Gulf Coast, and if high clouds remain thinner or farther south, additional parts of the Lower Mississippi Valley to Alabama could see moderate risks due to E/NE wind gusts of 15-25 mph
- Lighter winds and less critical humidity will occur throughout most of the rest of the Southeast, but fuels will remain sufficiently dry for escaped intentional burns, especially areas that missed recent precipitation
- The Caribbean will see low significant fire potential

Significant Fire Potential Outlook Tuesday



- Drier air will spread west into the Lower Mississippi Valley as the Southeast trends drier again, as well
- Moderate significant fire potential will target areas with drought in south Arkansas and Mississippi, potentially extending into Alabama; these areas will see RH as low as 20-30% and E wind gusts of 15-20 mph
- The Southeast coastal plain will be breezy with somewhat higher humidity than farther inland, where winds will be lighter; wind gusts of 15-30 mph will affect much of the Gulf Coast and Southeast Coast, potentially warranting moderate risks if drier air holds on
- except for areas that have snow in the highest elevations, fire activity in the Appalachians should expand across a larger footprint

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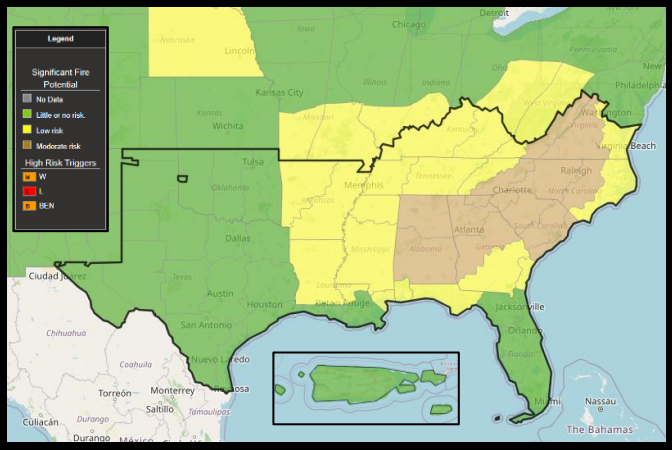
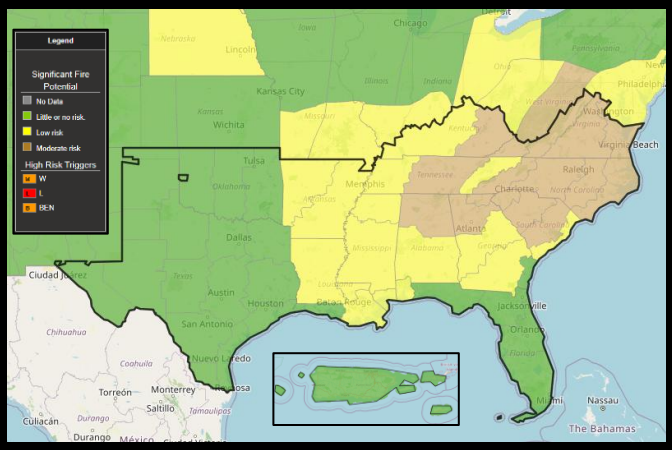
Significant Fire Potential Outlook Wednesday



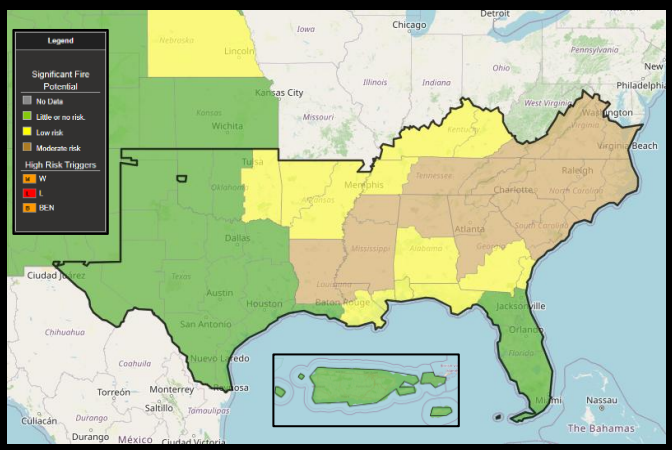
- A continued drying trend in the Southeast will accompany temperatures warming back above average
- Moderate significant fire potential is forecast on the south and east side of the Appalachians into the Piedmont and portions of the coastal plain
- Winds will be similar to Tuesday, while RH will be as low as 10-30% in the mountains and 20-40% for lower elevations, highest along the immediate coast
- RH may increase a touch in the Mississippi Valley, but occasional wind gusts up to 15 mph will maintain low significant fire potential amid intense drought

Significant Fire Potential Outlook Thursday



- Moderate significant fire potential will expand across the Appalachian states, while higher humidity will temper risks south of the fall line
- RH may start the day in the single digits across the highest elevations of the mountains, with widespread readings in the teens and 20s for the afternoon across the interior Southeast
- Winds will fortunately remain light where the lowest humidity occurs, while the coastal plain from the Carolinas to Louisiana will see E/NE wind gusts from 15-30 mph, highest at the coast, where RH will be less critical than inland

Significant Fire Potential Outlook Friday



- Moderate significant fire potential will expand from the Southeast into the Lower Mississippi Valley as dry air spreads westwards
- RH in the Appalachians will again range from the single digits to the 20s as temperatures warm well into the 60s to near 70°; most areas will see light winds, but some easterly gusts up to 20 mph are possible in east Tennessee, northwest Georgia and north Alabama
- RH in the Lower Mississippi Valley and the Southeast coastal plain will range from 20% inland to 30-40% at the coast, where gusty E/NE winds will continue
- Gusty S winds, warm temperatures and marginally dry air will result in low significant fire potential over Arkansas into eastern Oklahoma

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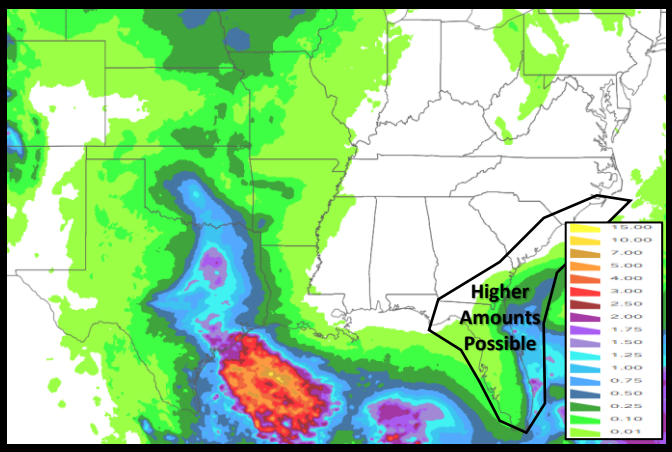
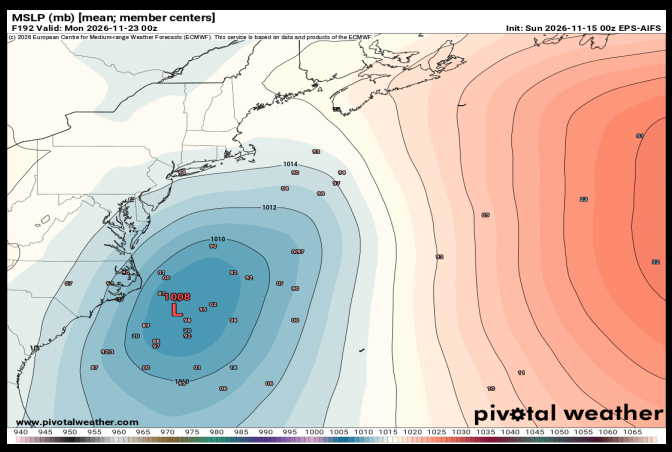
Potential Rainfall the Next Week



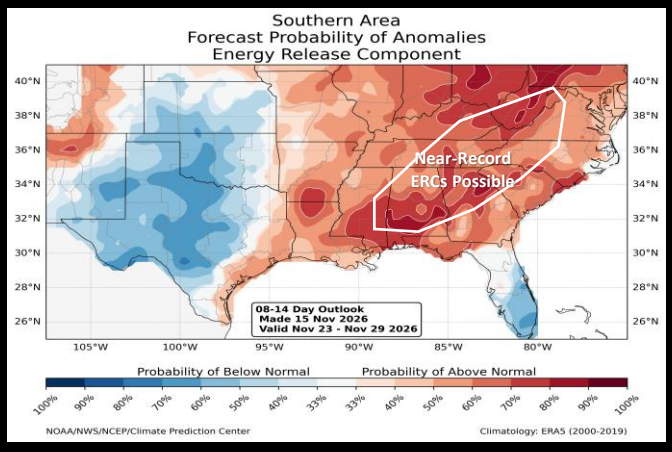
- Rainfall amounts will tally up over an inch from central and southern Oklahoma into Texas, but wetting amounts will be much less likely just to the east
- Today into tonight, the immediate coast of Texas could see amounts of 2-4"+, but the more extreme rainfall rates could stay just offshore
- This system will slowly migrate across the Gulf early in the upcoming week, before potentially organizing into a more substantial storm near Florida late this week into the weekend
- Models are increasingly supportive of a nor'easter developing and bringing much heavier rain to the eastern Florida peninsula, and some rain is possible farther north into south Georgia and the coastal Carolinas if low pressure tracks closer to the coast
- Showers and storms will return to the Plains late Friday and likely spill into the Mississippi Valley over the weekend; another trend emerging is that this front will dry out as it reaches the Southeast Sunday into Monday, prolonging a concerning drying trend

Potential Nor'easter Next Weekend



- Low pressure is forecast to form near the Bahamas late this week, but its evolution next weekend into early the following week is less certain
- The EPS-AIFS suggest a closer-in track for low pressure next weekend, with a consensus that the disturbance will be centered just offshore North Carolina late next Sunday
- Flash flooding could over the eastern Florida peninsula as the system begins to develop, and coastal flooding will again become an increasing concern along the East Coast
- If the system materializes as depicted, a more significant coastal flood and erosion event may target the Outer Banks
- Additionally, this setup could enhance winds for portions of the inland Southeast, leading to higher wildfire risks this weekend or early the following week

Thanksgiving Week ERCs



- ERCs averaged for the week of November 23-29 are expected to be above average for this time of year from the Mississippi Valley through most of the Southeast
- Readings above the 90th percentile and locally near November records may be common in the Appalachians and Piedmont early in the period, with trends thereafter dependent on uncertain storm tracks
- Given the prolonged dry spell, above average temperatures, fresh leaf litter and more widespread freeze-cured fuels, an uptick in initial attack fires will be likely throughout the Southeast and in some portions of the Mississippi Valley for the days preceding Thanksgiving
- Confidence is low in whether any wind events will occur, but trends should be monitored closely given that fuels will be more receptive than at any point since the spring fire season
- Fortunately, the Plains and Florida peninsula will stay quiet

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