

National Predictive Services Forecast

Southwest

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Predictive Service Area (PSA)	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
SW01 - Northwest AZ							
SW02 - West-Central AZ							
SW03 - Southwest AZ							
SW04 - Four Corners Area							
SW05 - Western Mogollon Rim							
SW06N - Central AZ/Phoenix Metro							
SW06S - Southeast AZ							
SW07 - Northwest NM Mtns.							
SW08 - White Mtns. & Gila Region							
SW09 - South/Central NM Lowlands							
SW10 - Sangre Ds Cristo Mountains							
SW11 - Central NM Mtns. & Plains							
SW12 - South-Central Nm Mtns.							
SW13 - Northwest NM/NW TX							
SW14N - Southeast NM/West TX							
SW14S - Southwest TX/Big Bend							

Weather Discussion

Expect a continued generally quiet weather pattern into next week with drier conditions area-wide and high temperatures between 3-12 degrees Above Normal most areas. Some breezy-windy conditions likely with the enhanced westerly flow as weak disturbances drive over northern portions or north of the region. Some light precipitation across the NM/CO border region MON/TUE, but otherwise, expect continued mild conditions area-wide through next week with generally dry conditions overall.

Recent ridging over the west coast has broken down with weak, short-lived, ridging now overhead across the Southwest Area as one large mid-upper level system moves towards the WA/OR coast. Stronger westerly flow to arrive over the region tonight, as a wave, associated with the onshore arrival of the aforementioned storm further north opens up and drives quickly eastward across the central Rockies. Another impulse associated with another, further south, eastern Pacific system will drive inland on MON leading to enhanced southwesterly flow across the Southwest Area followed by brisk northwesterly flow for a day or two

then followed by increased ridging aloft. This points towards overall mild and dry weather with on/off breezy-windy periods focused north/east. Some precipitation near the CO/NM border region is likely MON/TUE, otherwise area-wide dry conditions expected.

NOTICE: Due to reliability issues with resources that support the 7-Day Significant Fire Potential Outlook, sporadic periods of unavailable or degraded products are expected. These periods typically last 1-3 days and vary in degree of impact, but there is almost no capability to mitigate them when they occur. This product should therefore be considered marginally operational, and be used with consideration. *Contact Chuck Maxwell, SWCC Predictive Services, at 505-842-3419 for additional information.*

Fuels/Fire Discussion

Minimal Risk for Significant Fire Activity overall, although areas across the eastern plains starting to increase in potential as temperatures warm and breezy-windy periods begin to increase in occurrence. Recent wintry conditions significantly mitigated significant fire potential so far this winter but things are starting to slowly change as a milder pattern has arrived over the past week and is expected to continue overall into at least mid-month. Any localized and/or short term spikes in fire potential are expected to be associated with human related fire activity on breezier-windier days in dormant fine fuels and will likely be focused in downslope areas east of the NM central mountains.

Resource Discussion

Southwest Daily Resource Summary (SWDRS)

(http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/intelligence/daily/Daily_Resource_Summary.htm) On the SWDRS, you'll find:

- Number of Resources Assigned and Available within the SWA (By State & SWA)
- Number of Resources Assigned Out-of-Area to other GeoAreas

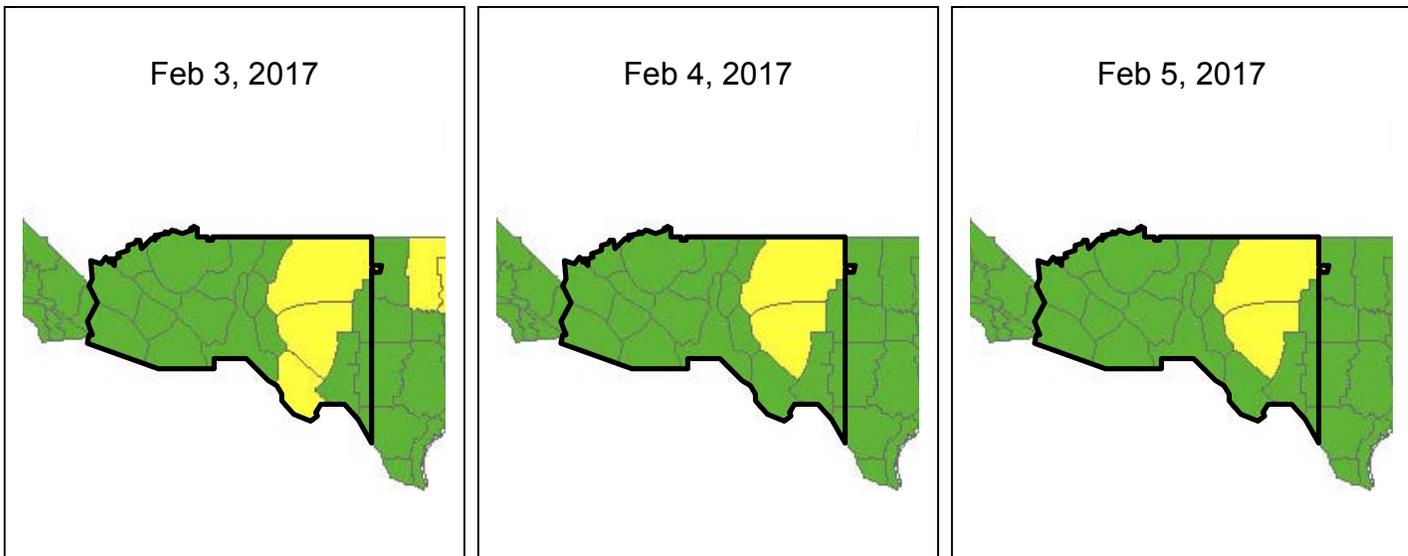
Southwest Anticipated Resource Demand (SWARD) (<http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/outlooks/7day/SWARD.htm>)

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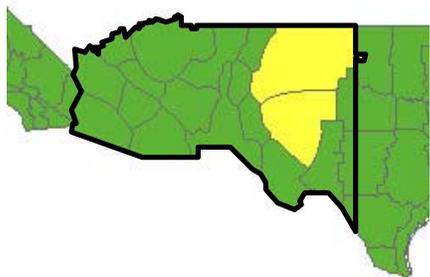
- Anticipated Demand for Resources within the Southwest Area
- Anticipated Demand for OUT-OF-AREA Type 1 Crews and IMT's
- Anticipated Demand for SWA Resources to OUT-OF-AREA assignments.

Printable Version (PDF) of SWA 7-Day Fire Potential Outlook

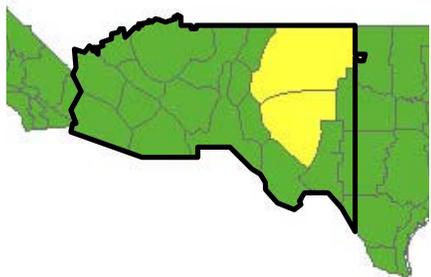
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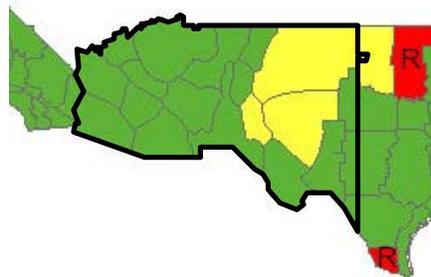
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