

Fire Season 2021 Summary

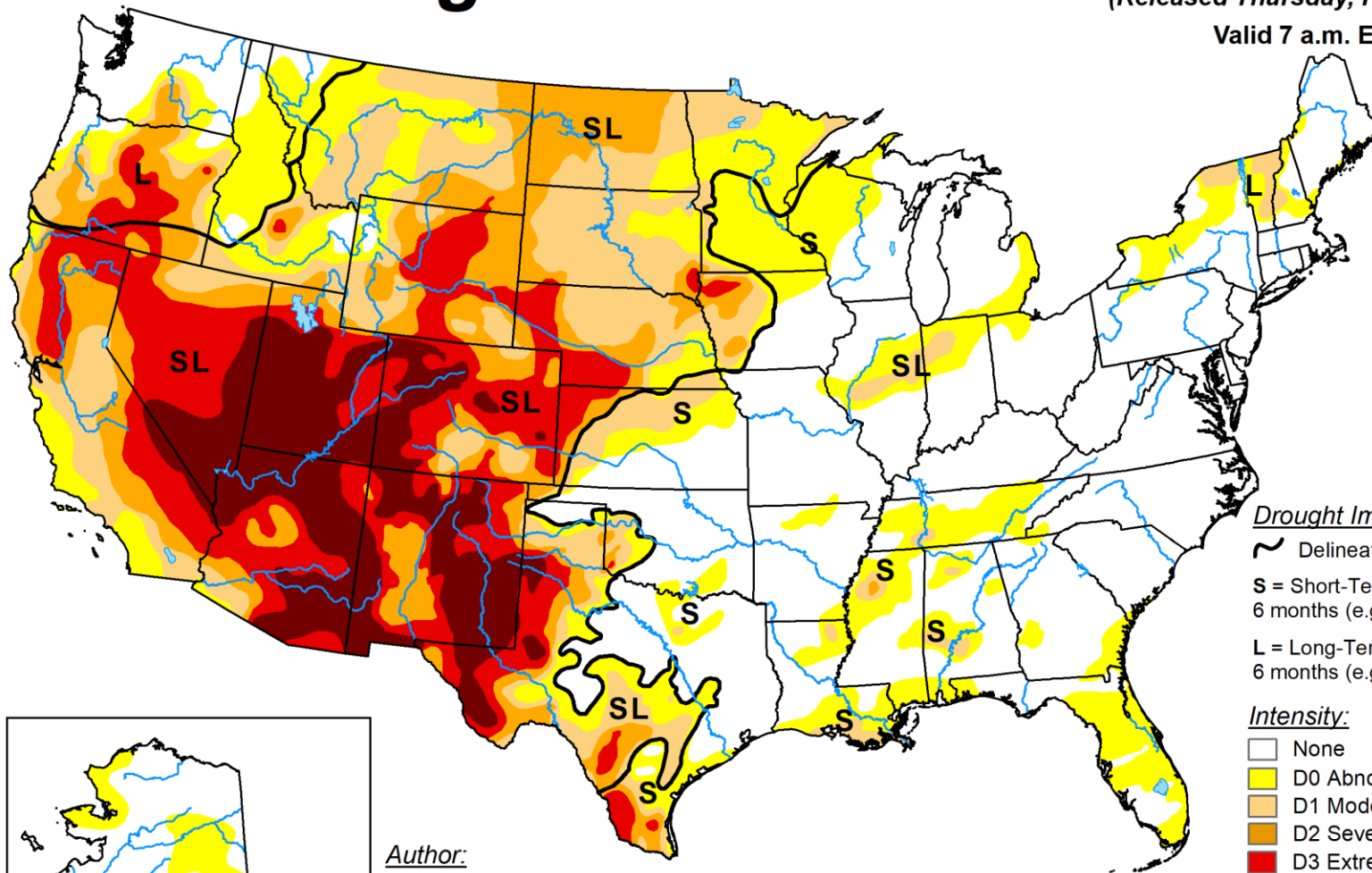
Oregon AMS Nov 17th 2021



John Saltenberger

U.S. Drought Monitor

February 2, 2021
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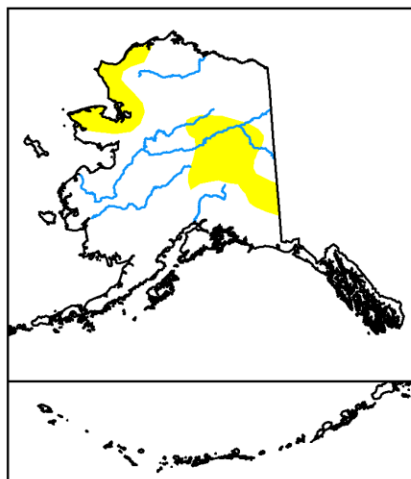


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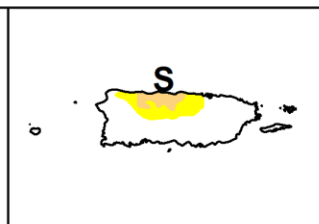
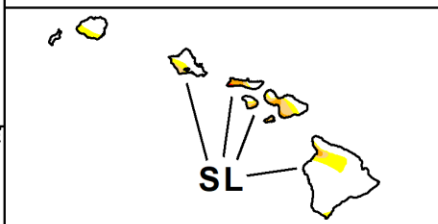
- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
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Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
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- D4 Exceptional Drought



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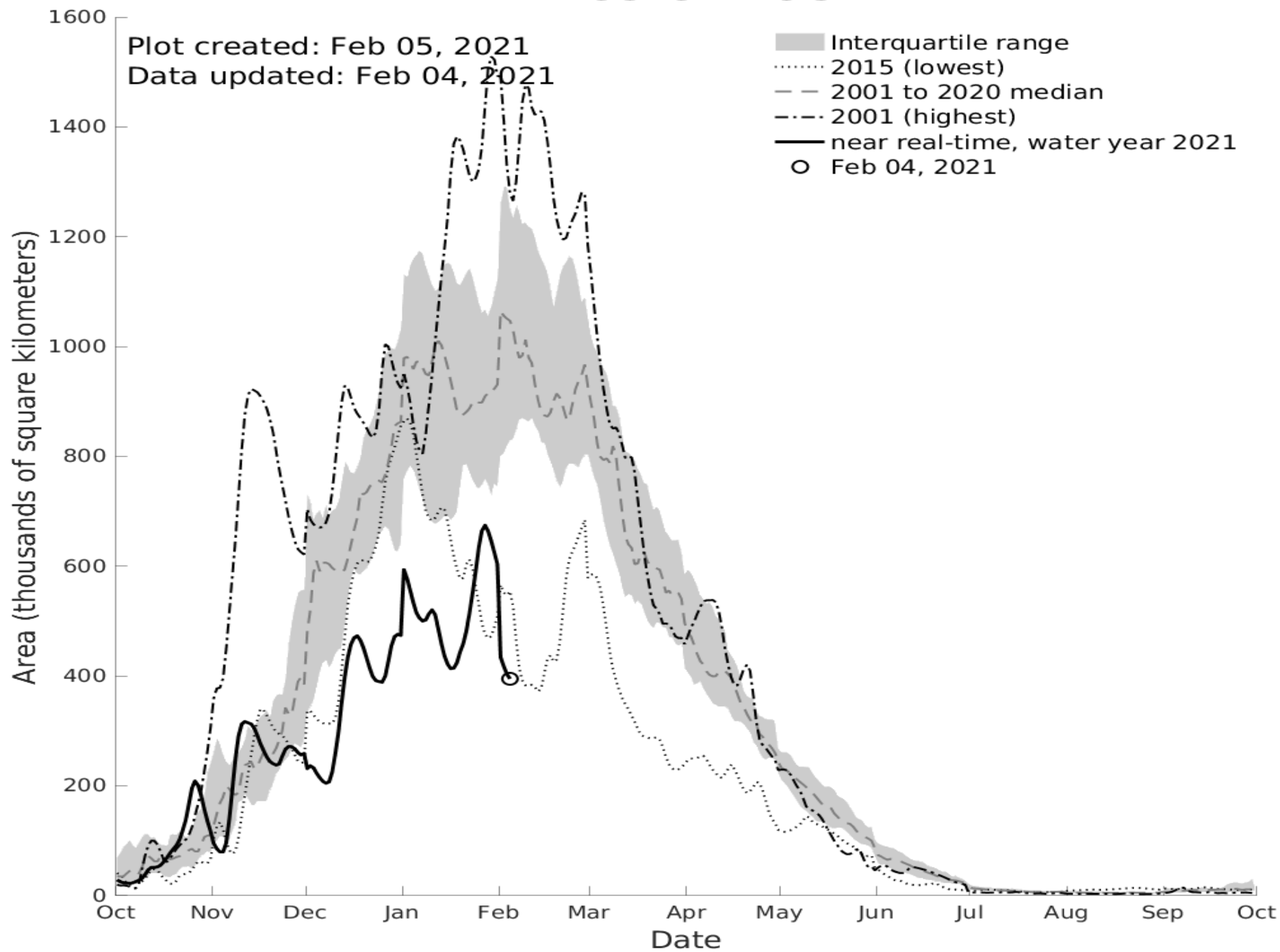


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Western US

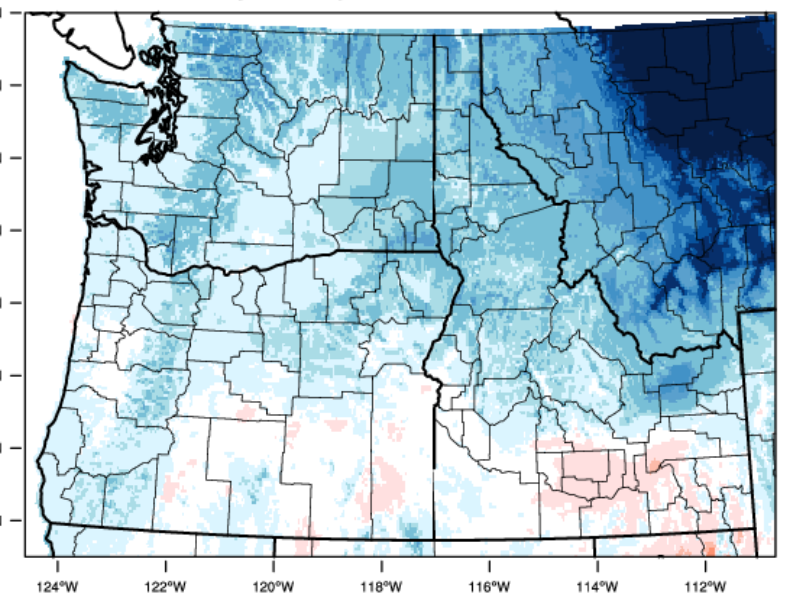
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Data updated: Feb 04, 2021



February 2021

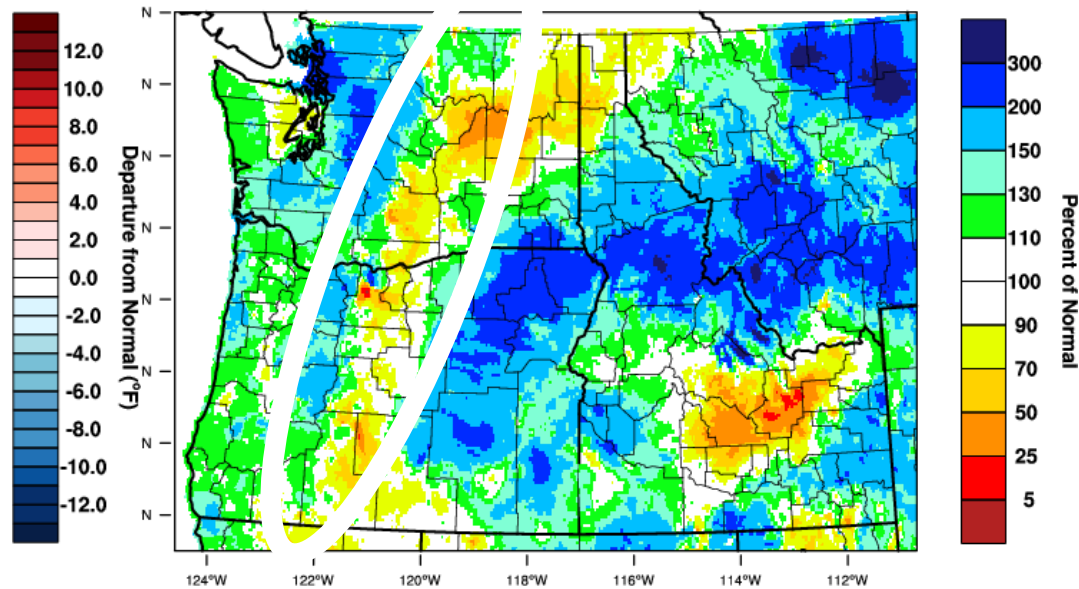
Pacific Northwest - Mean Temperature
February 2021 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal



WestWide Drought Tracker - U Idaho/WRCC Data Source - PRISM (Prelim), created 24 MAR 2021

Temperature

Pacific Northwest - Precipitation
February 2021 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal



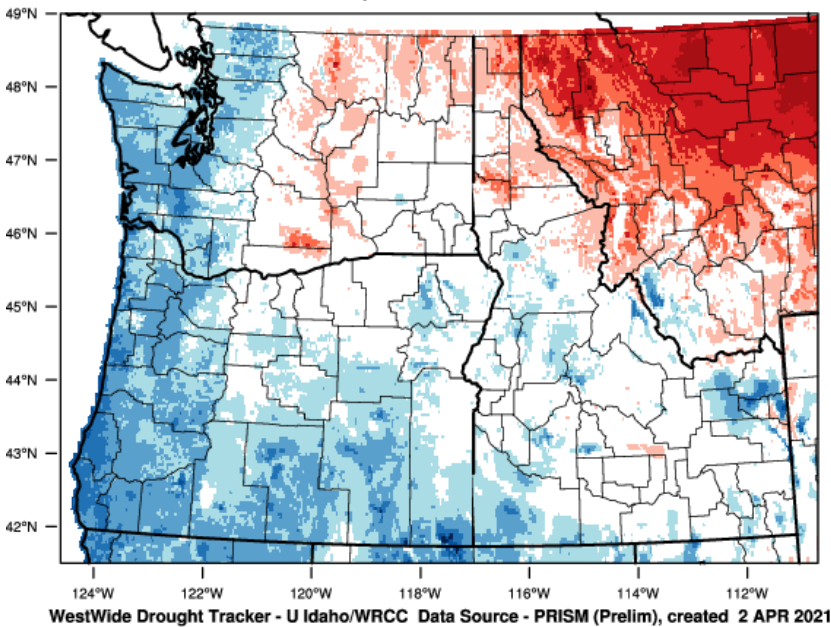
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March 2021

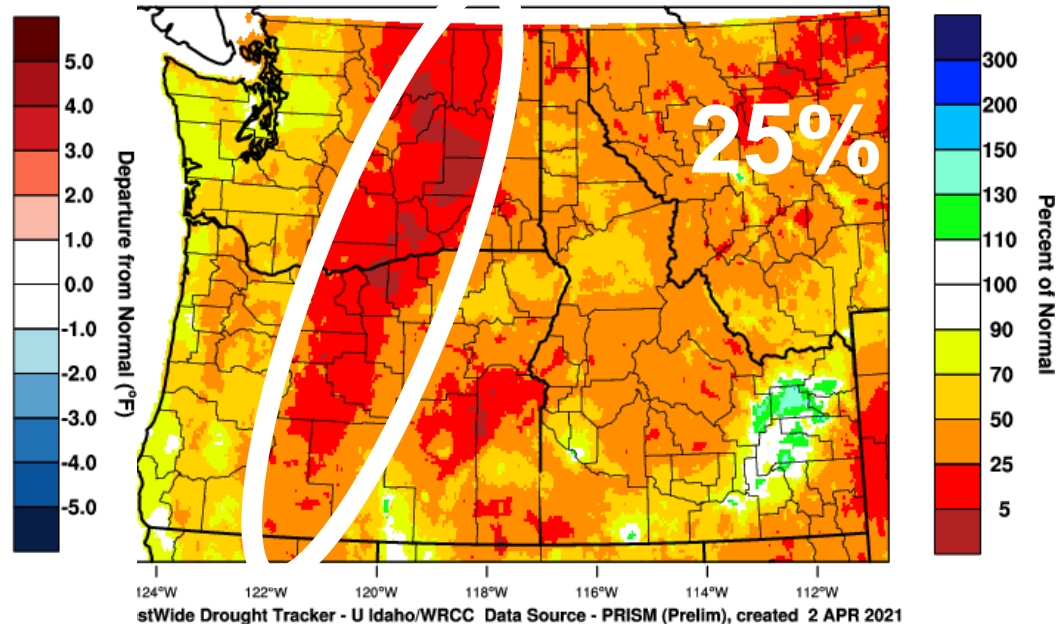
March 2021

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Temperature

Pacific Northwest - Precipitation
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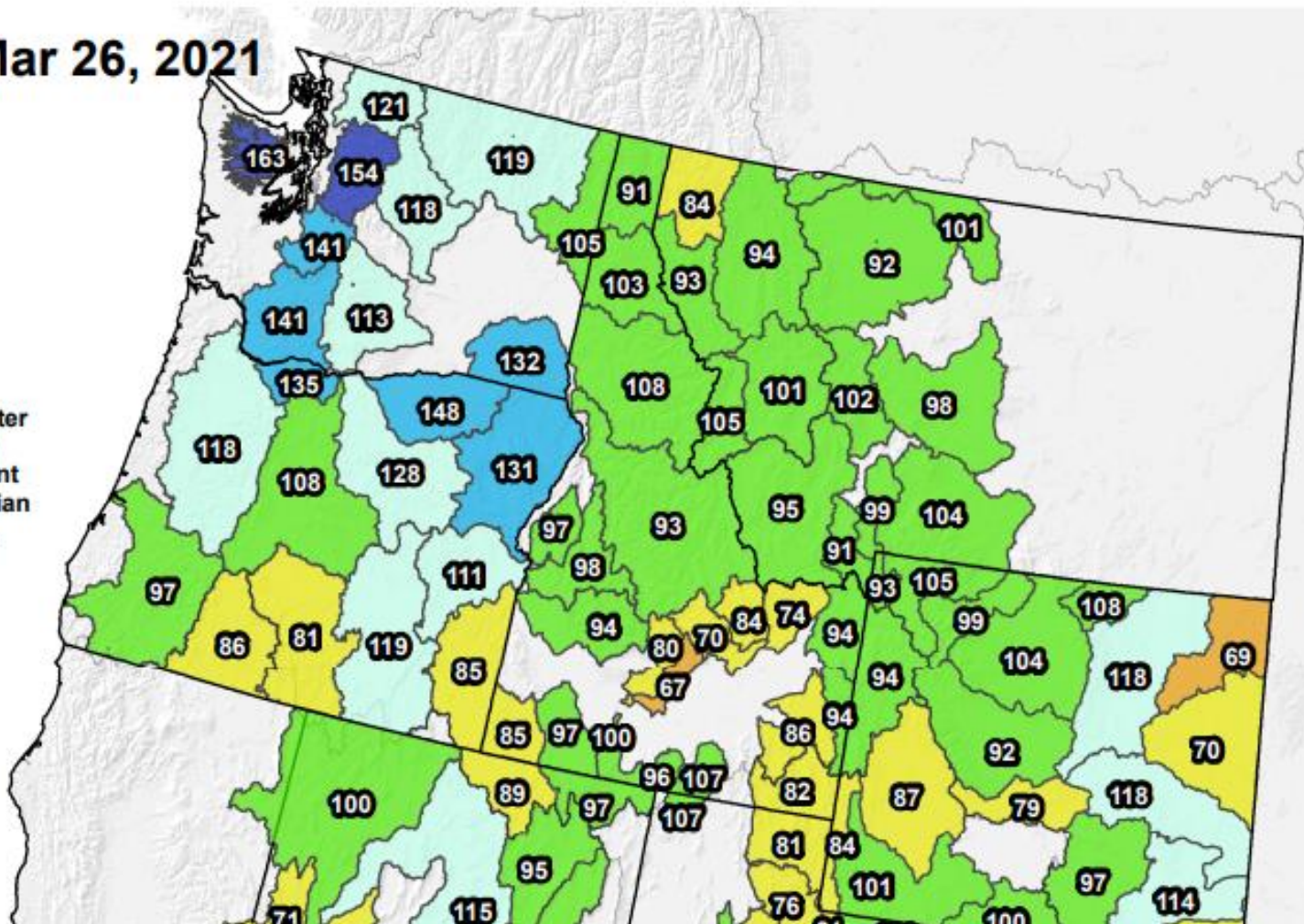
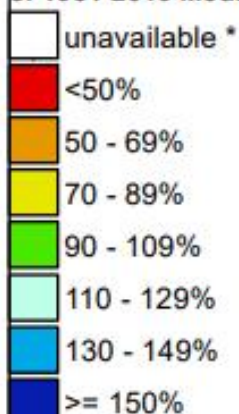
Precipitation

Basin Snow Water Equivalent

Westwide SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

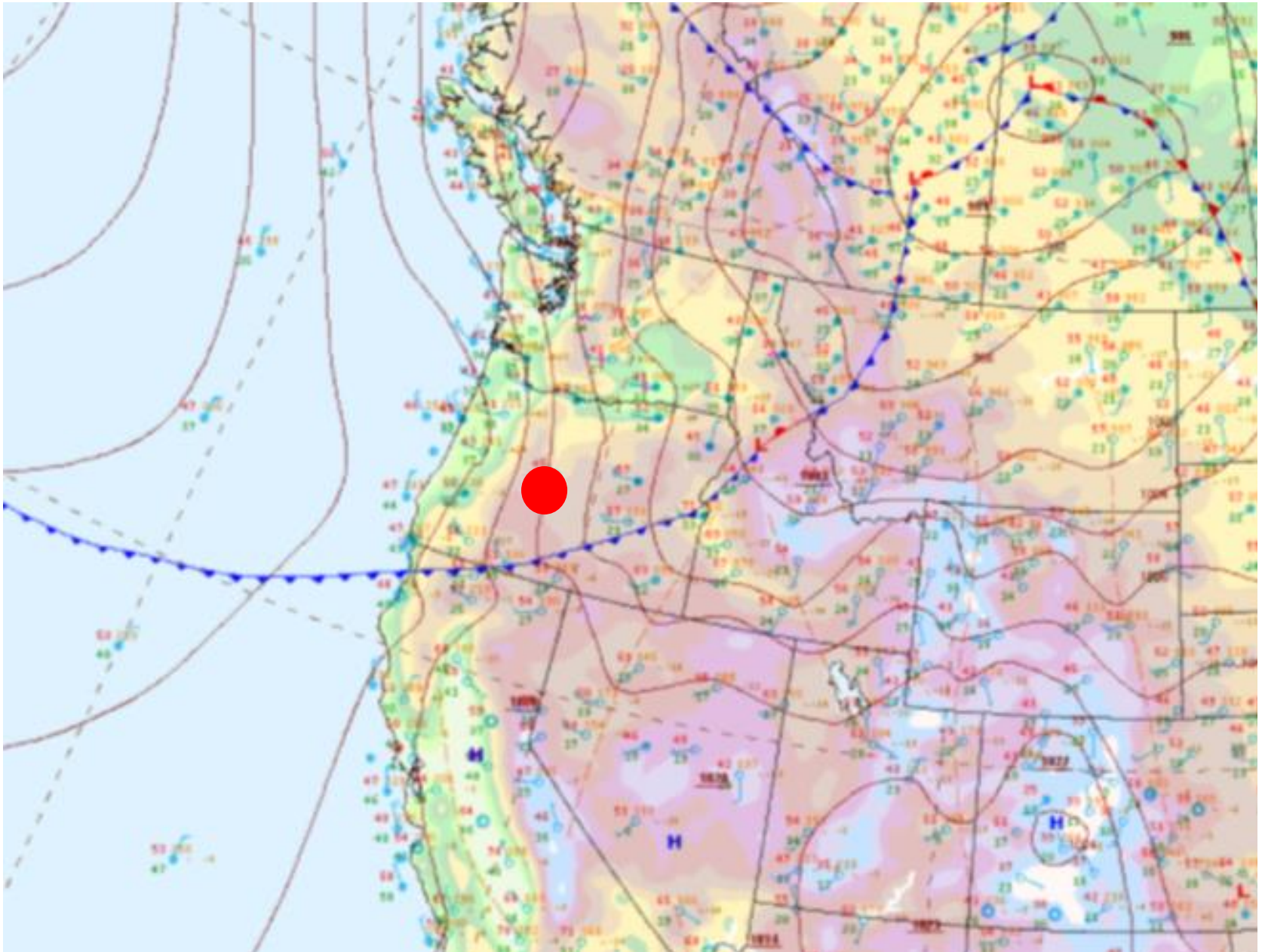
Mar 26, 2021

Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Basin-wide Percent of 1981-2010 Median



Characterization: Snowpack held fairly steady or improved during March 2021 over much of Washington and Oregon despite relatively low totals of precipitation recorded at lower elevation reporting stations.

March 28th 2021



Bull Springs Fire 95% contained; Level 1
evacuation notice dropped

March 28th 2021



211 acres

**debris
Burning**

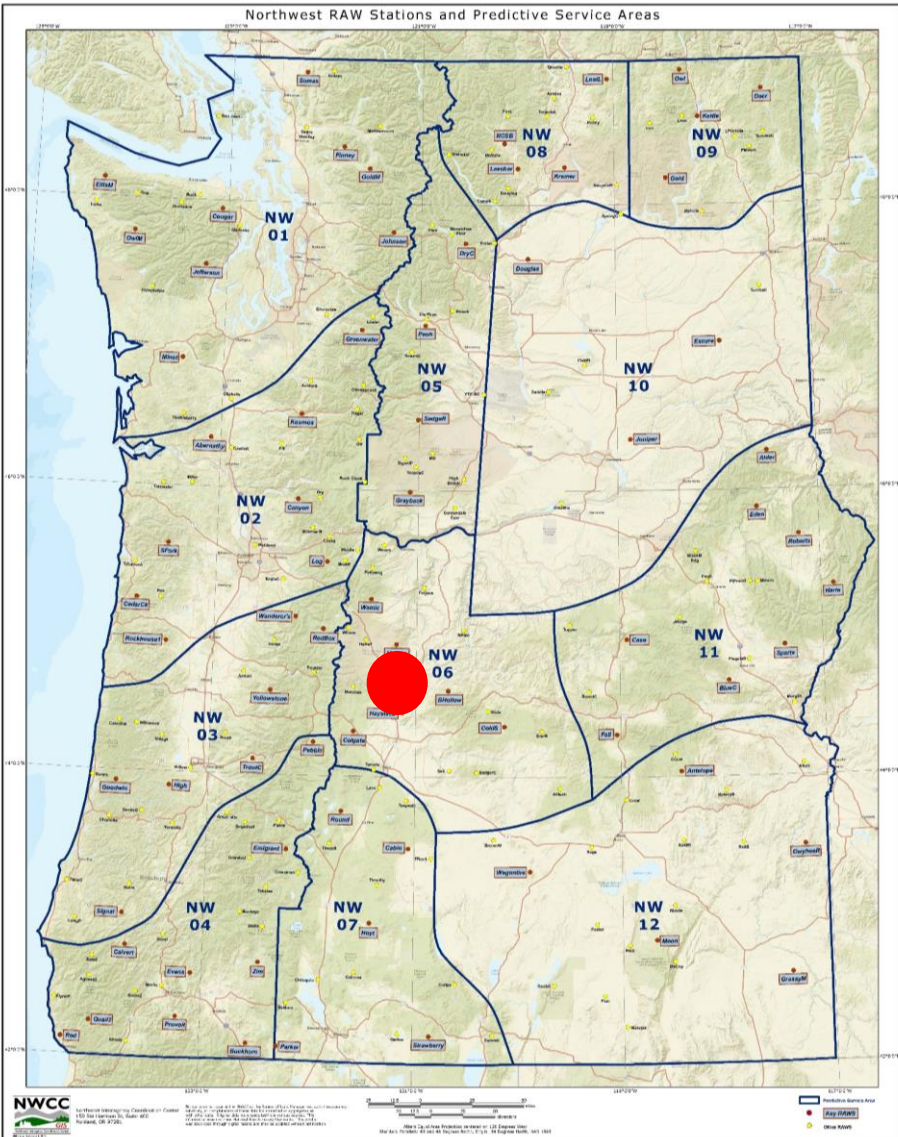
**Level 1
evac**

(Update: Level 1 evacuation dropped; new info from ODFW)

Blaze now 90% contained; Level 1 'Be Ready' evacuation notice still in place

BEND, Ore. (KTVZ) -- The Bull Springs Fire that broke out Sunday northwest of Bend near

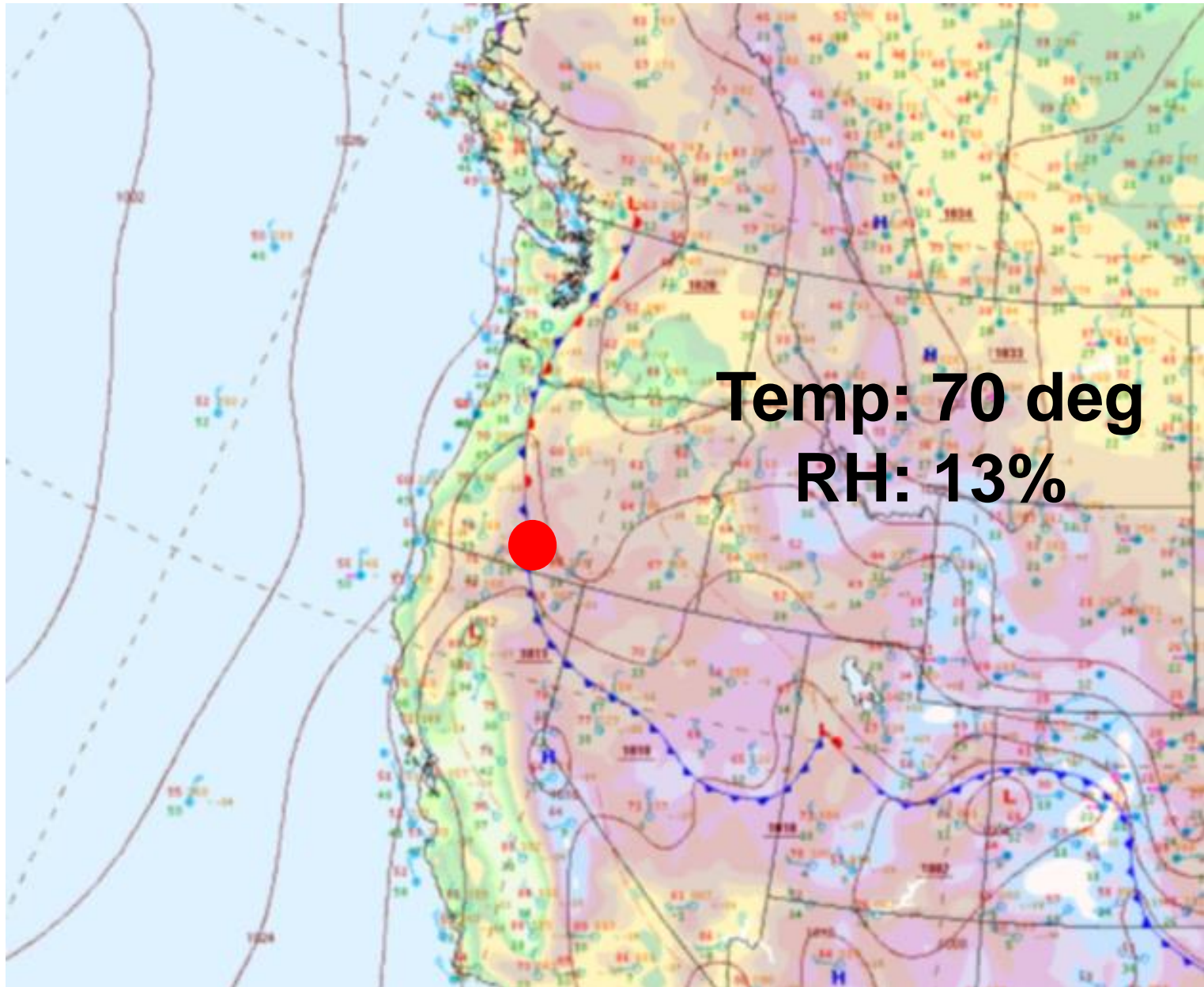
March 2021



- **Mar 30th 211 ac**

April 2021

April 18th – 19th 2021



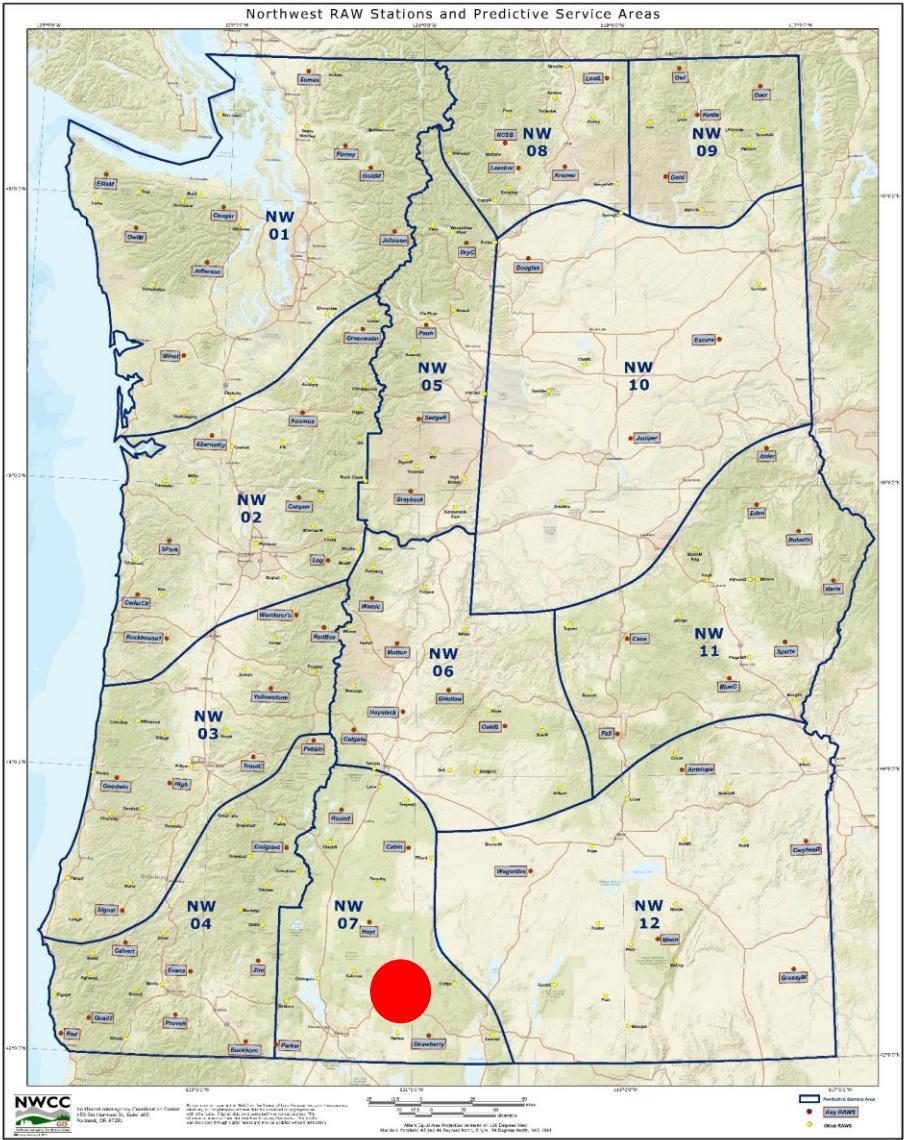
Ponina Fire Morning

April 19, 2021 / Brian Gailey

April 18th 2021



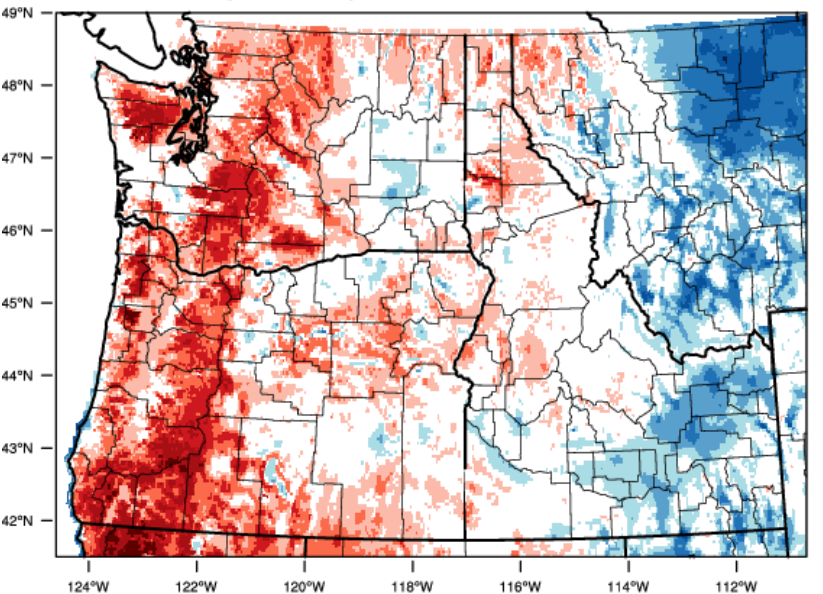
BLY, Ore. – Firefighters made great progress on the Ponina Fire, burning approximately 5 miles north of Beatty. The fire has burned approximately 1640 acres with 10 percent containment. The fire is currently being managed by a local Type 3 Incident Management Team.



1640 acres
escaped
burn
7 structures
lost

April 2021

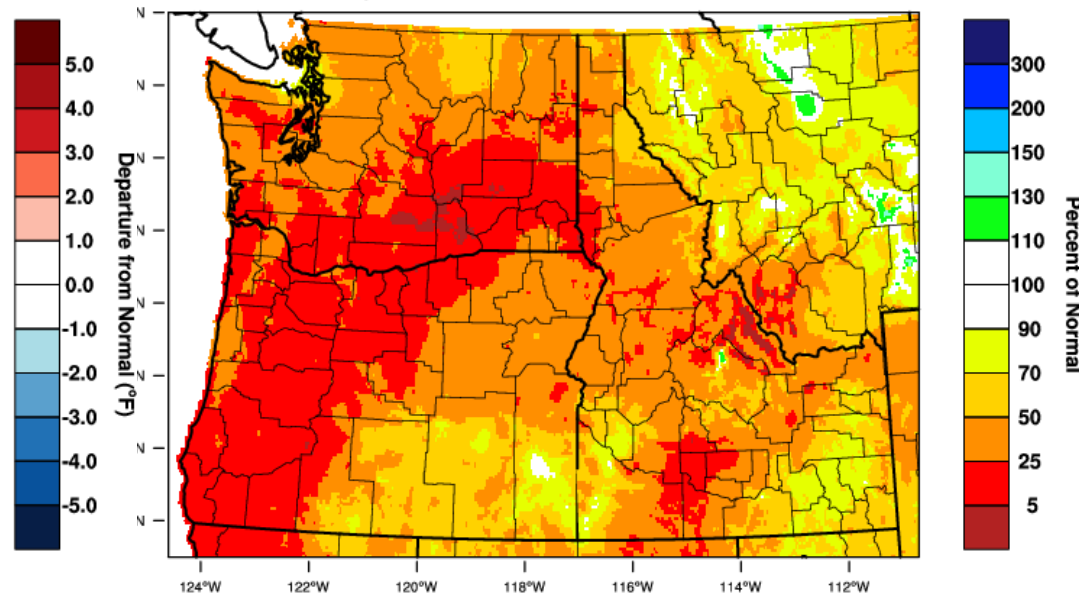
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April 2021 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal



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Temperature

Pacific Northwest - Precipitation
April 2021 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal



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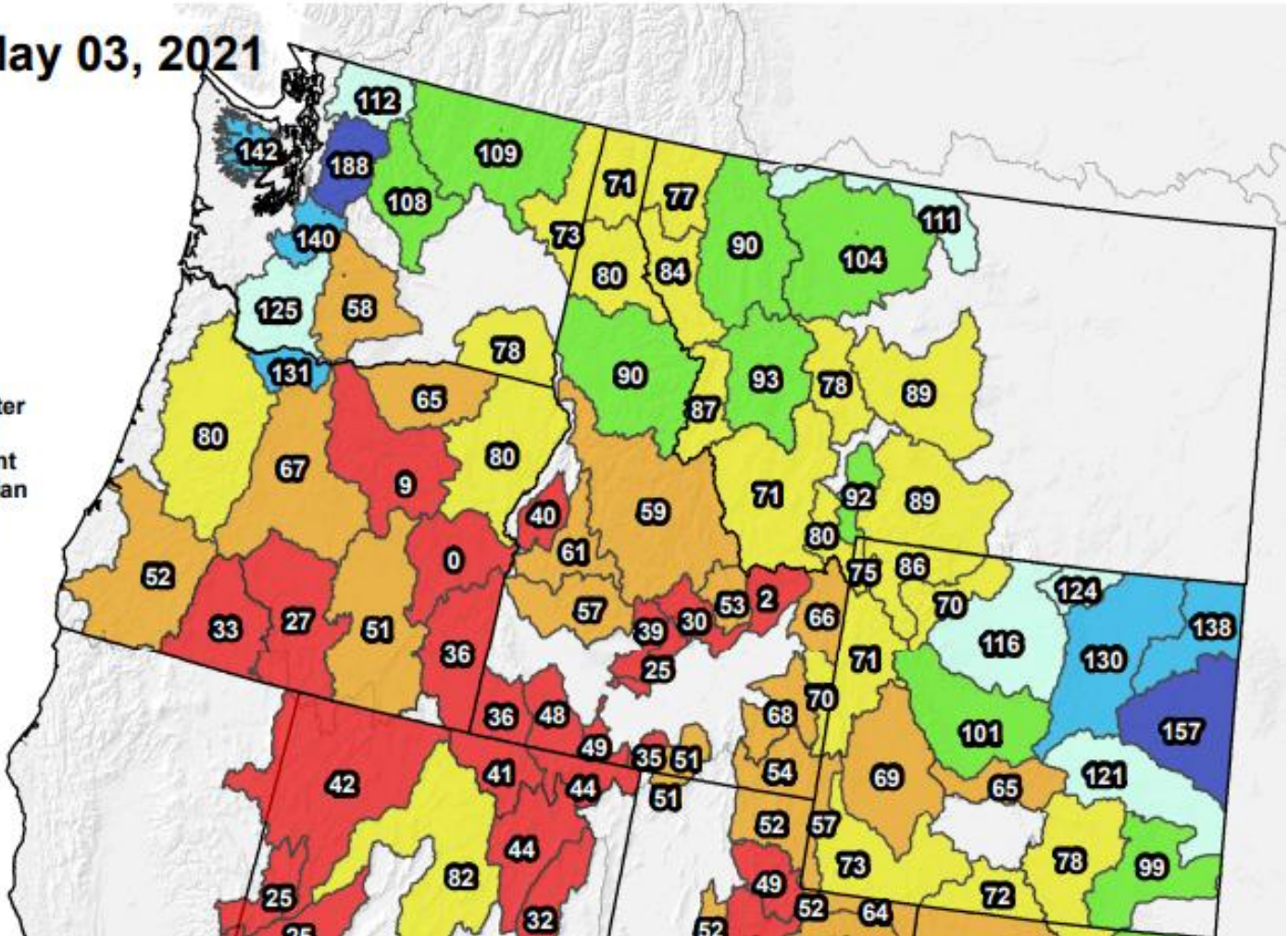
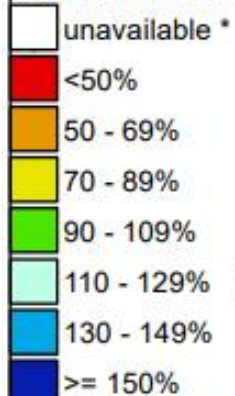
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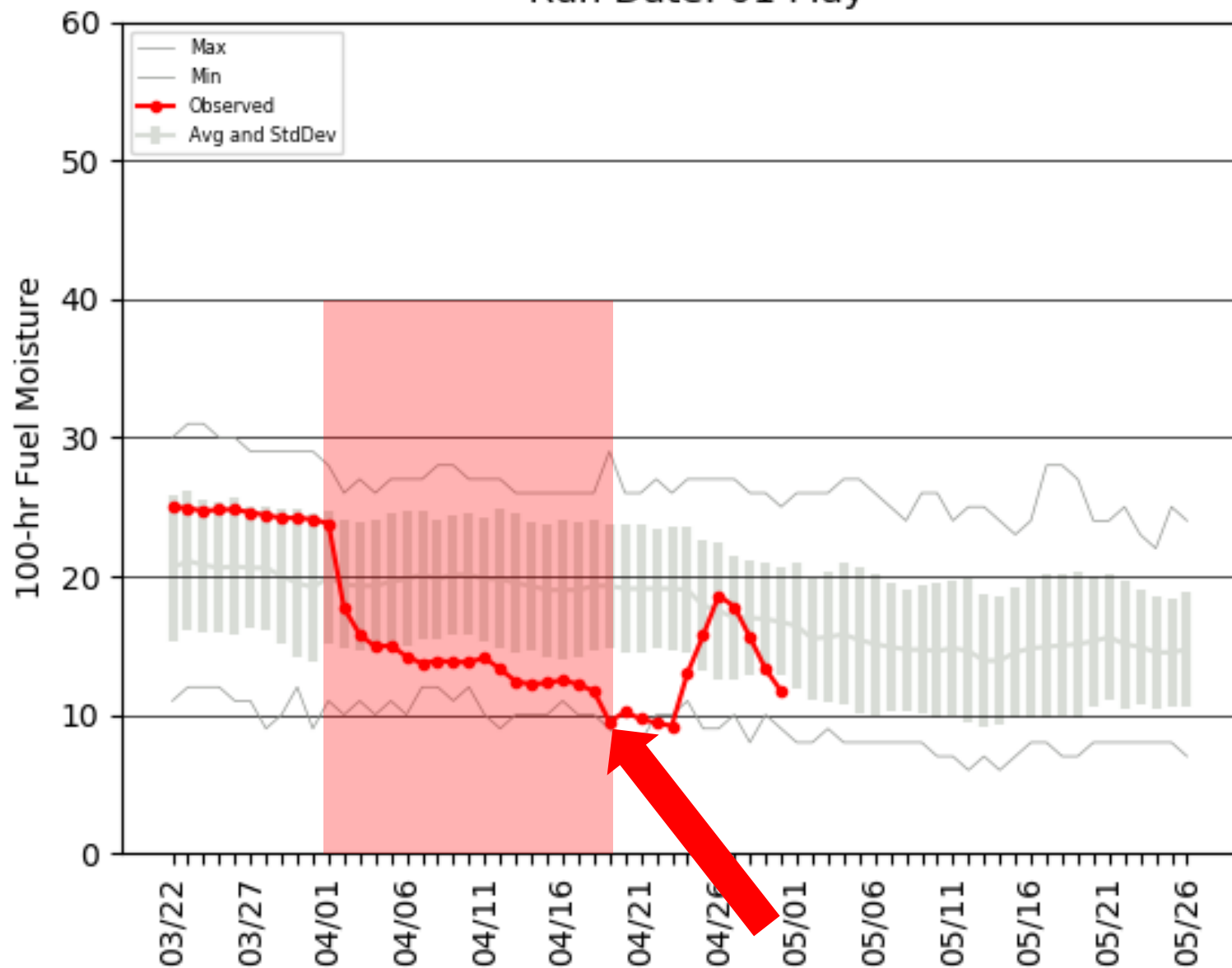
May 03, 2021

Current Snow Water
Equivalent (SWE)
Basin-wide Percent
of 1981-2010 Median



100-hr Fuel Moisture for PSA NW07 for 2021

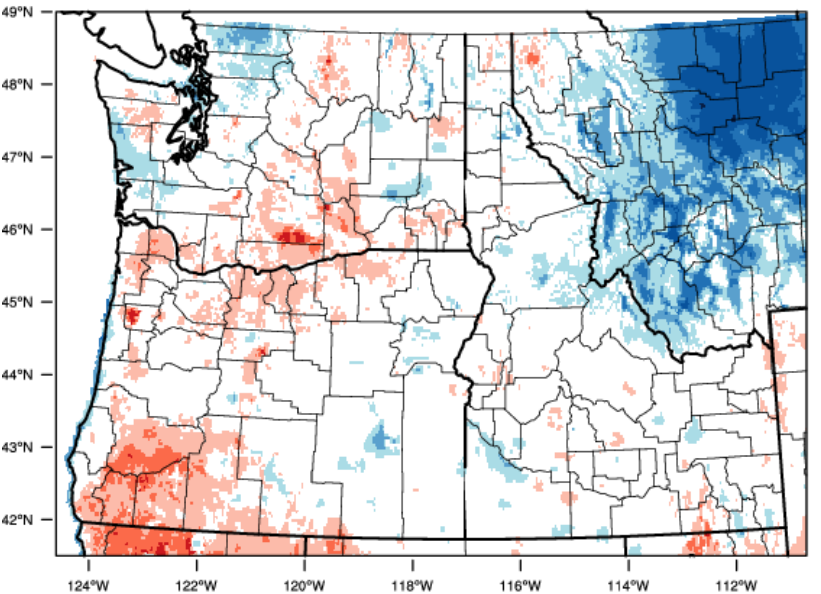
Run Date: 01 May



May 2021

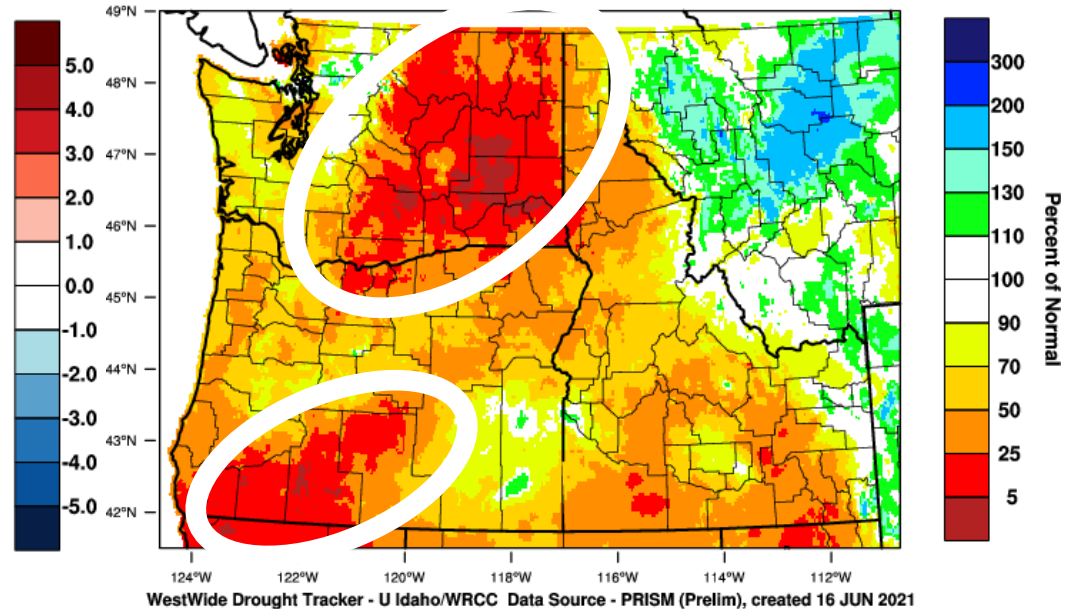
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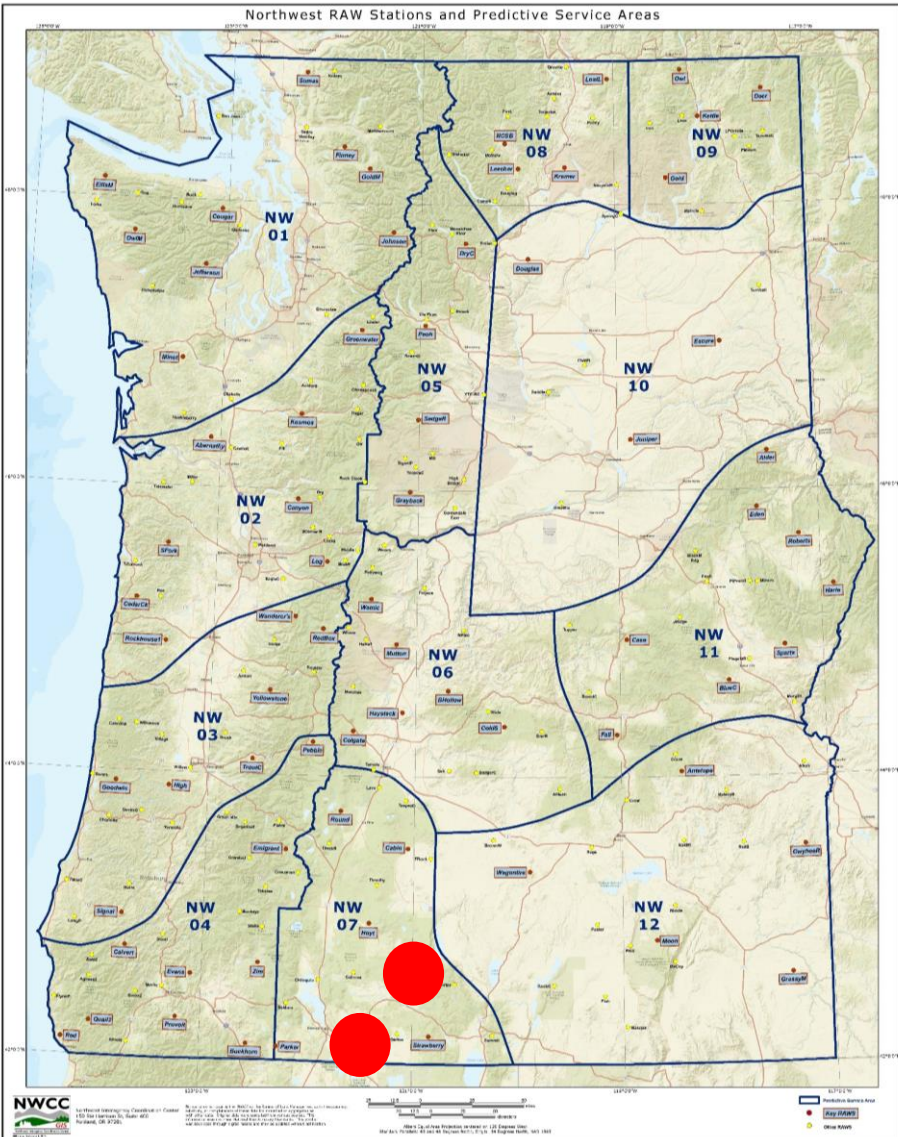
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May 2021 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal



Precipitation

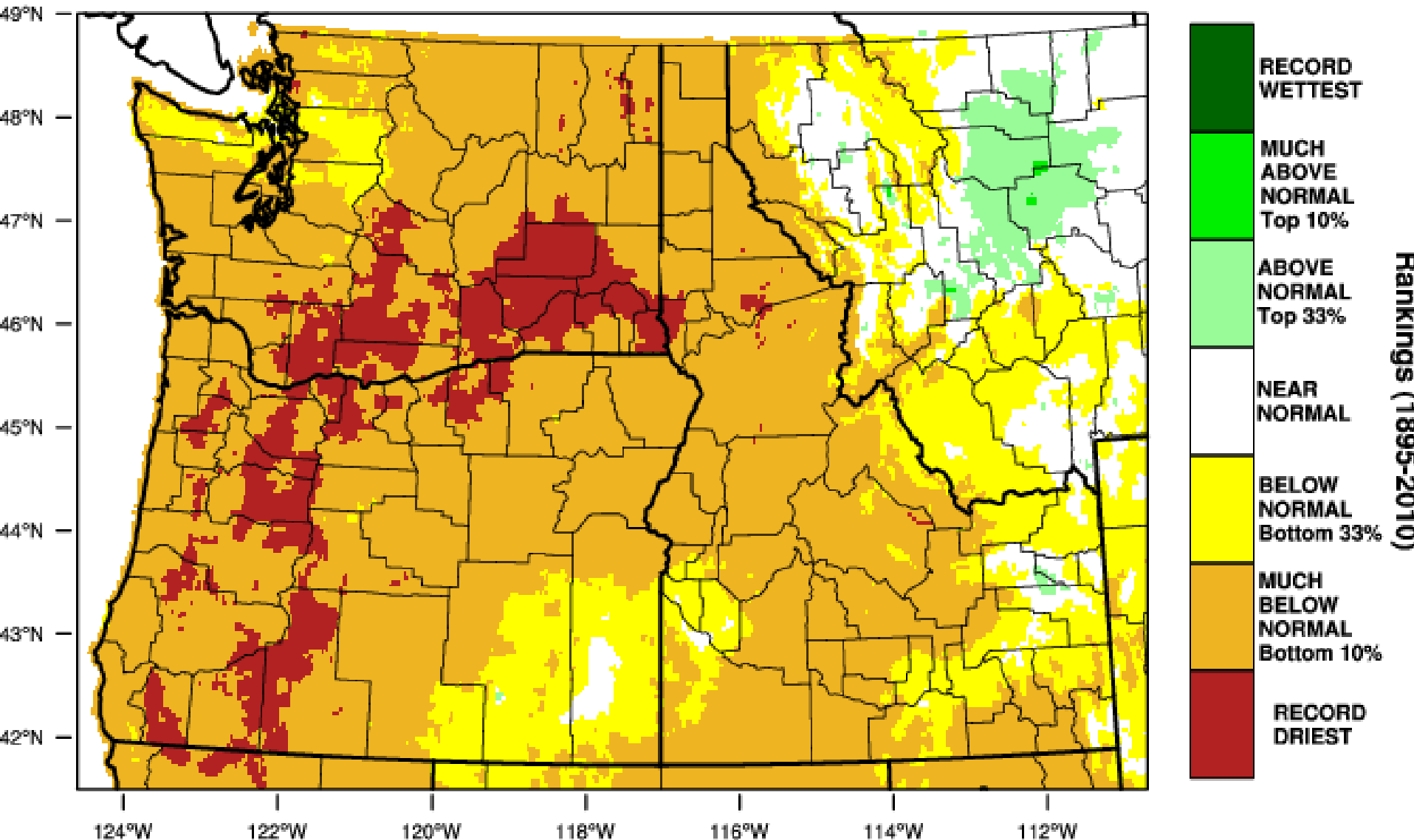
May 2021

- May 5th 832 ac
- May 30th 679 ac



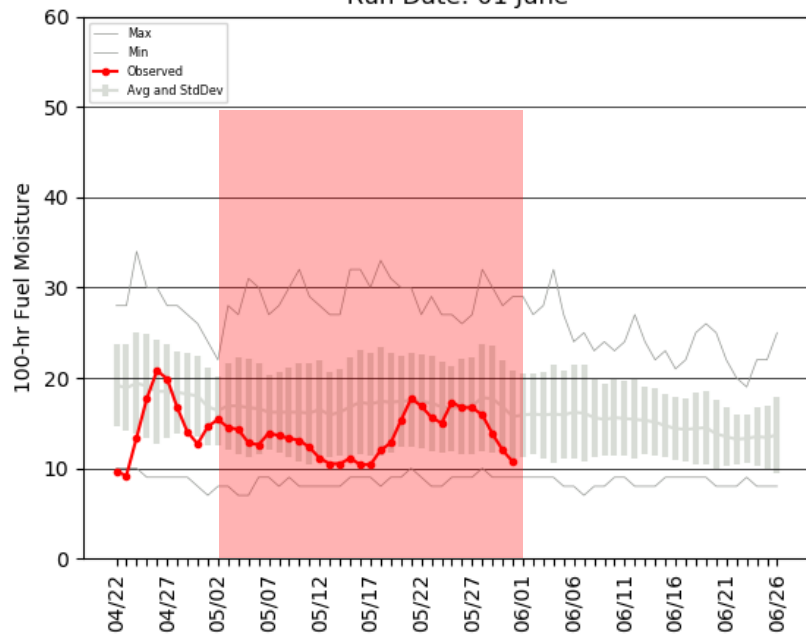
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March-May 2021 Percentile

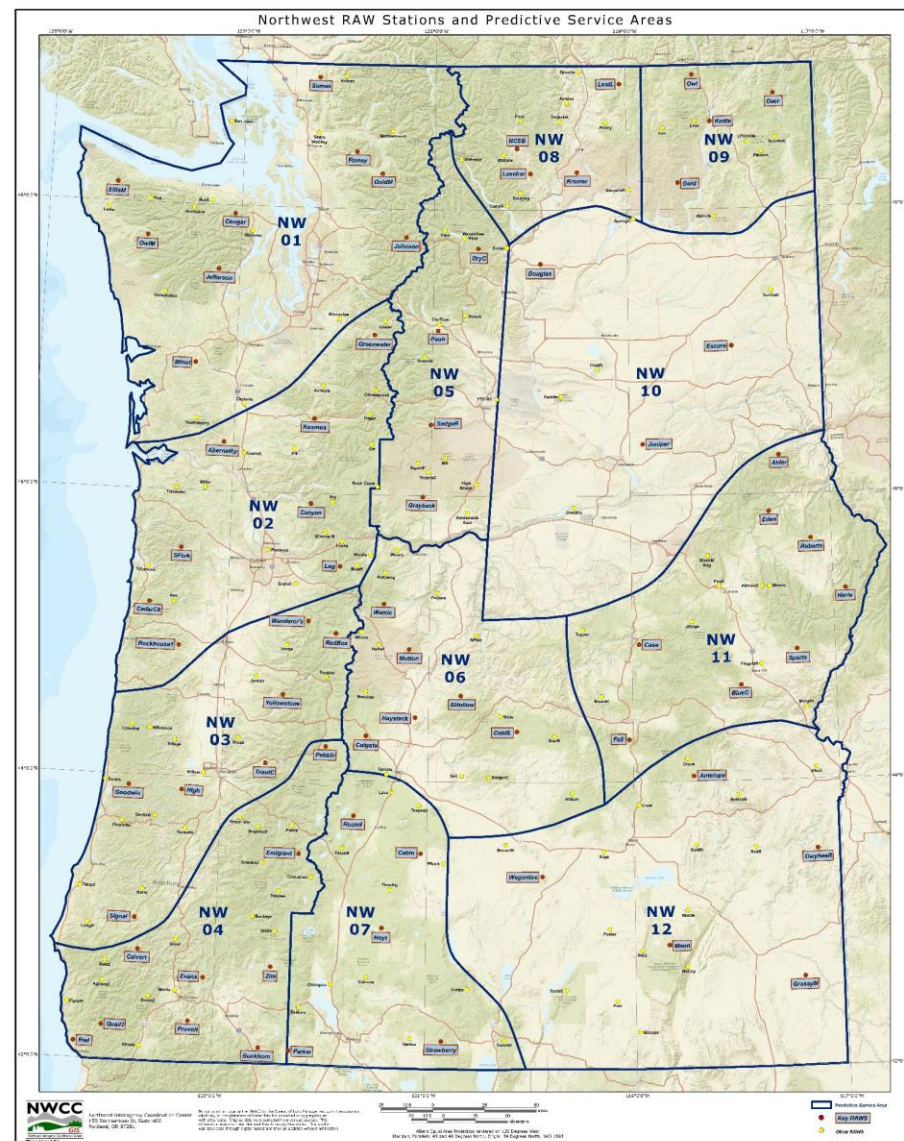
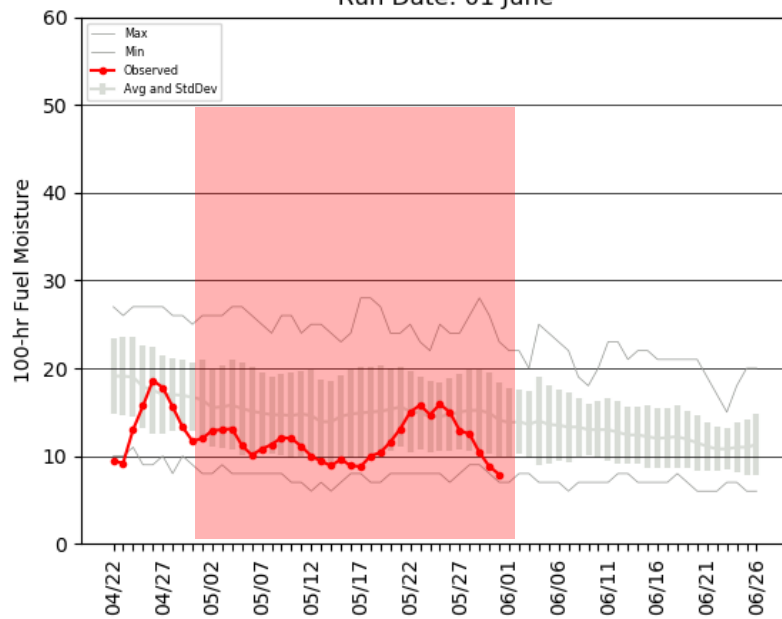


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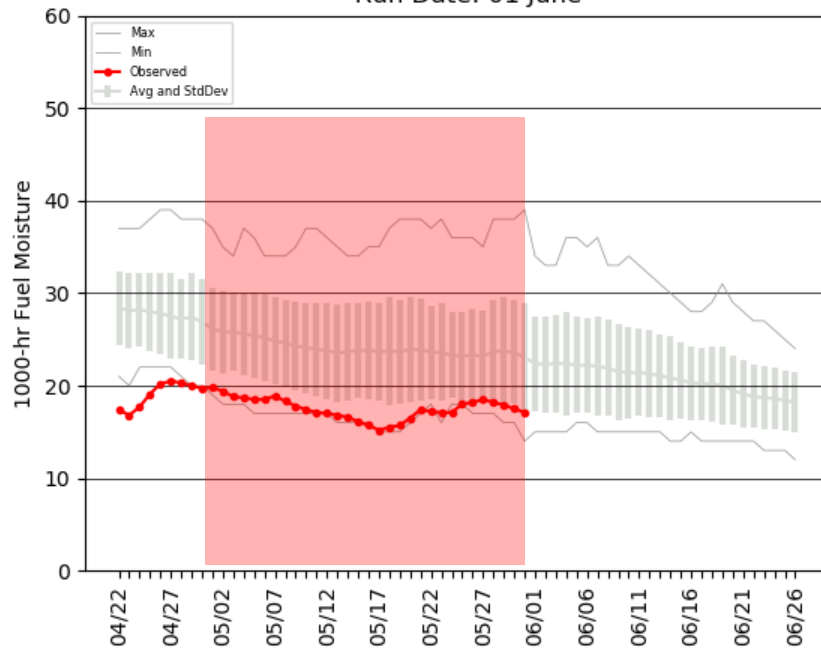
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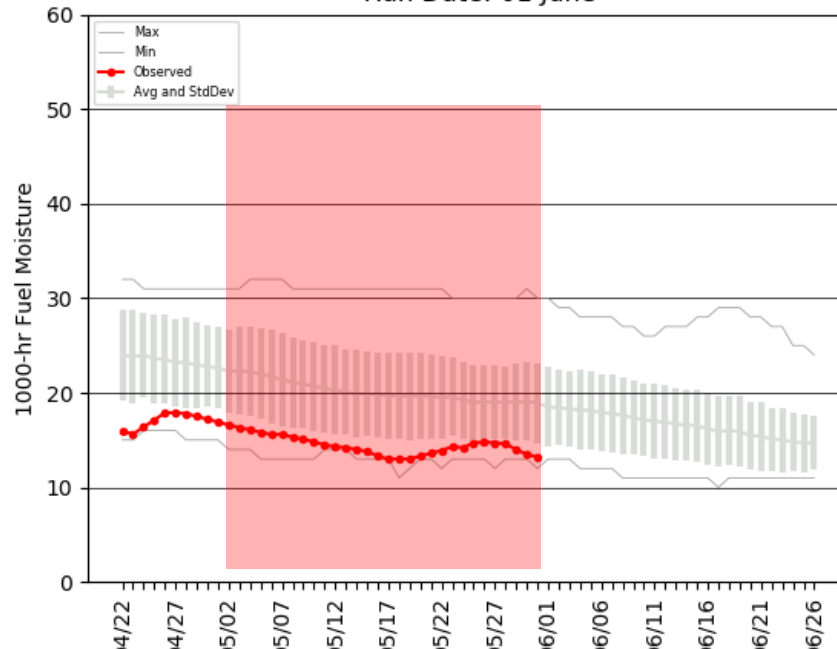
100-hr Fuel Moisture for PSA NW07 for 2021
Run Date: 01 June



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1000-hr Fuel Moisture for PSA NW07 for 2021
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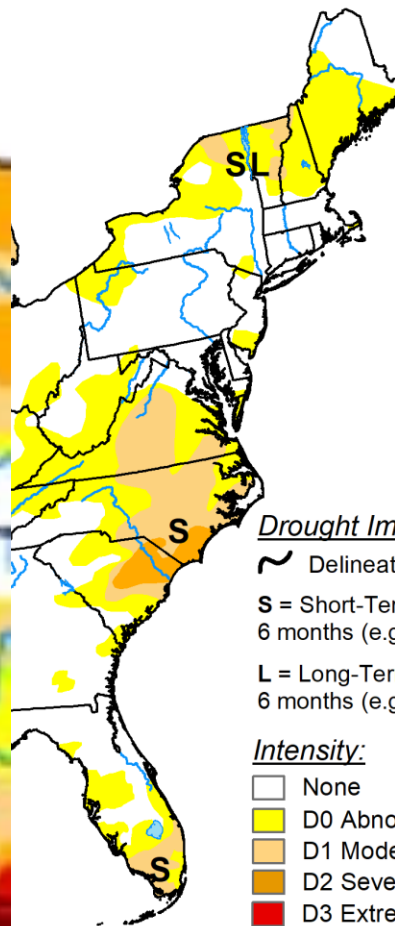
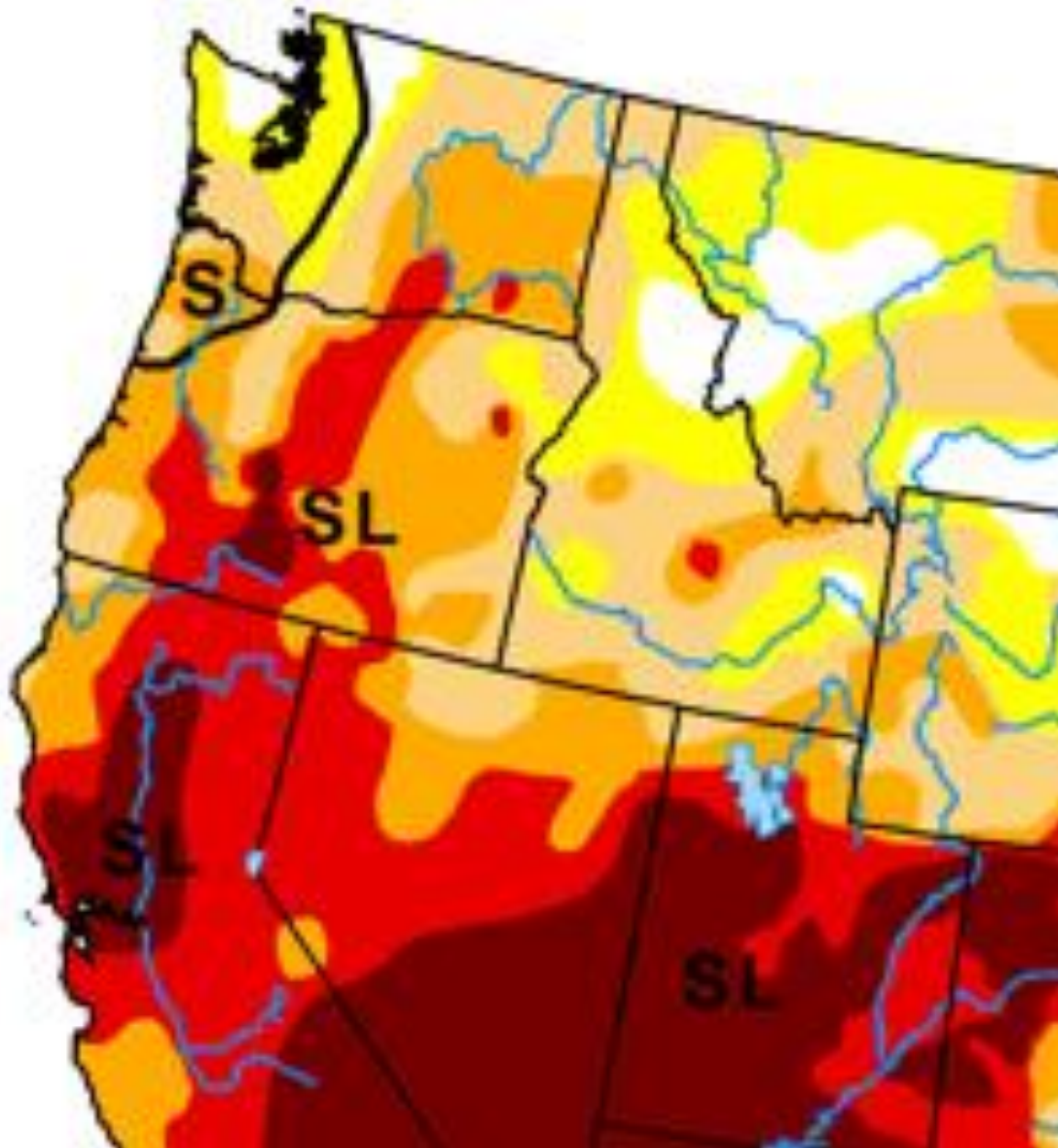
June 2021

U.S. Drought Monitor

June 1, 2021

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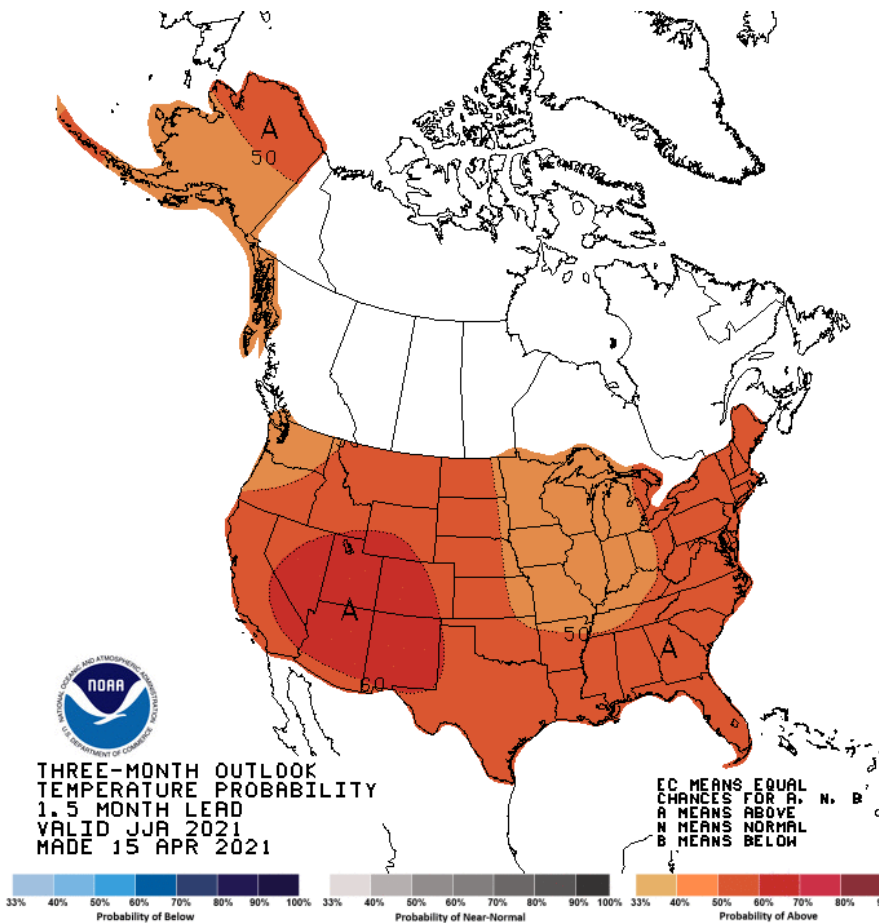
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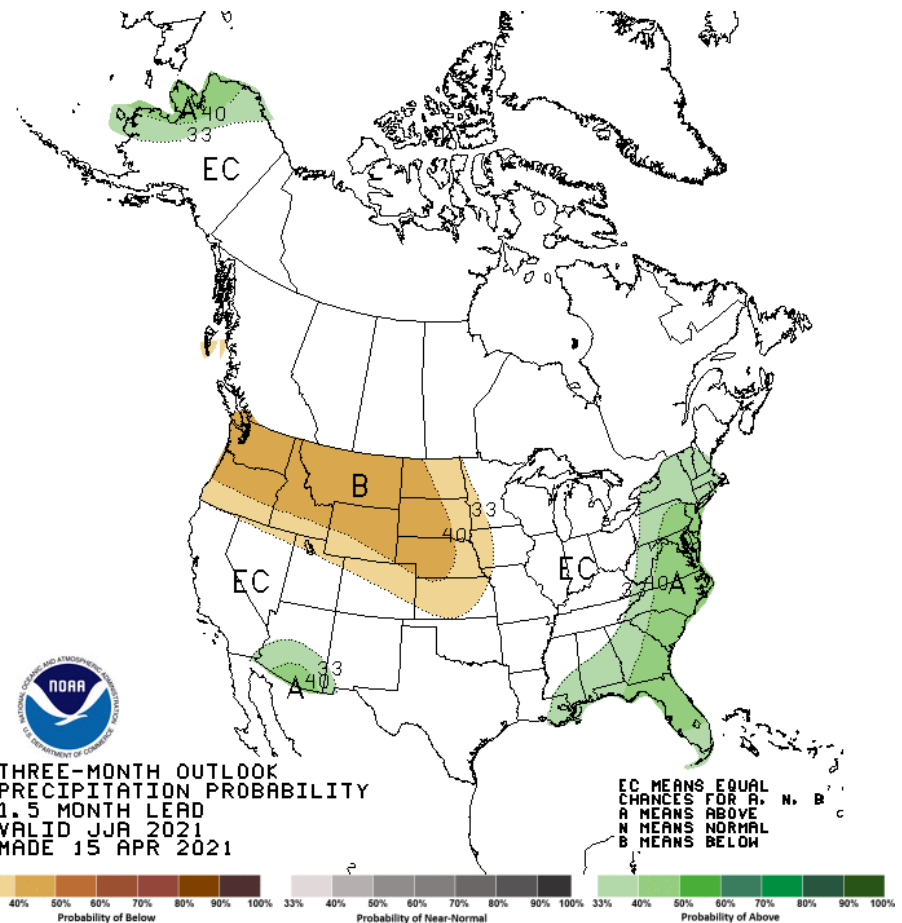


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June-July-Aug 2021 Outlook



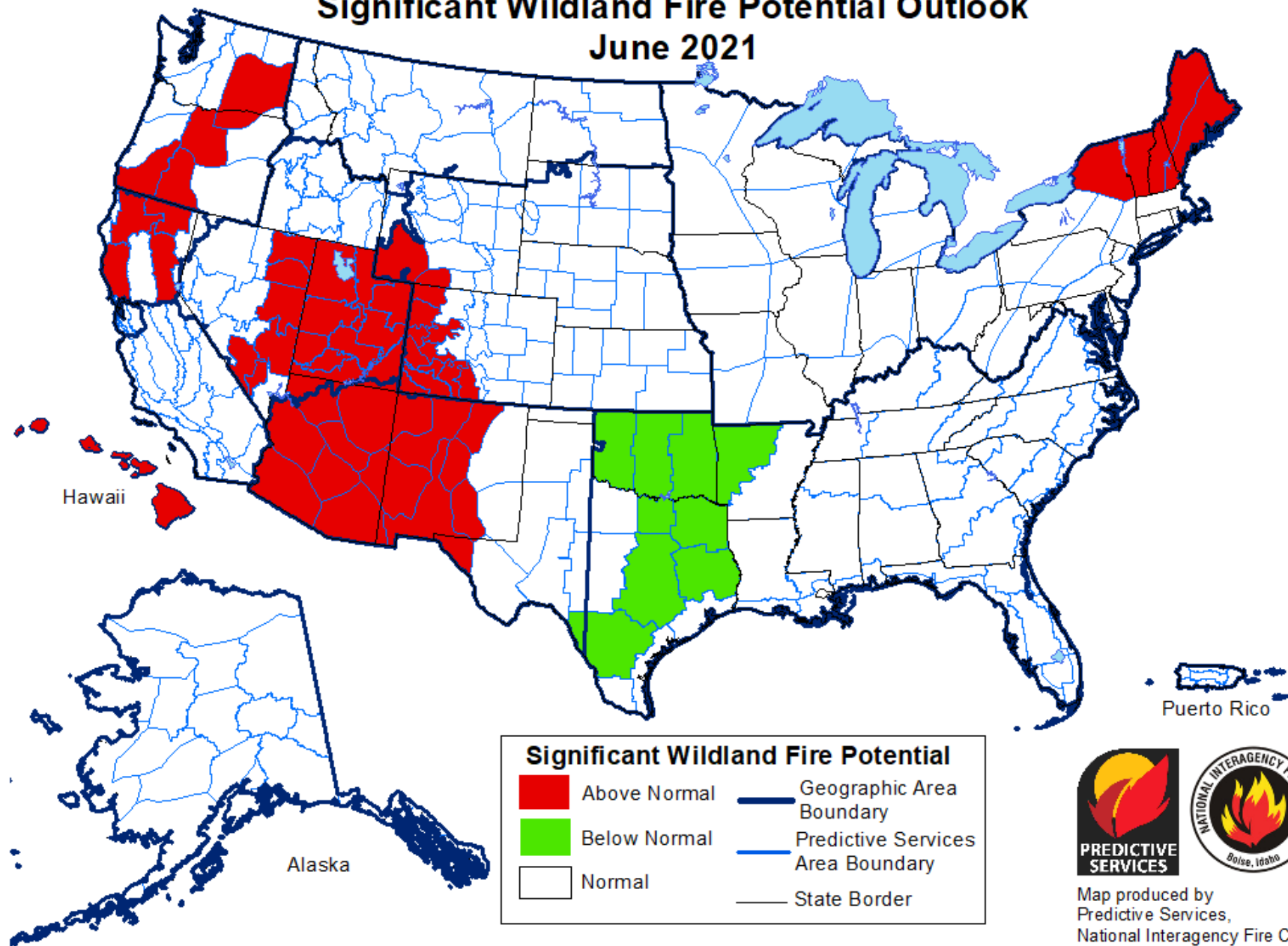
Temperature Outlook



Rainfall Outlook

Characterization: The entire contiguous US and Alaska are likely to experience a warmer-than-normal summer in 2021. Drier-than-usual weather is expected to be predominant over the Pacific Northwest.

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook June 2021

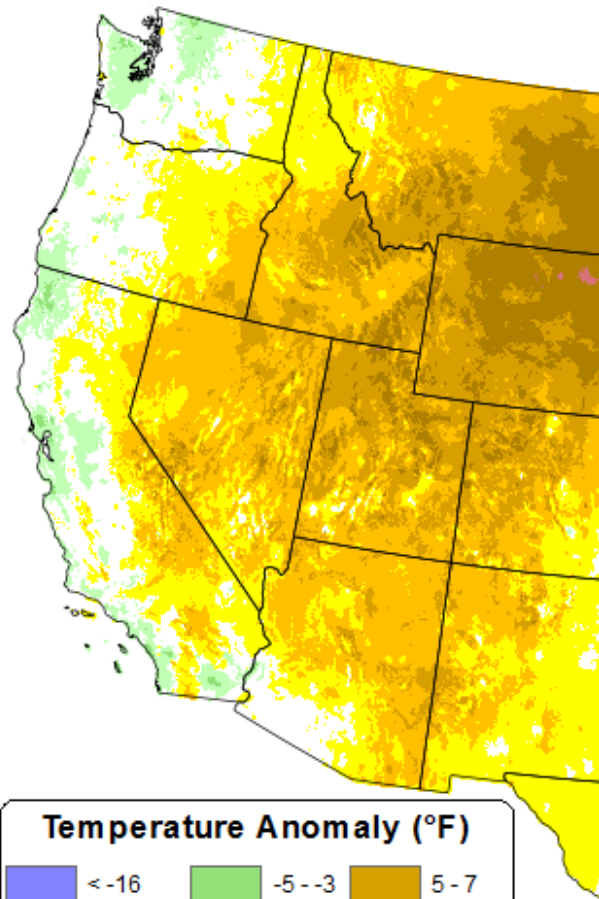


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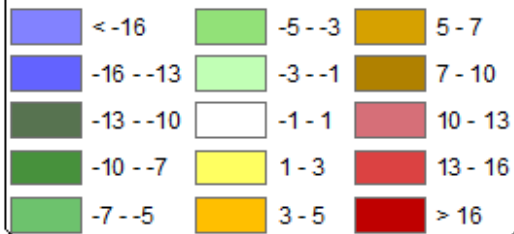


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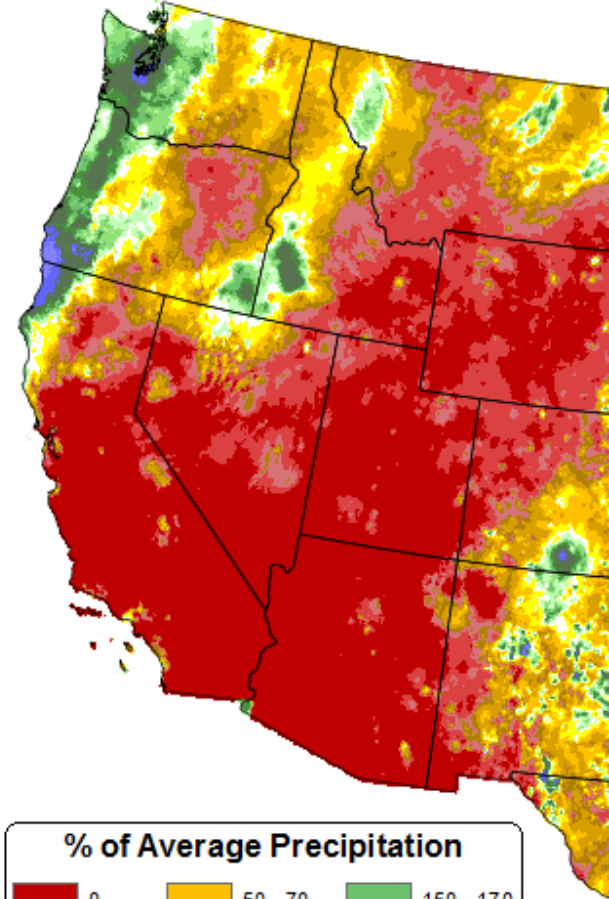
First Half of June 2021



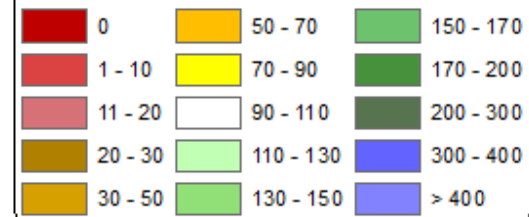
Temperature Anomaly (°F)



Temperature

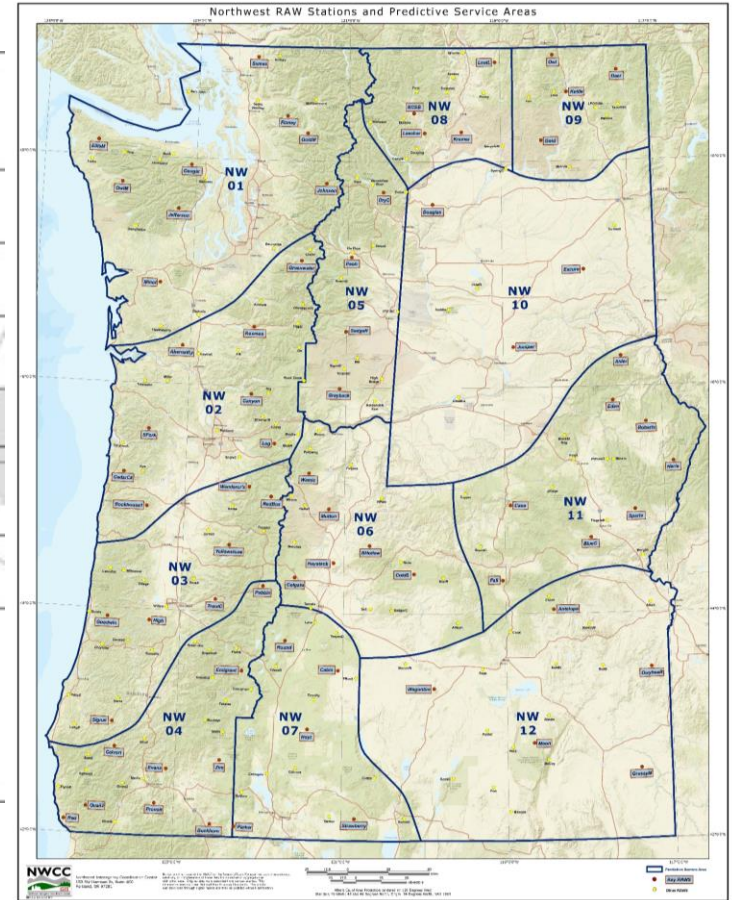
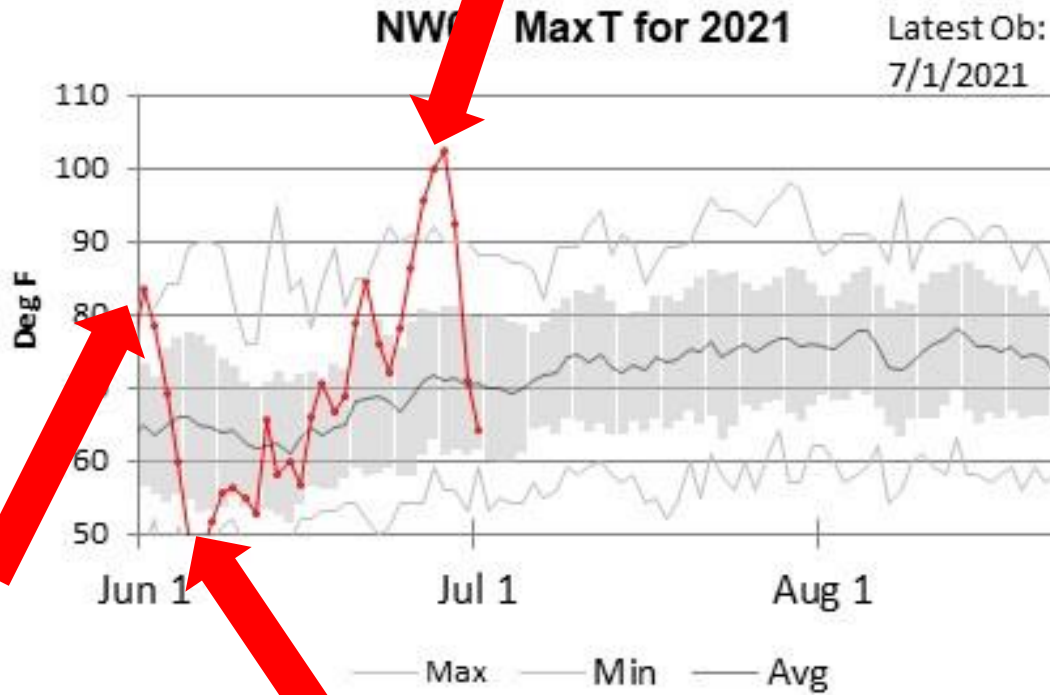


% of Average Precipitation



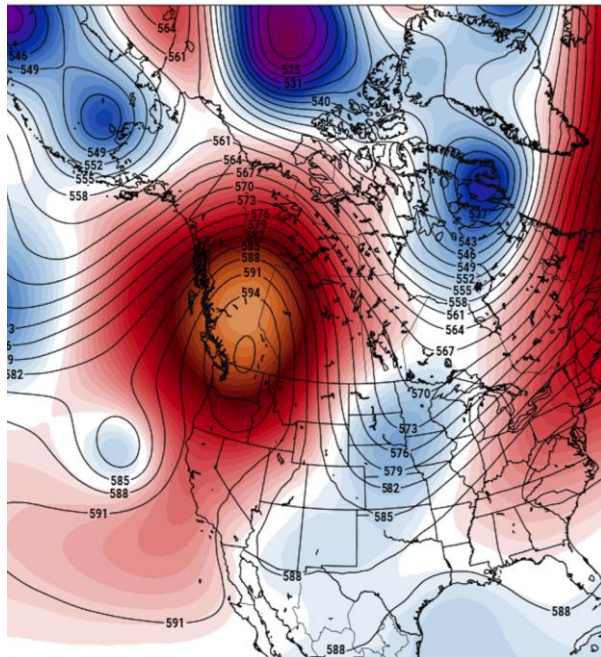
Precipitation

June 2021 Temperature Trends

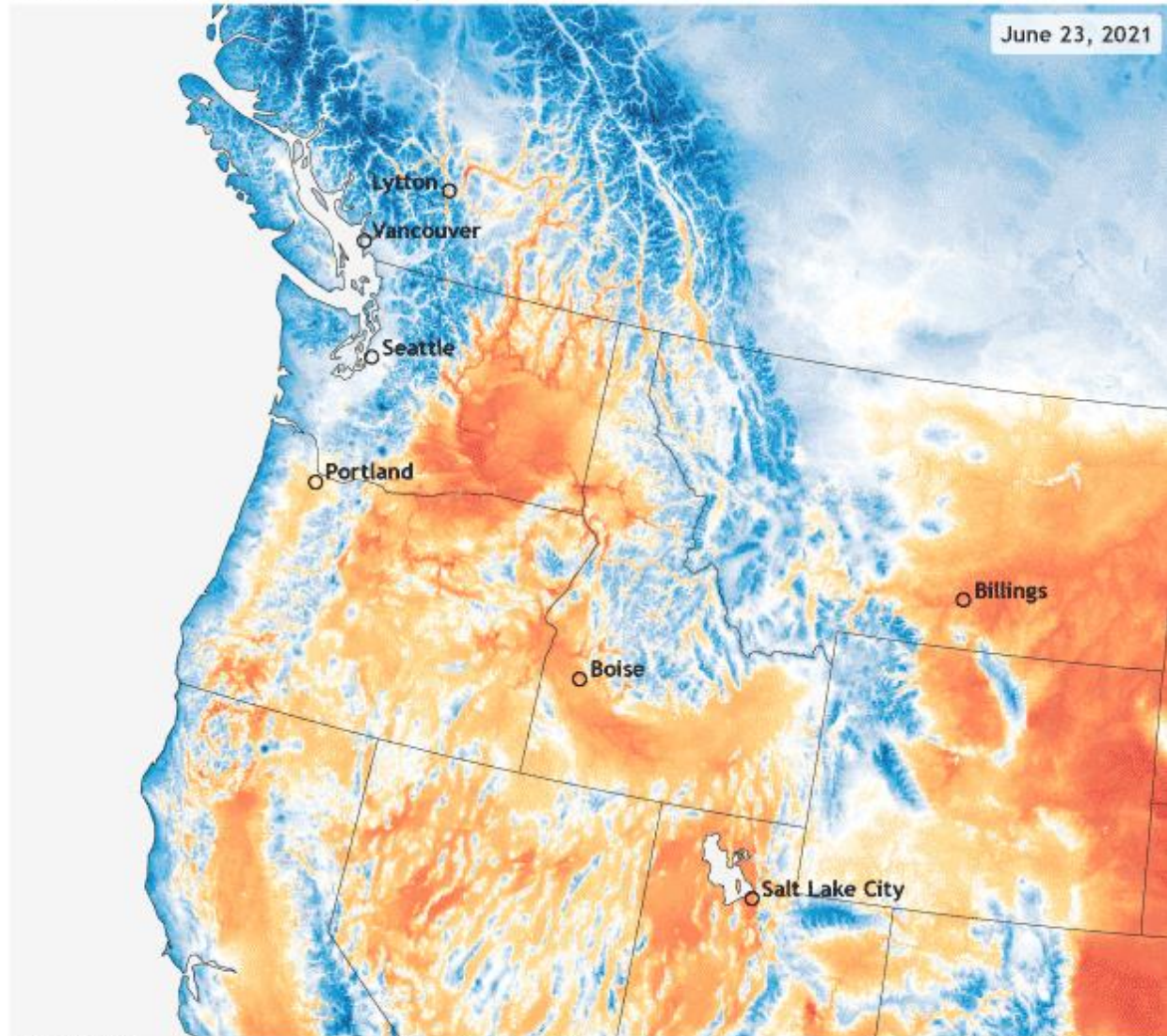


June 2021 Temperature Trends

Record Breaking Heat Wave late June 2021

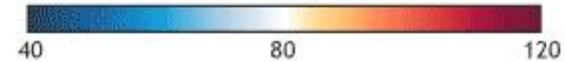


Heatwave in the Pacific Northwest, June 2021



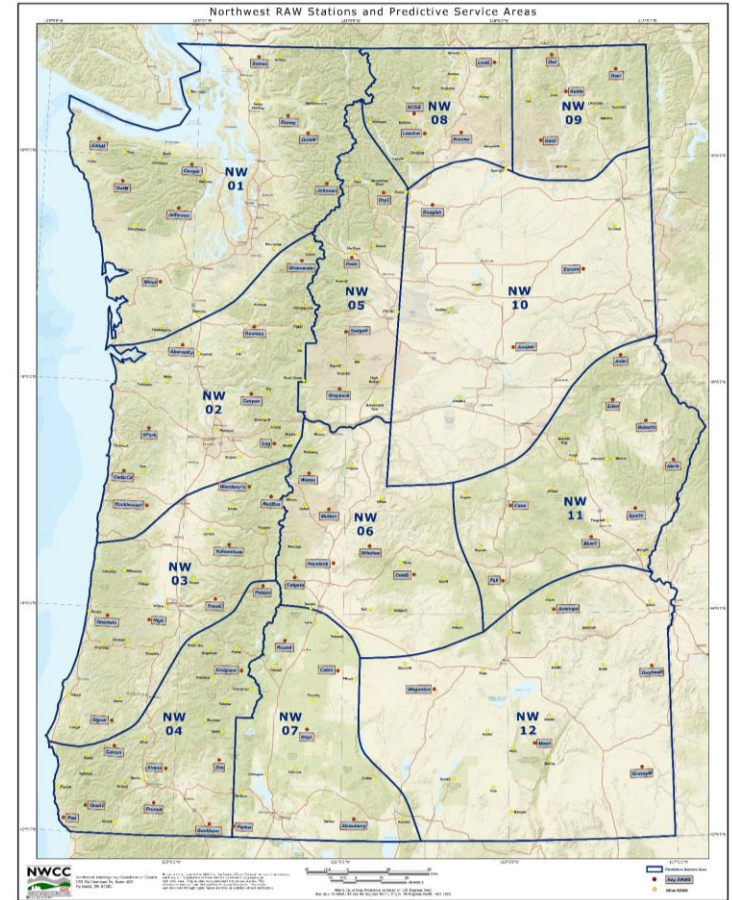
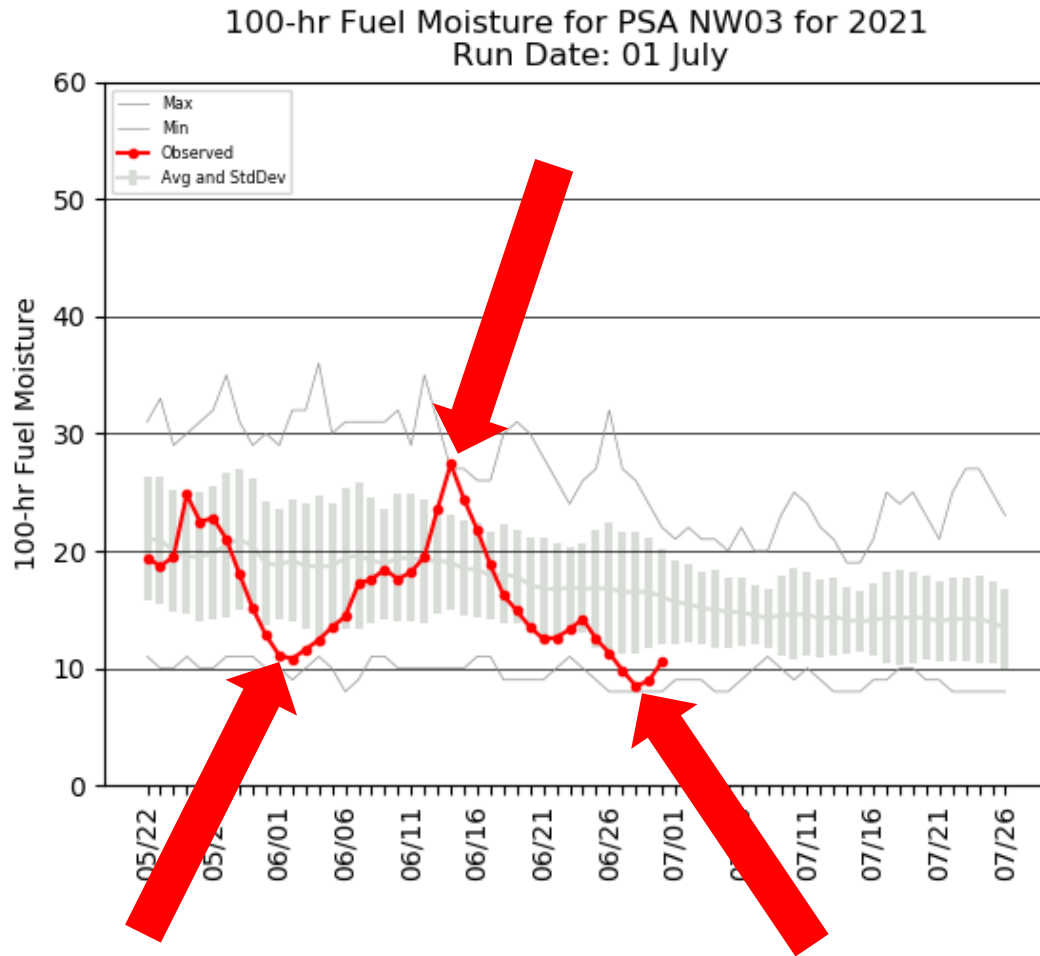
June 23, 2021

Maximum temperature (°F)



NOAA Climate.gov
Data: URMA

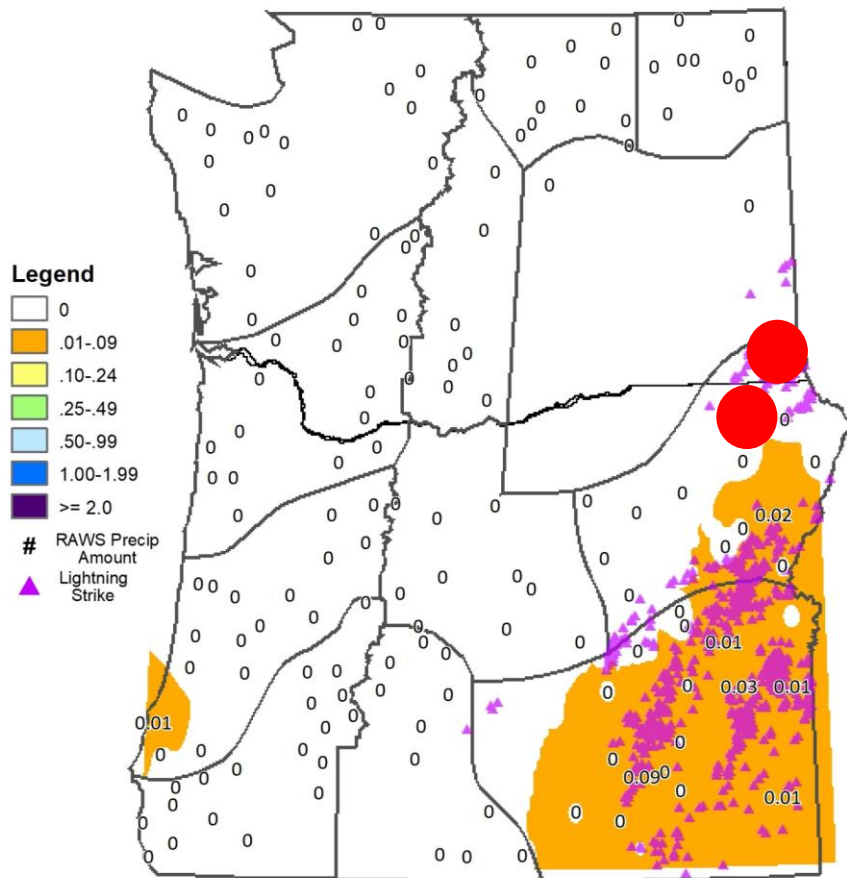
June 2021 Fire Danger Trends



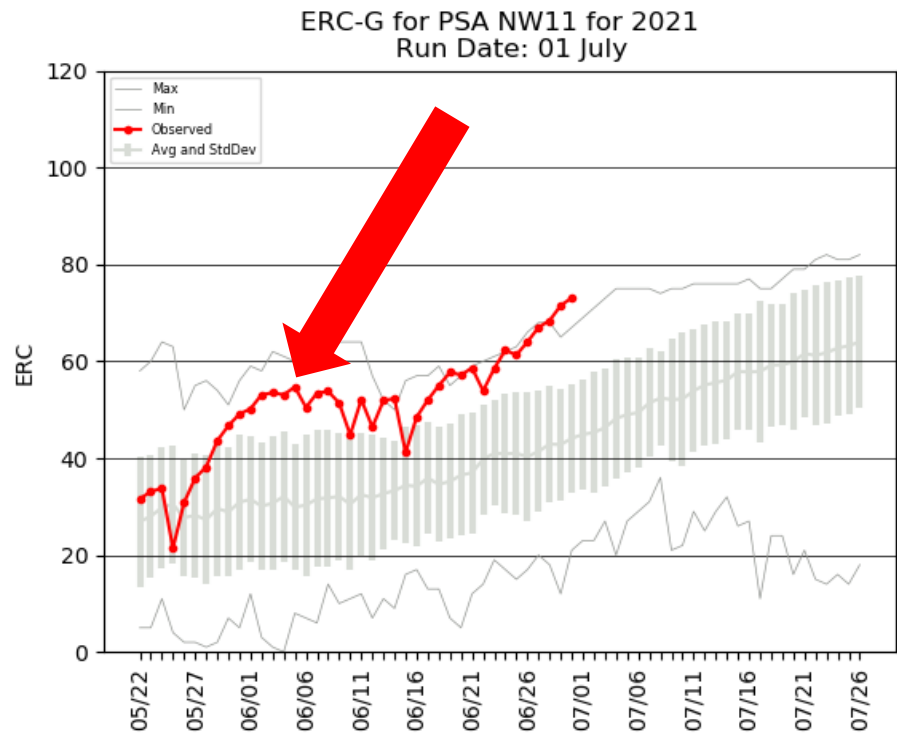
June 2021

24 HR Precipitation Amounts - Observed June 3rd, 2021

Precipitation: 24 hour midnight to midnight calendar day period
Lightning: 24 hour 0800 to 0800 calendar day period



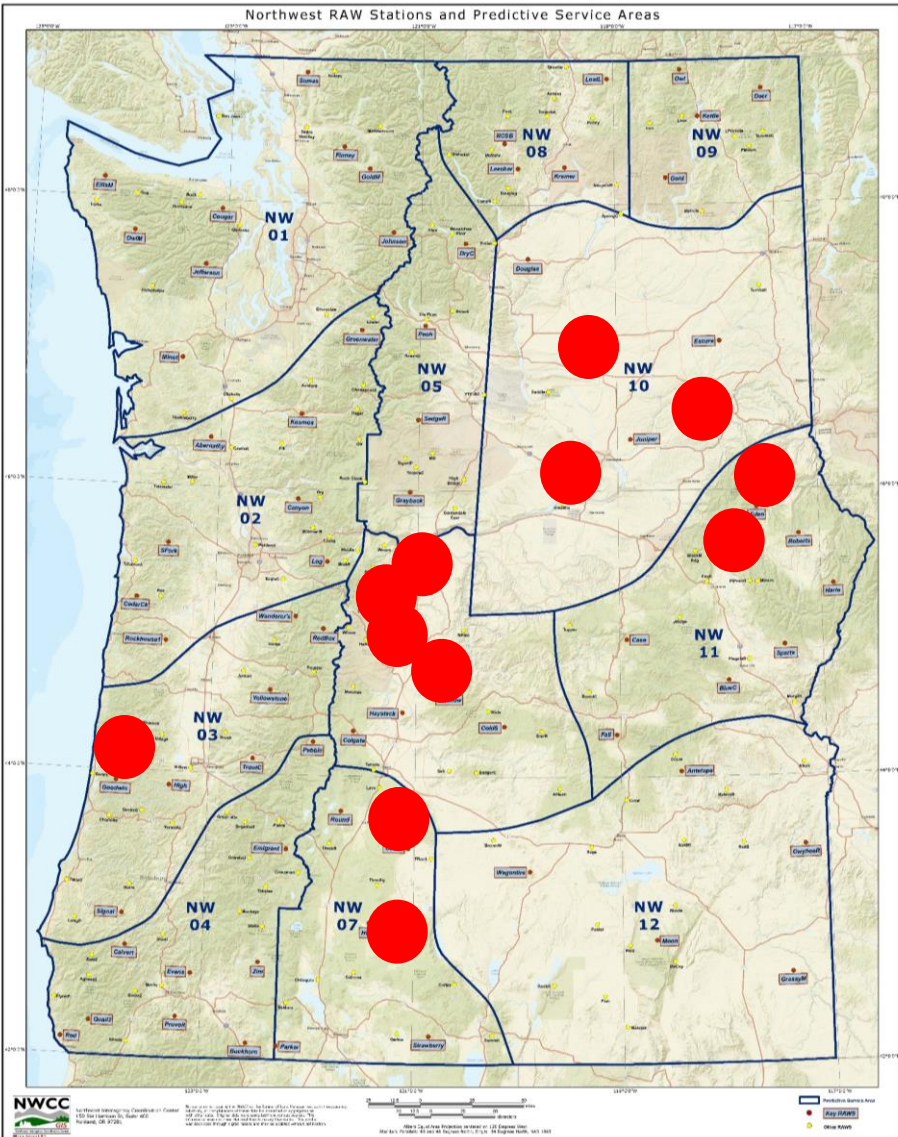
• June 3rd-4th



June 2021

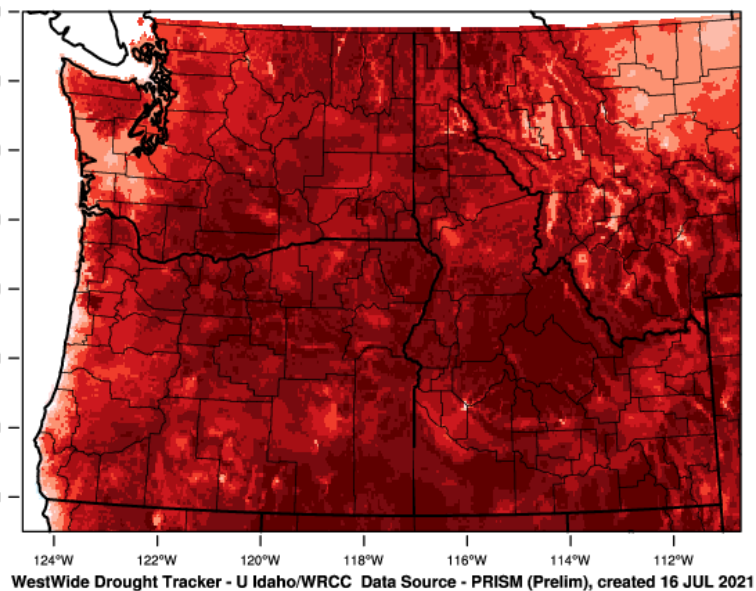
12 large fires

- June 1st
- June 4th
- June 18th -19th
- June 21st
- June 27th
- June 29th - 30th



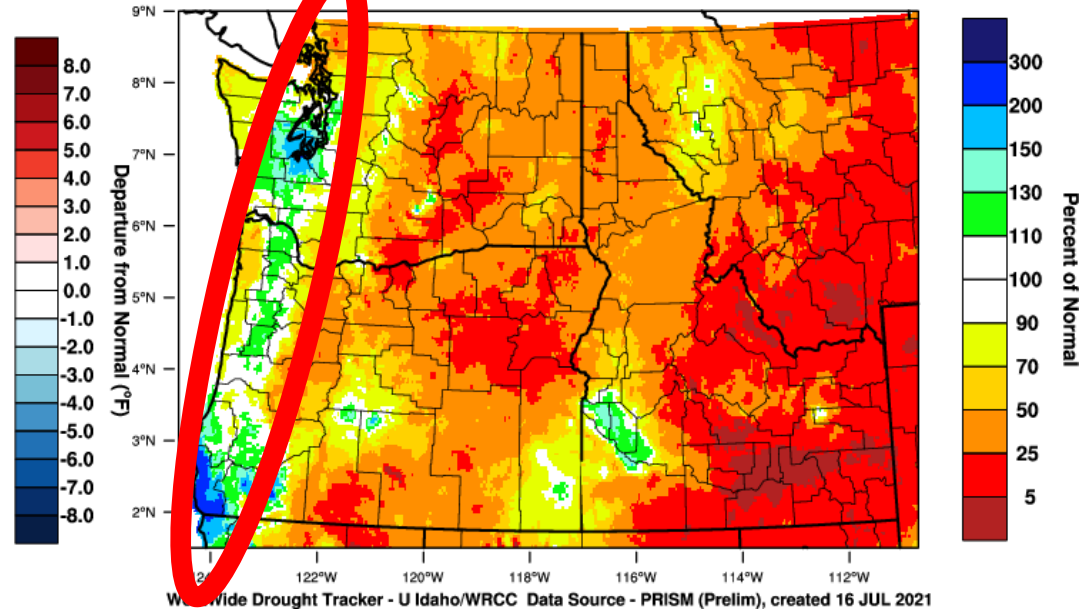
June 2021

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June 2021 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal



Temperature

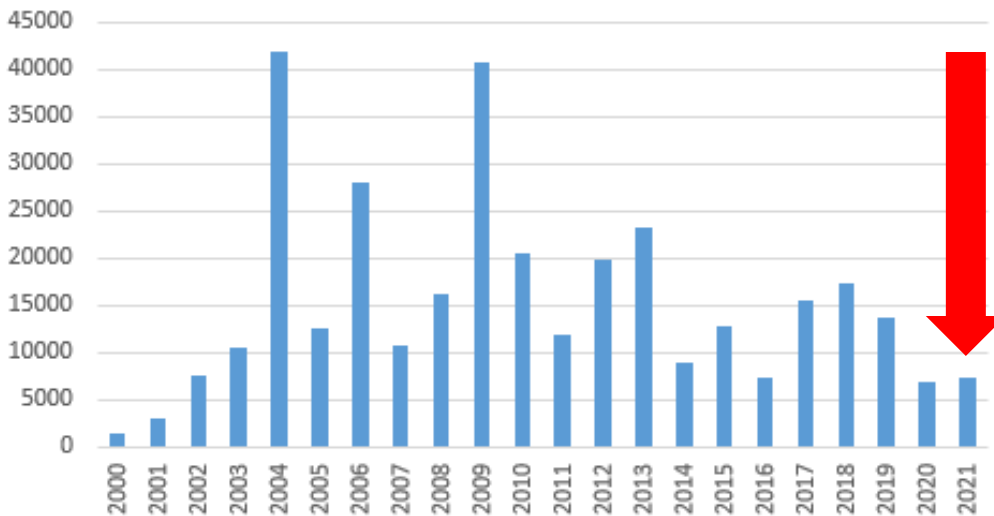
Pacific Northwest - Precipitation
June 2021 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal



Precipitation

June 2021 Lightning Summary

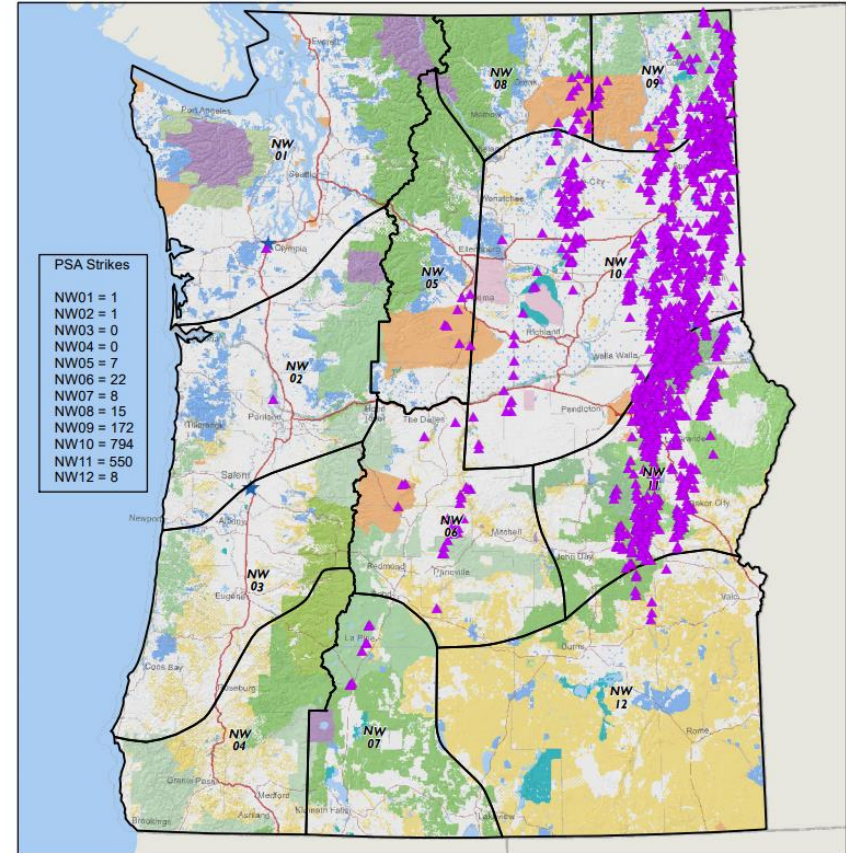
June Strikes



June 2021: 7444 strikes
48% of 2000-2021 average

Lightning Strikes Previous 24 Hours - June 14th - June 15th 2021
0800 to 0800

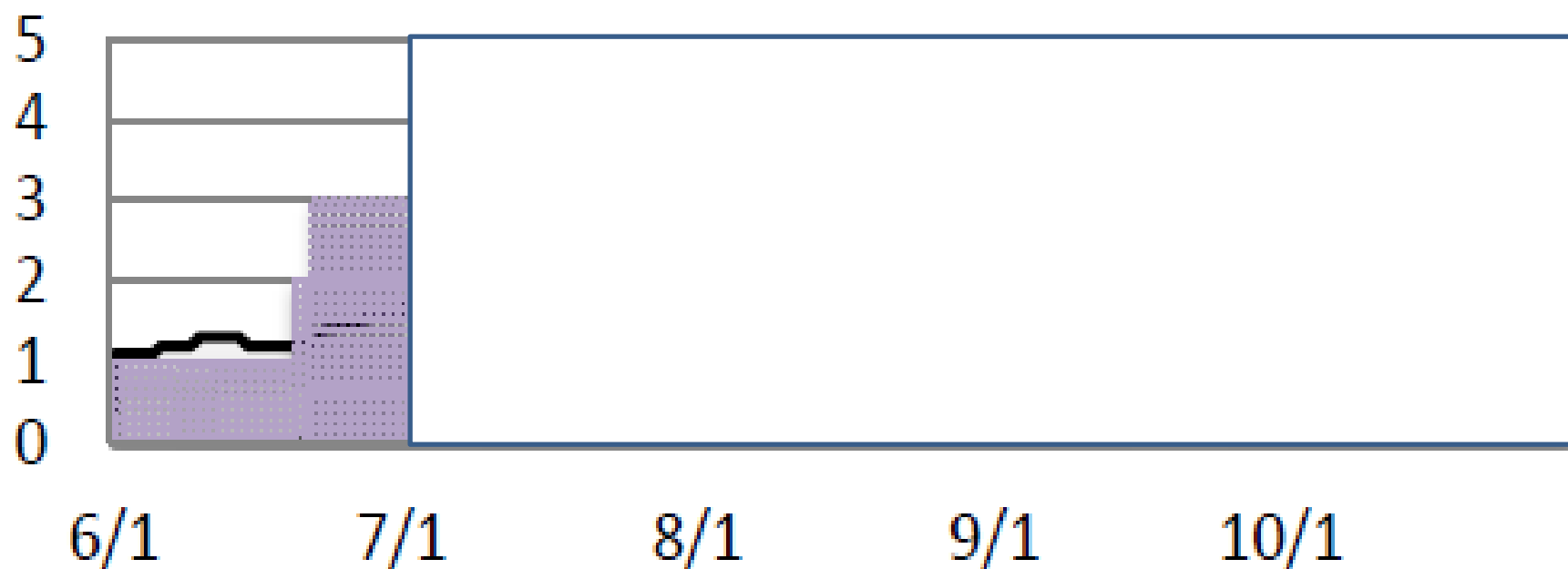
WASHINGTON Strikes = 1083 OREGON Strikes = 495



June 14th-15th
1967 strikes counted by NWCC

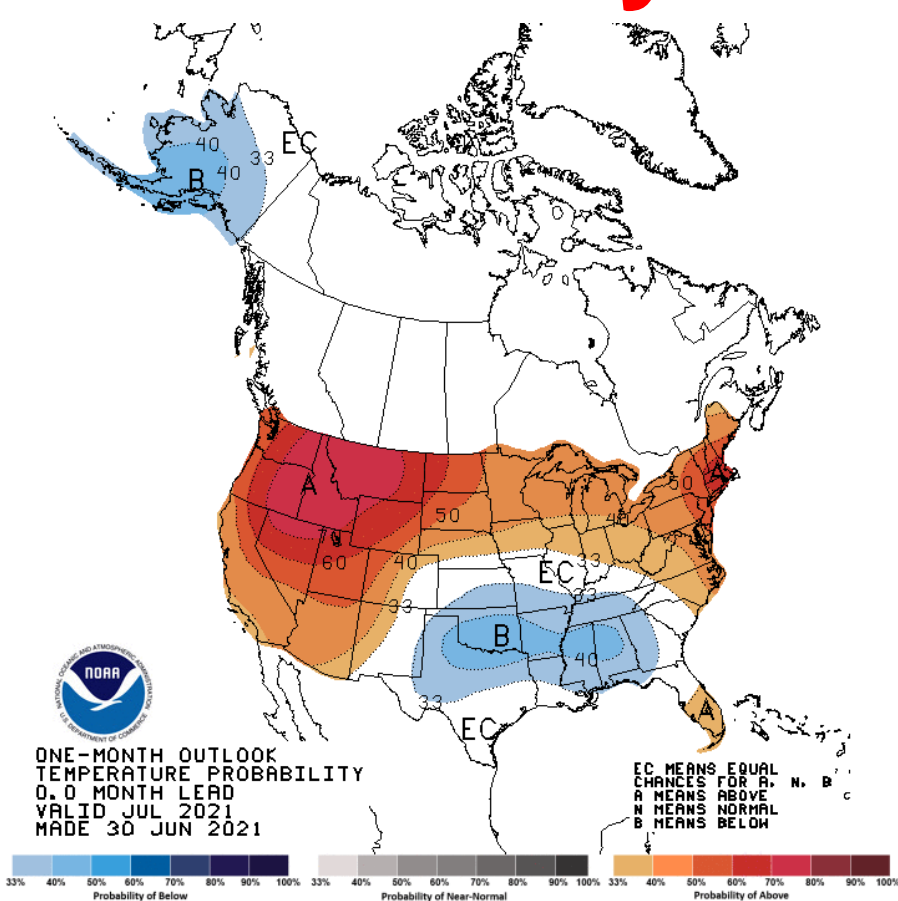
2021

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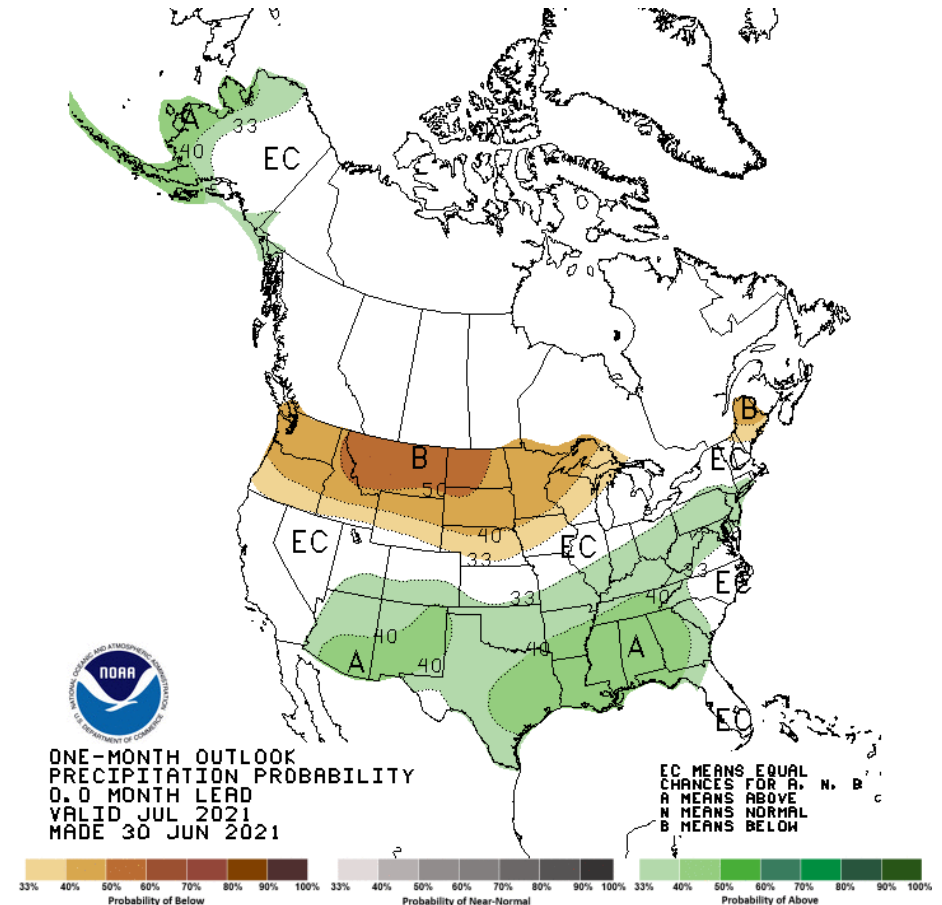


July 2021

July 2021 Outlook



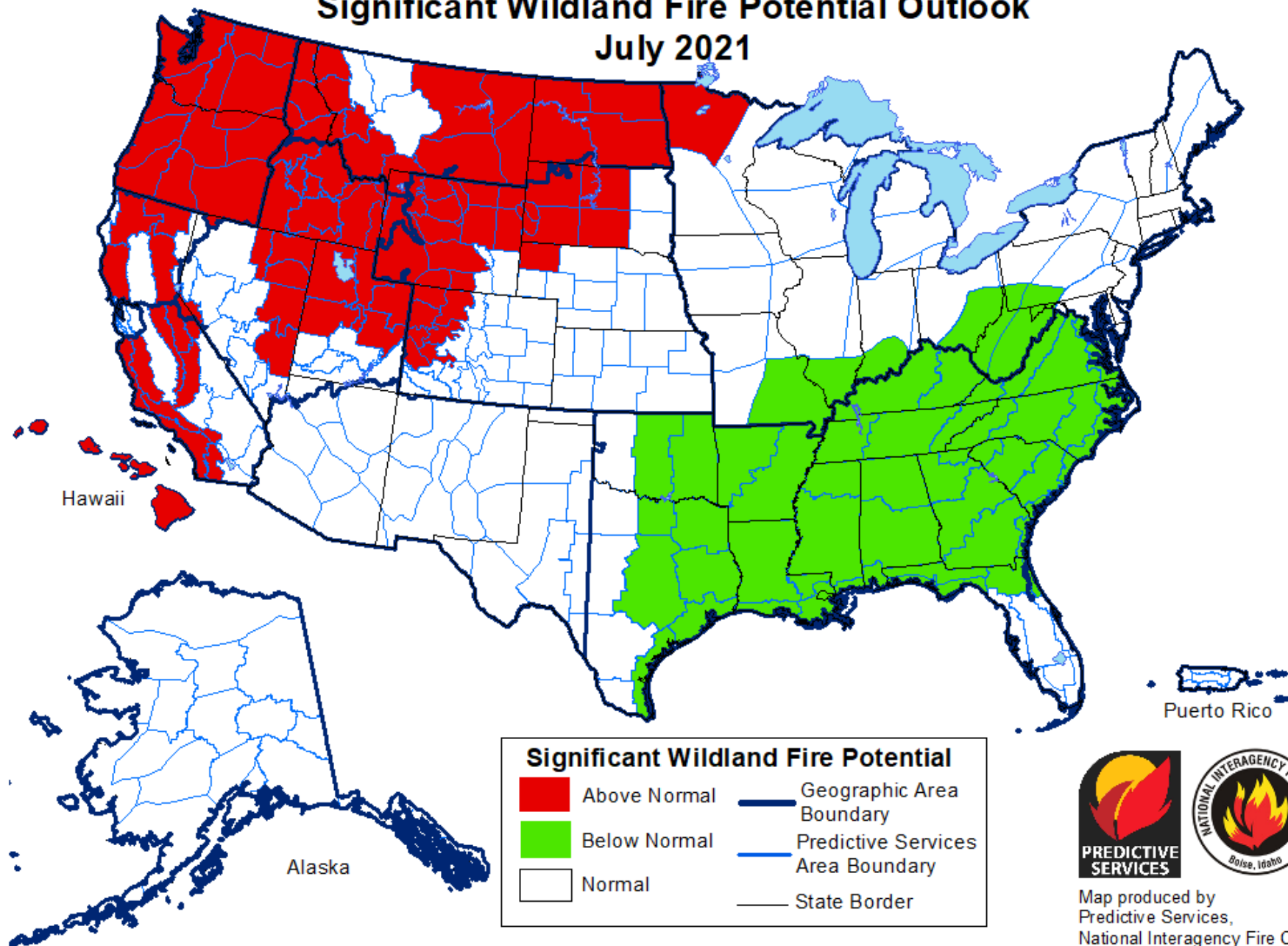
Temperature Outlook



Rainfall Outlook

Characterization: Warmer and drier than normal is anticipated for June of 2021 over the Northwest Geographic Area

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook July 2021



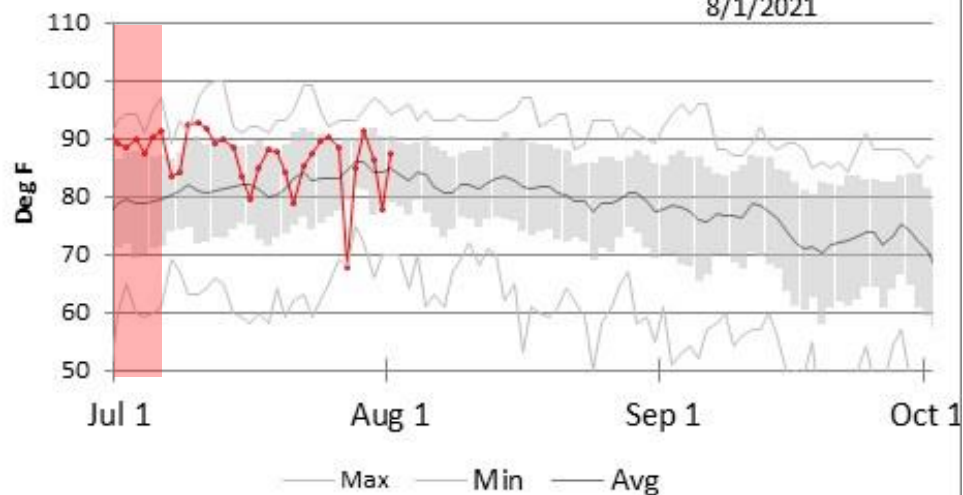
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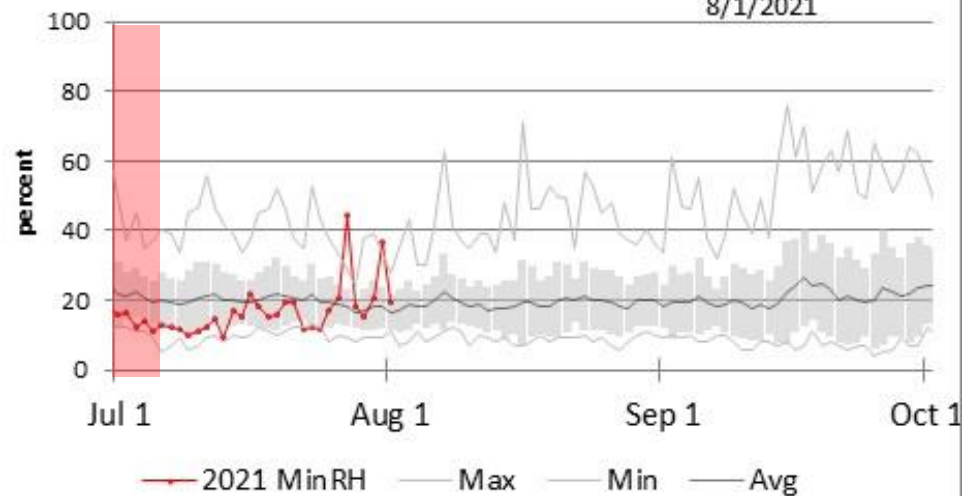
NW07 MaxT for 2021

Latest Ob:
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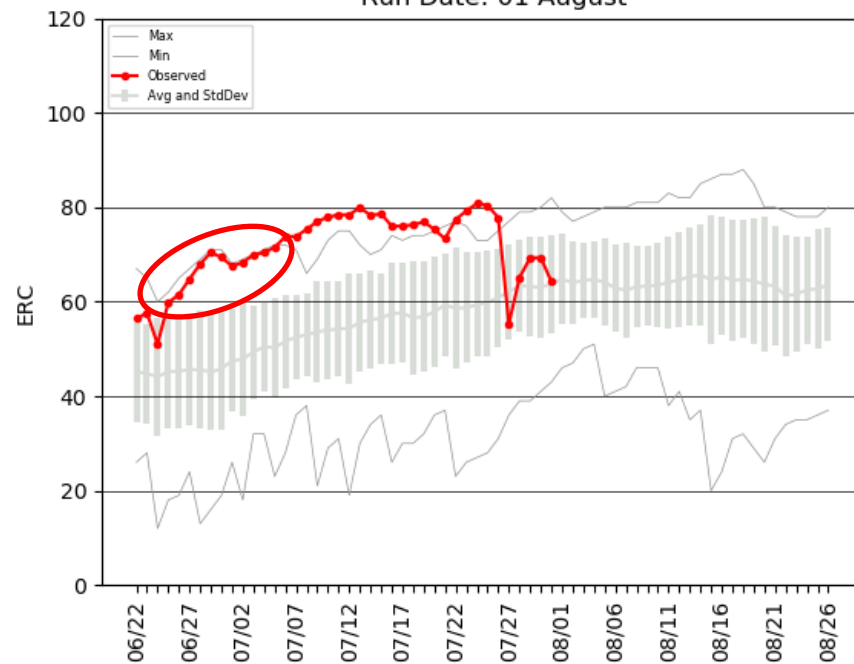


NW07 MinRH for 2021

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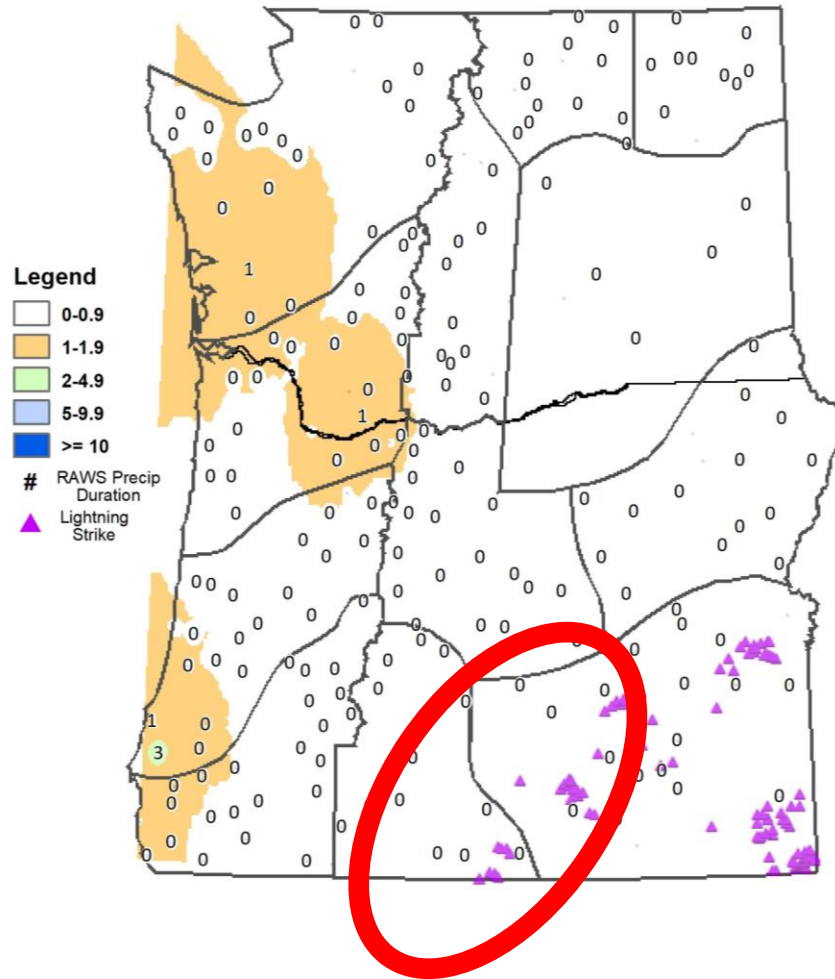


ERC-G for PSA NW07 for 2021 Run Date: 01 August



Hours of Reported Rainfall - Observed July 4th, 2021

Precipitation: 24 hour midnight to midnight calendar day period
Lightning: 24 hour 0800 to 0800 calendar day period





7/6/2021 @ 14:01 PC: M Henry



7/6/2021 @ 14:21 PC: M Henry



July 7th @ 02:36

*Experiencing extreme fire behavior

*Fire brands carried across the Sycan River, causing multiple spots

*Fire crews had a small sense of relief knowing West Spodue RX was across the river

WORLD & NATION

Oregon's Bootleg fire forms 'fire clouds,' considered extreme fire behavior



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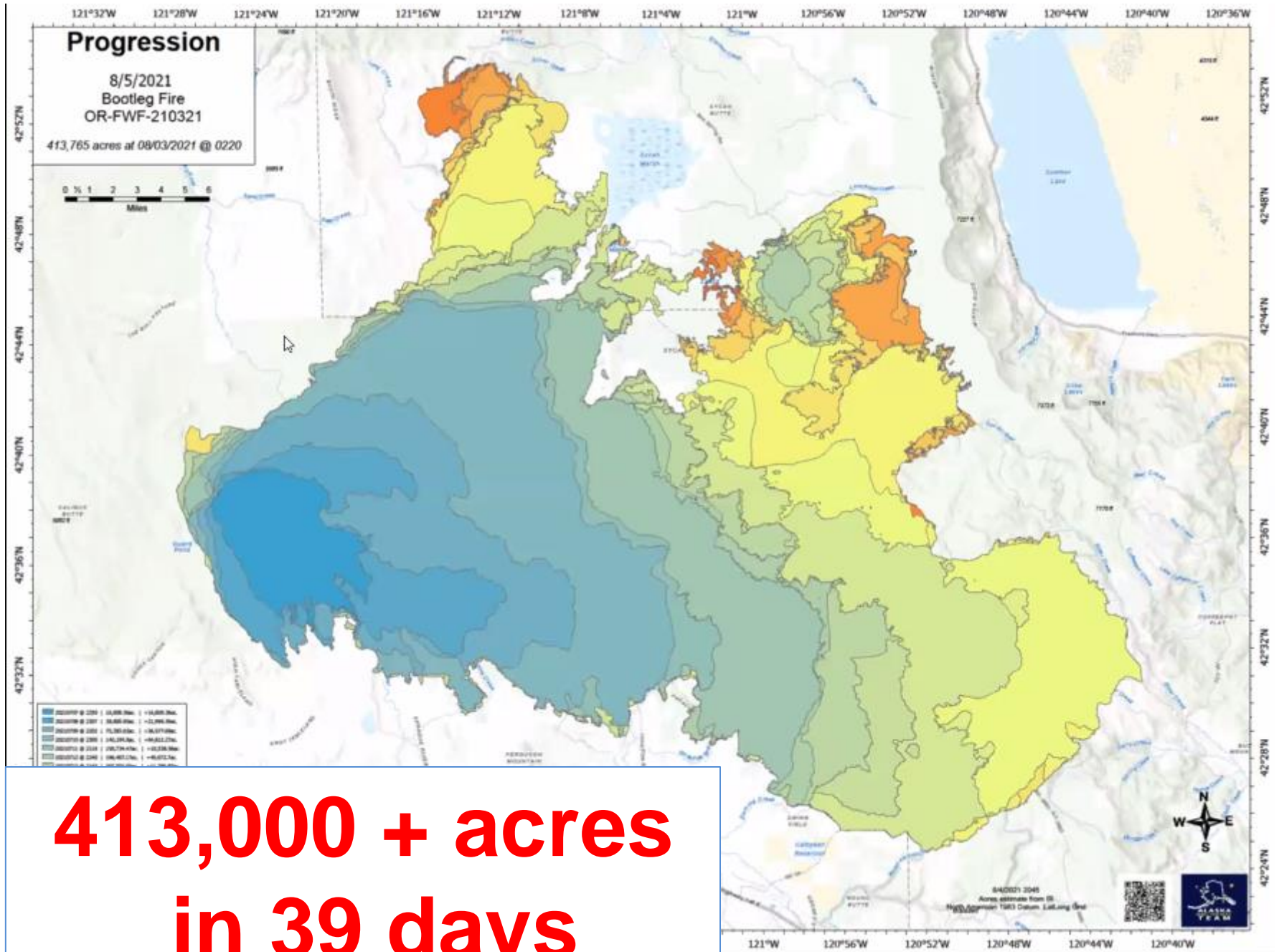
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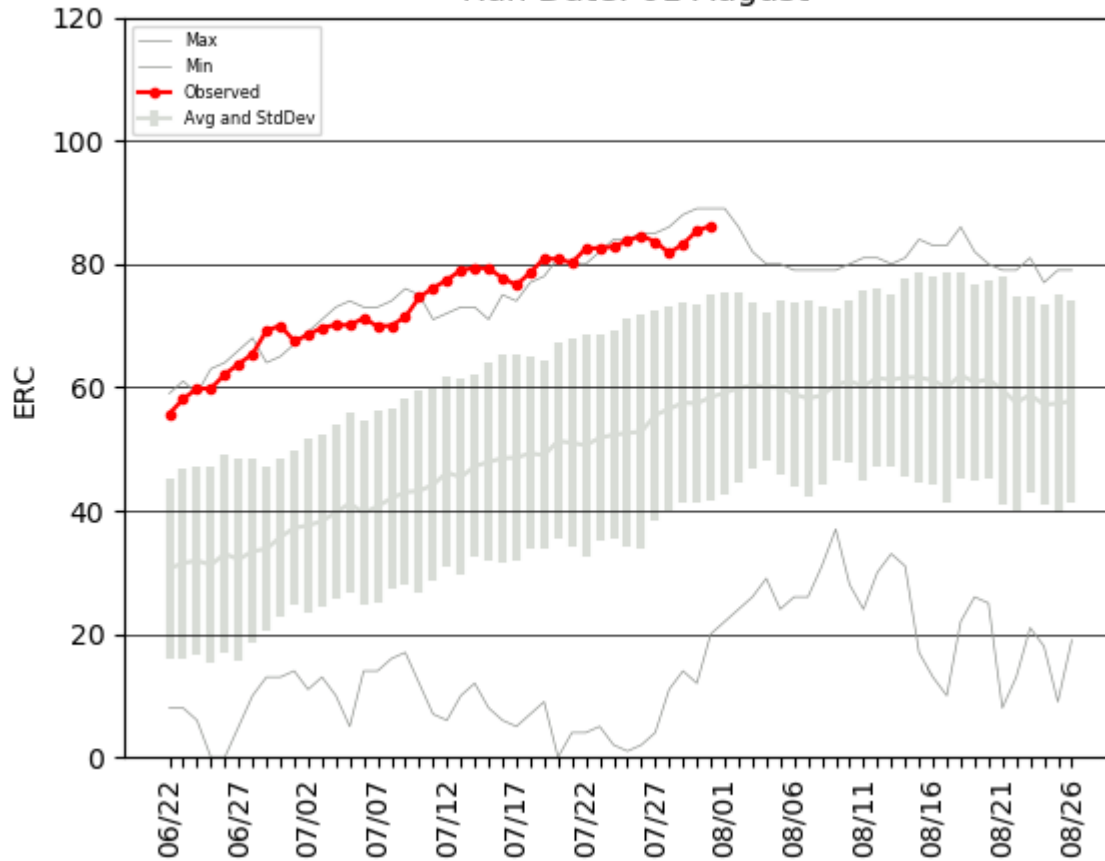
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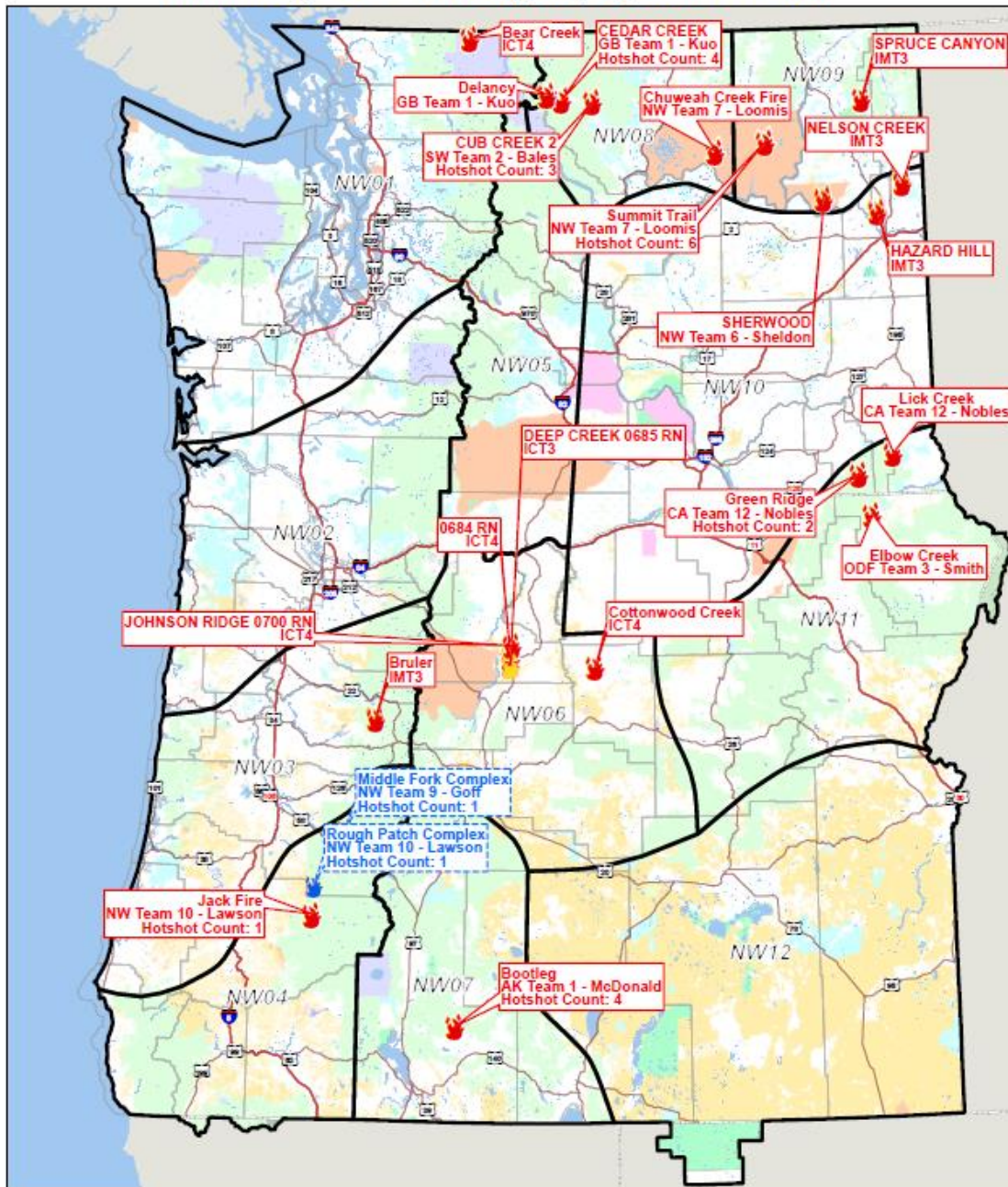


ERC-G for PSA NW09 for 2021
Run Date: 01 August



Washington and Oregon

Current Large Fires: Saturday, July 31, 2021 11:17 AM



July 2021

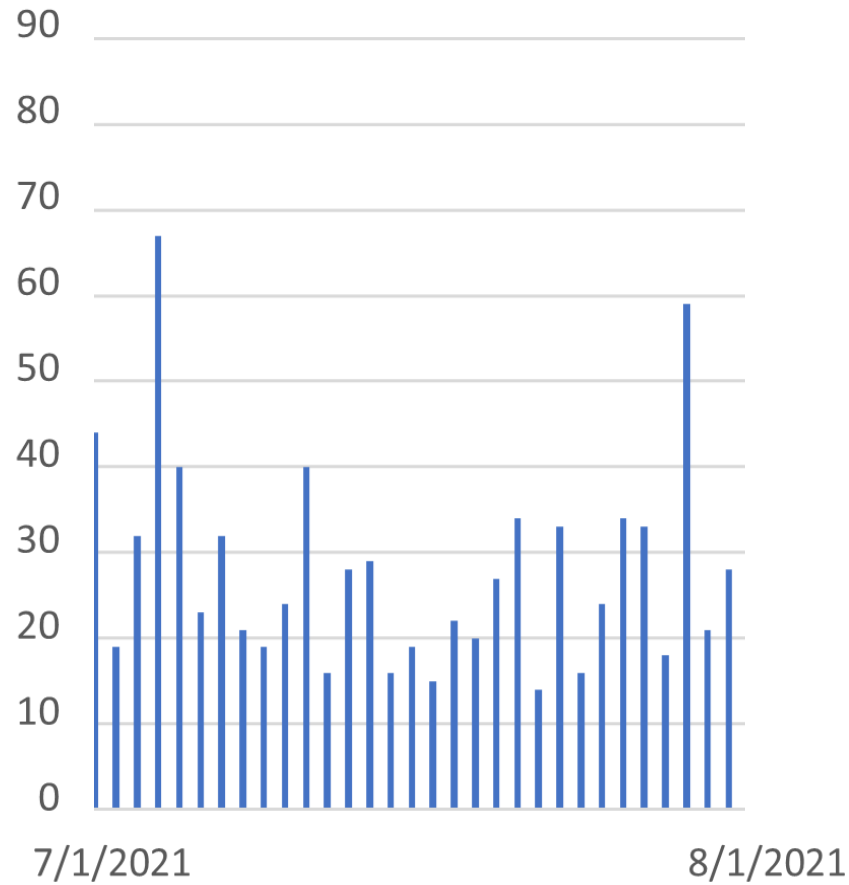
22 large fires

9 Incident Management Teams
deployed on July 31st

Mass Ignition Dates

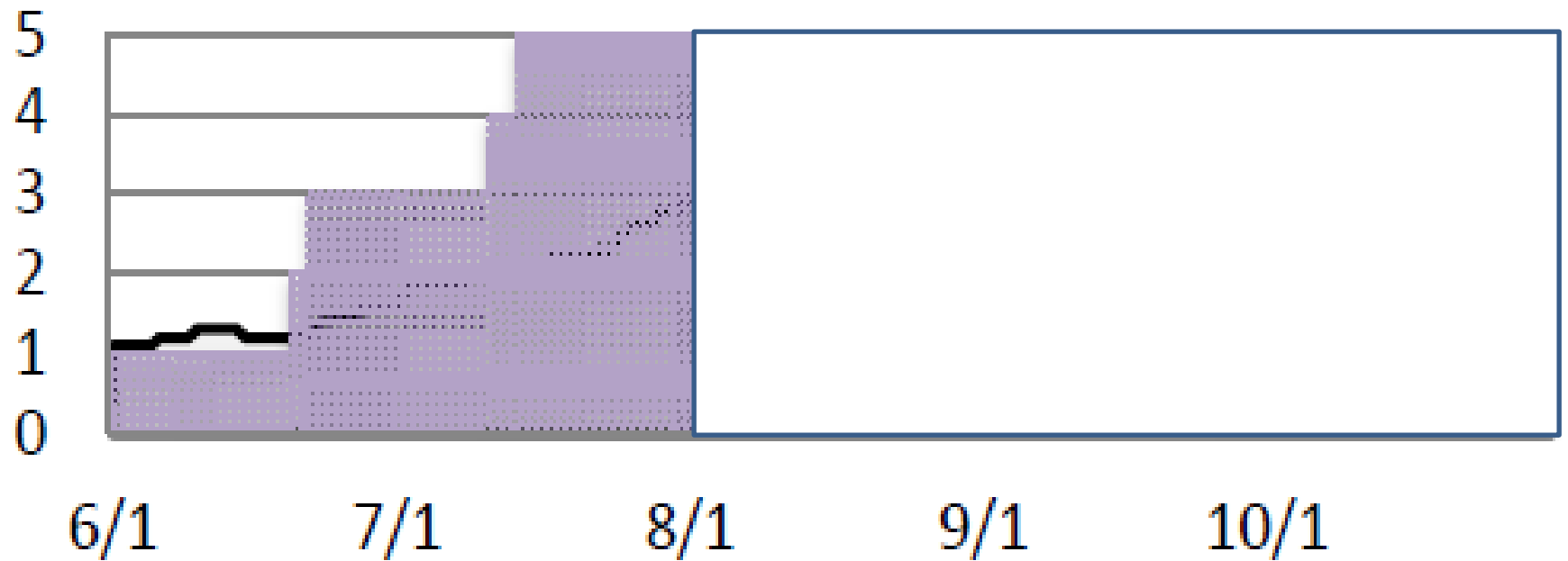
- July 1st
- July 3-6th
- July 11th
- July 29-30th

July Daily Ignitions

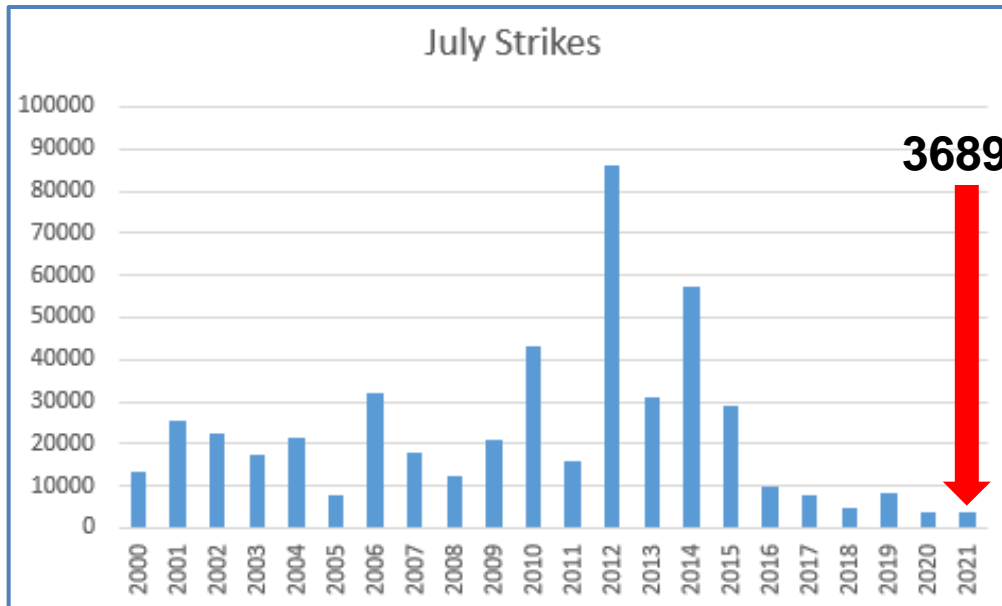


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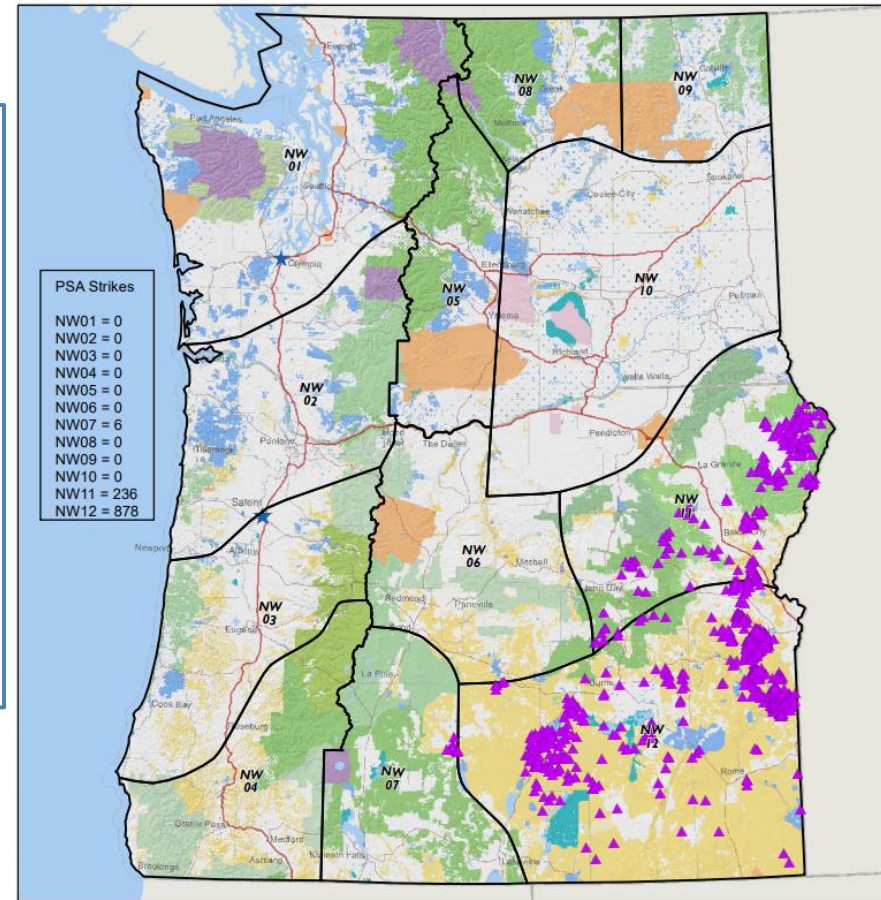
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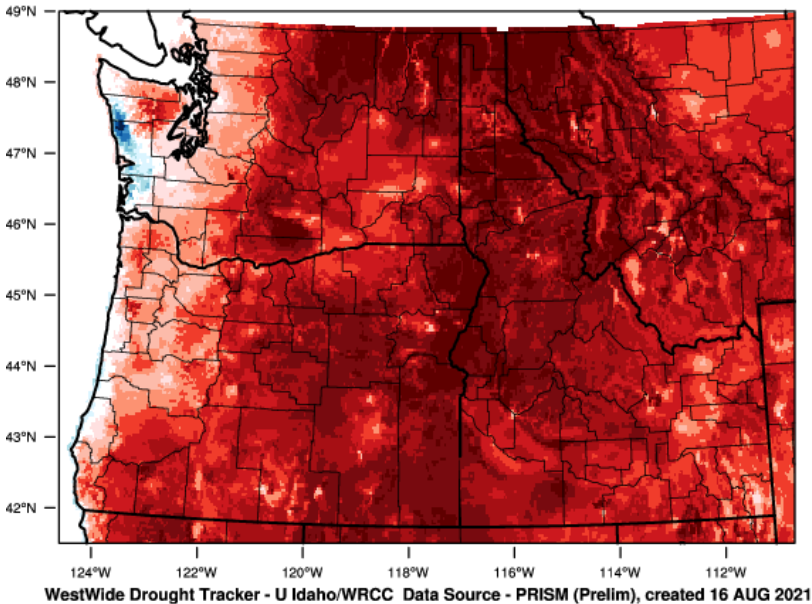
July 2021: 3689 strikes
16% of 2000-2020 July average



July 1st-2nd
1120 strikes counted by NWCC

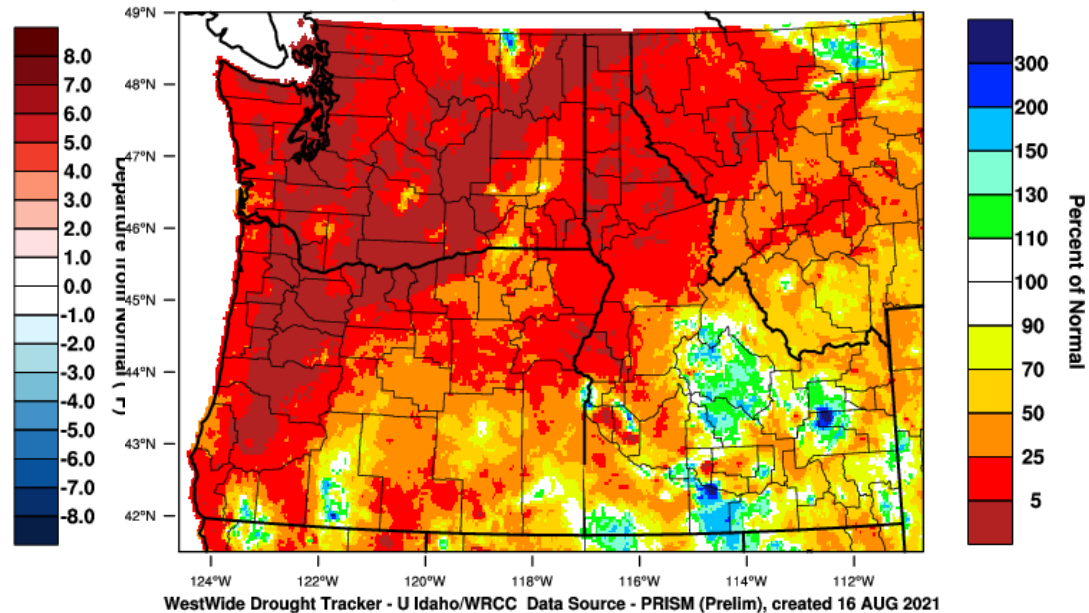
July 2021

Pacific Northwest - Mean Temperature
July 2021 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal



Temperature

Pacific Northwest - Precipitation
July 2021 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal

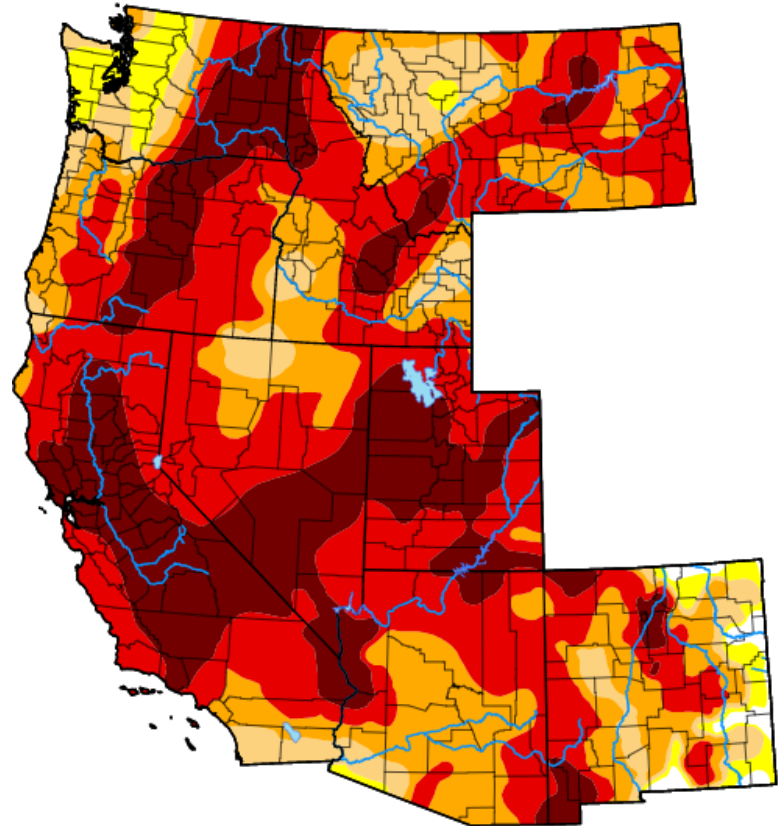


Precipitation

August 2021

U.S. Drought Monitor

- Oregon saw significant expansion its drought — just under 25% of the state is covered by exceptional drought, the most in the state's history.
- In Washington, the area in exceptional drought is at record high and now covers more than one-third of the state. Prior to this month, exceptional drought had never been observed in Washington in the 21-year history of the Drought Monitor.

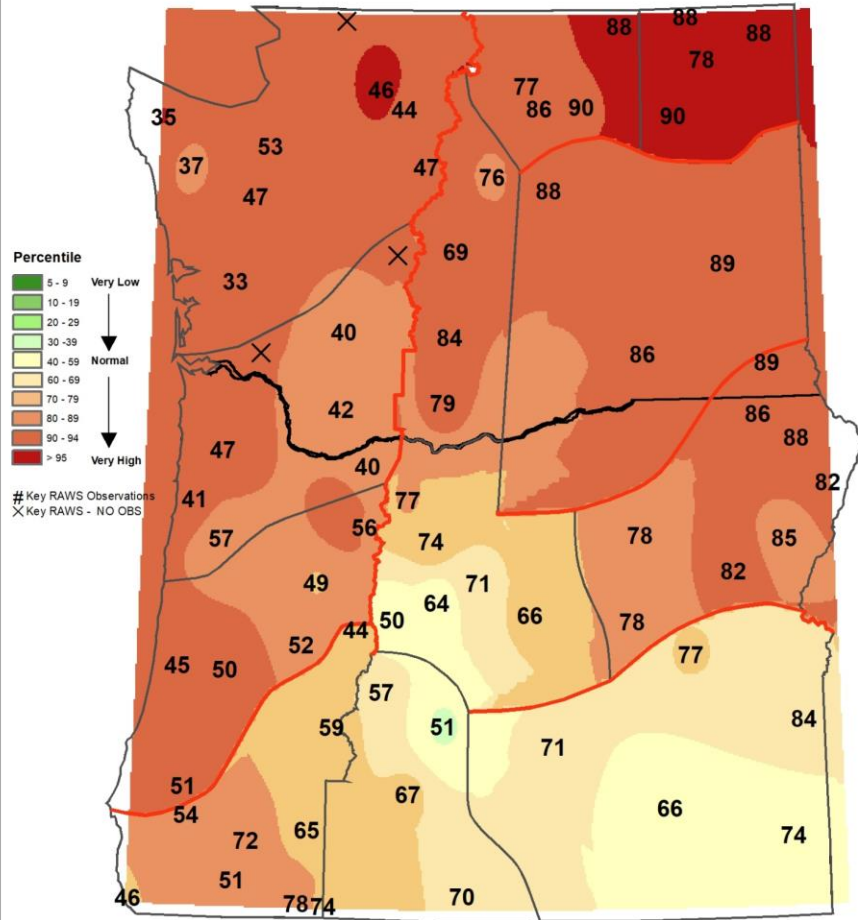


July 29th 2021

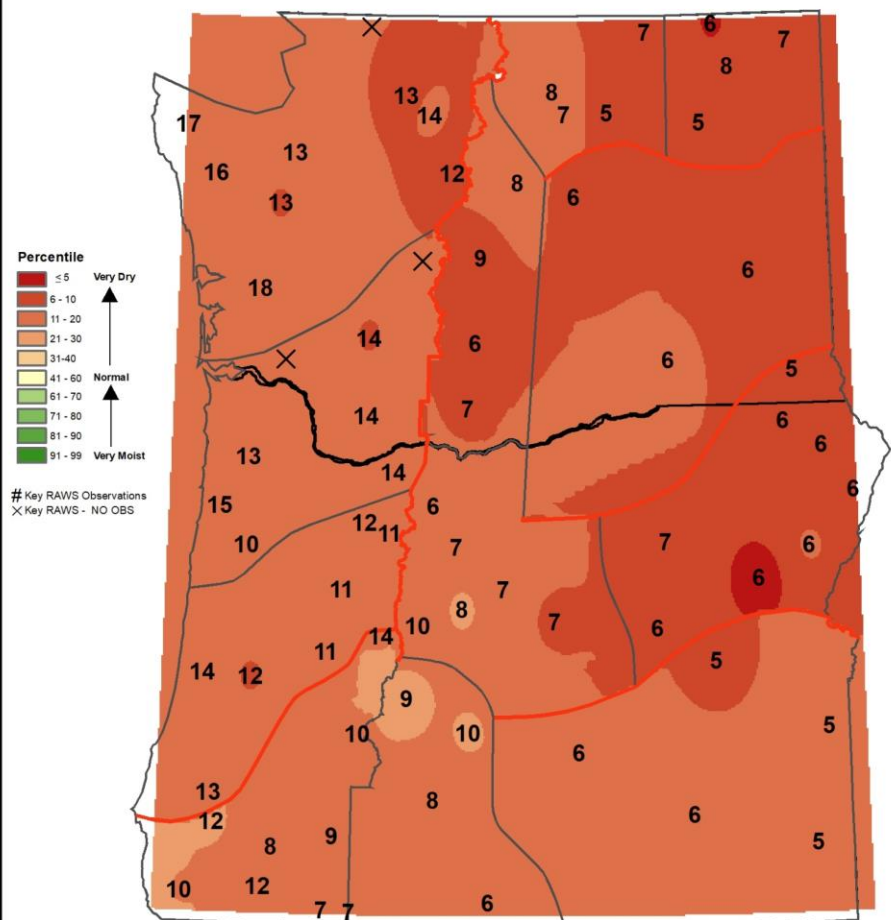
Intensity:



August 1st

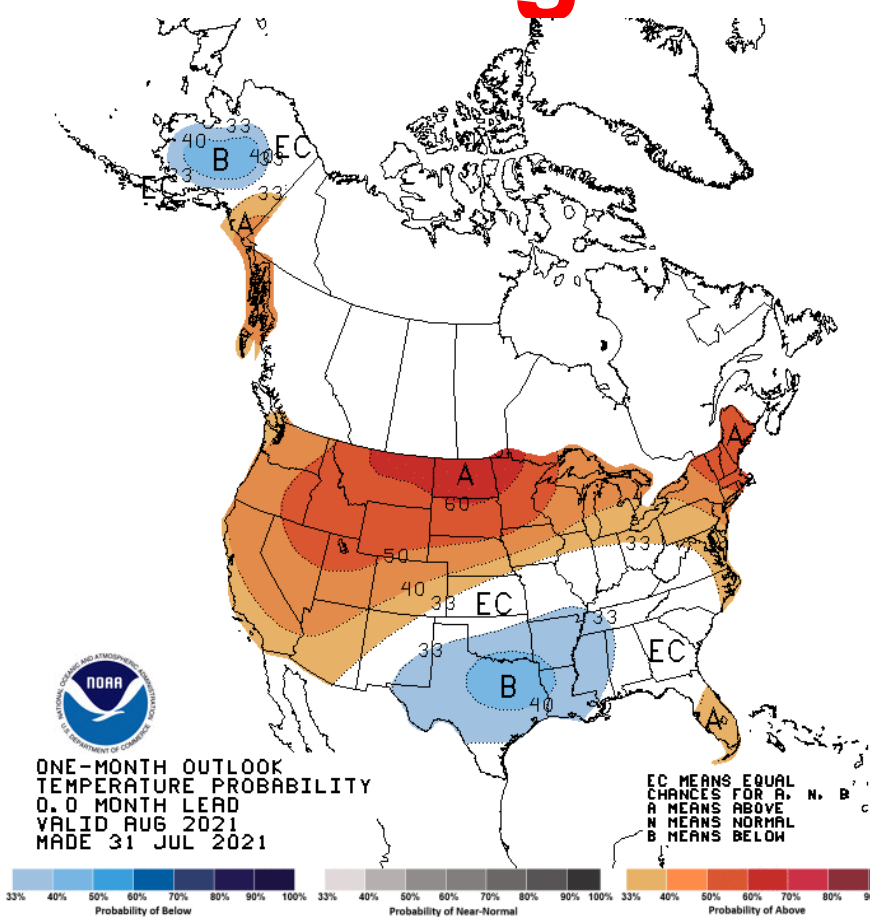


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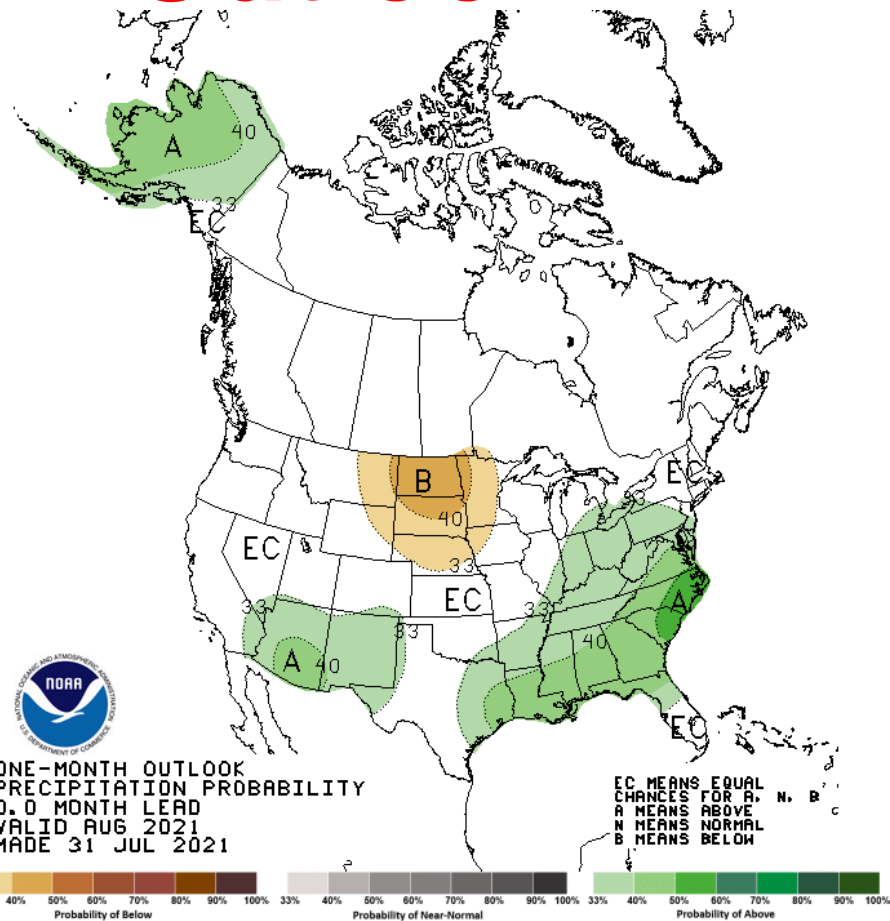


1000hr

August 2021 Outlook



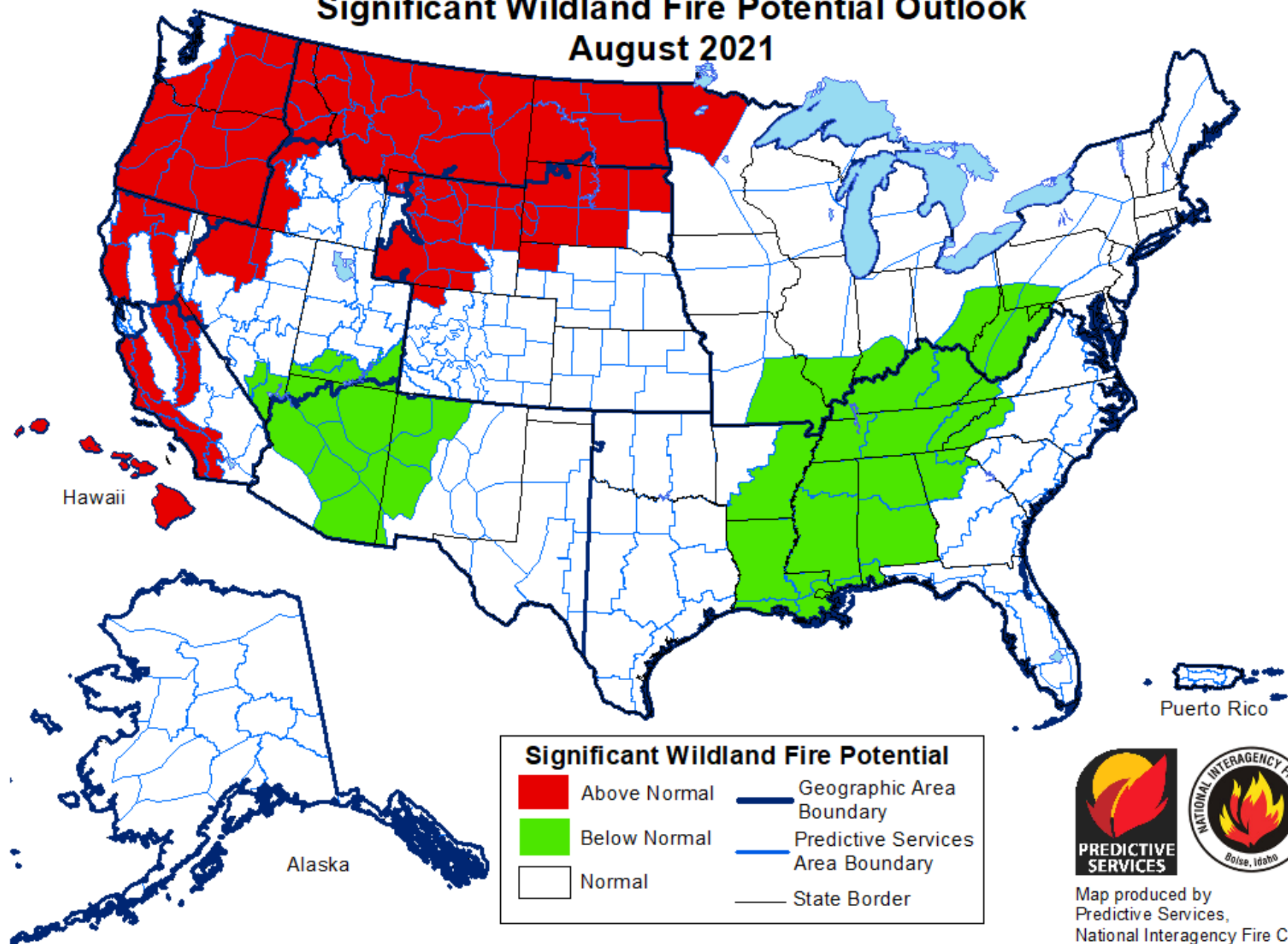
Temperature Outlook



Rainfall Outlook

Characterization: Warmer and drier than normal is anticipated for August of 2021 over the western US, northern plains, Great Lakes, and New England. For the Pacific Northwest, the rainfall outlook is not clear.

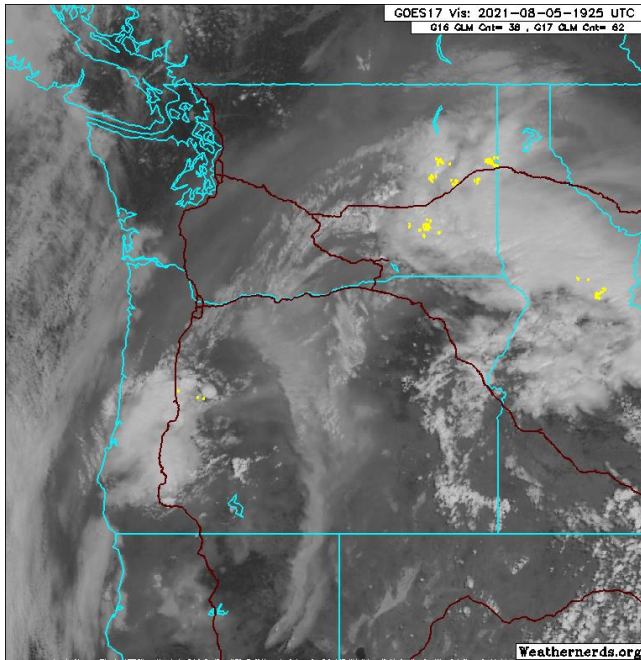
Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook August 2021



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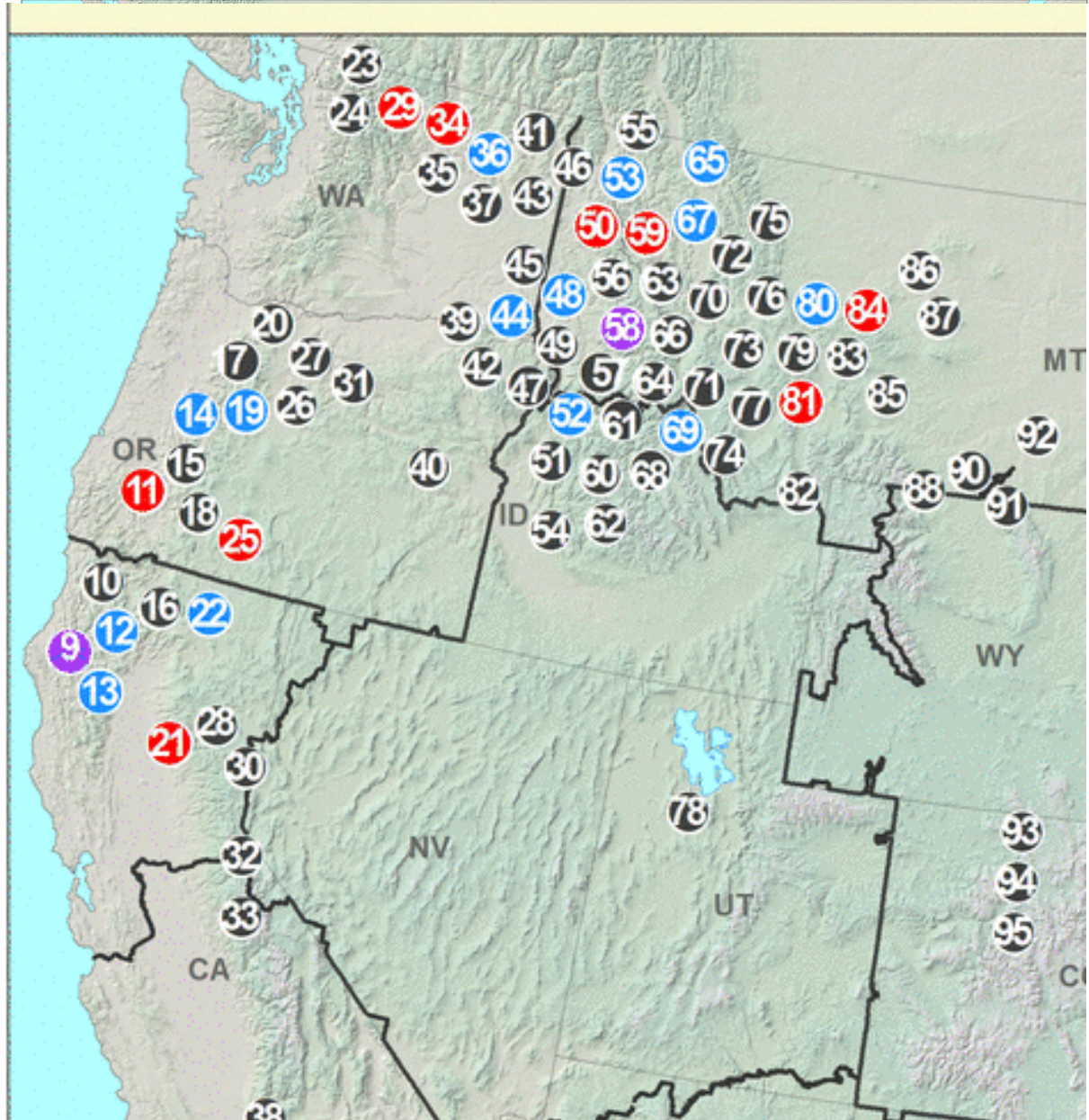


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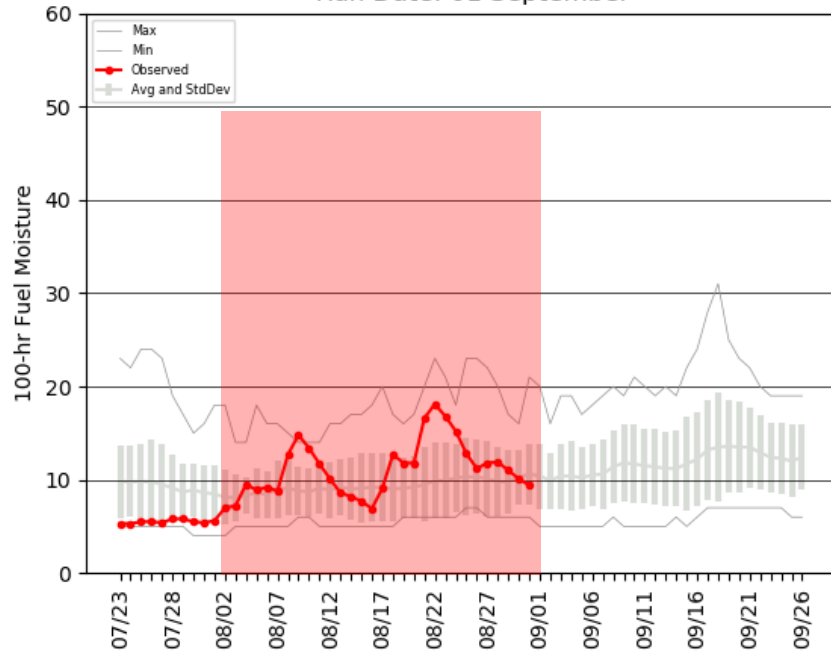
Current Large Incidents

August 04, 2021



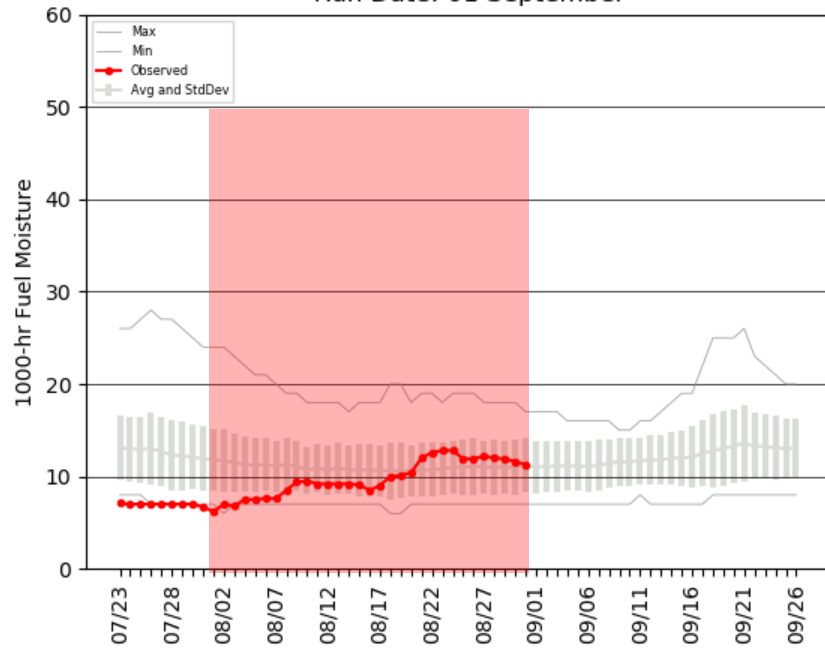
100-hr Fuel Moisture for PSA NW09 for 2021

Run Date: 01 September



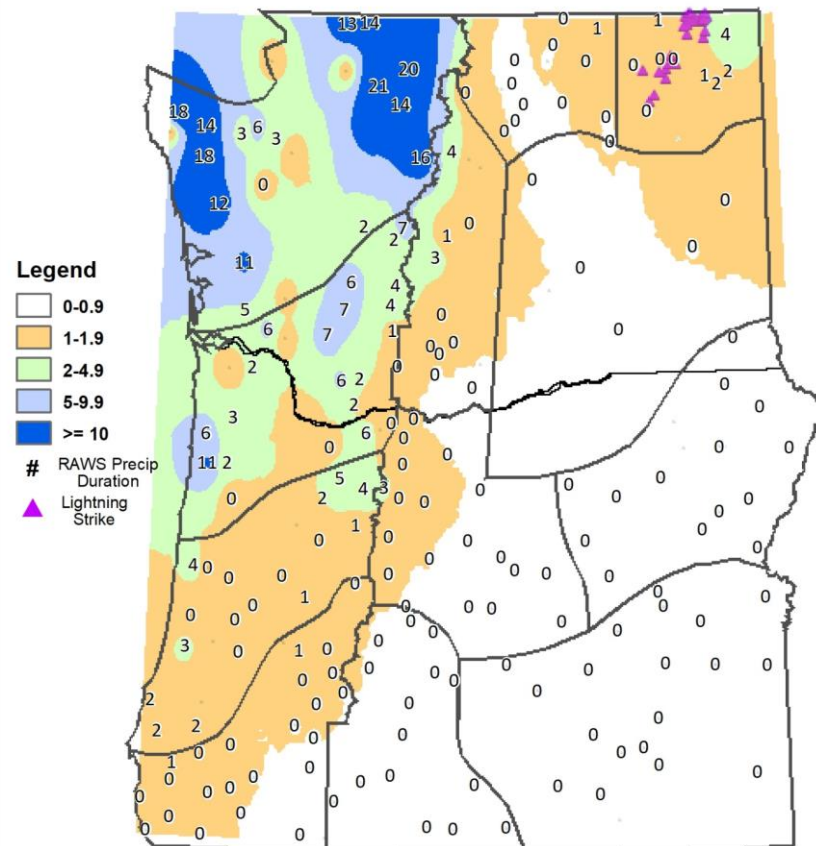
1000-hr Fuel Moisture for PSA NW09 for 2021

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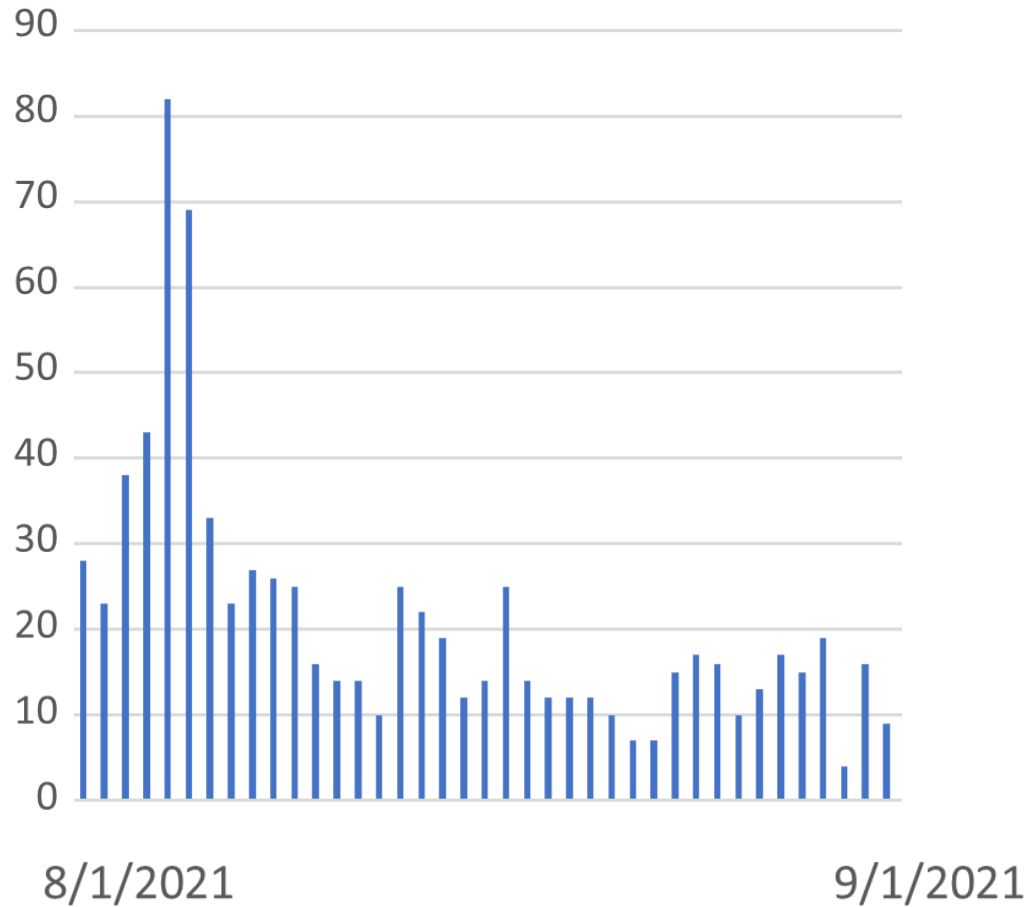
Hours of Reported Rainfall - Observed August 7th, 2021

Precipitation: 24 hour midnight to midnight calendar day period
Lightning: 24 hour 0800 to 0800 calendar day period



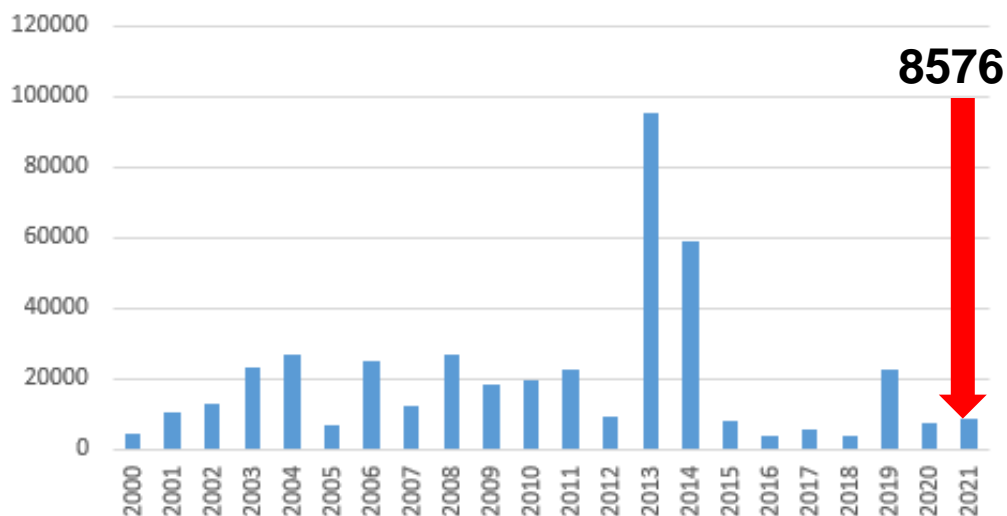
August Daily Ignitions

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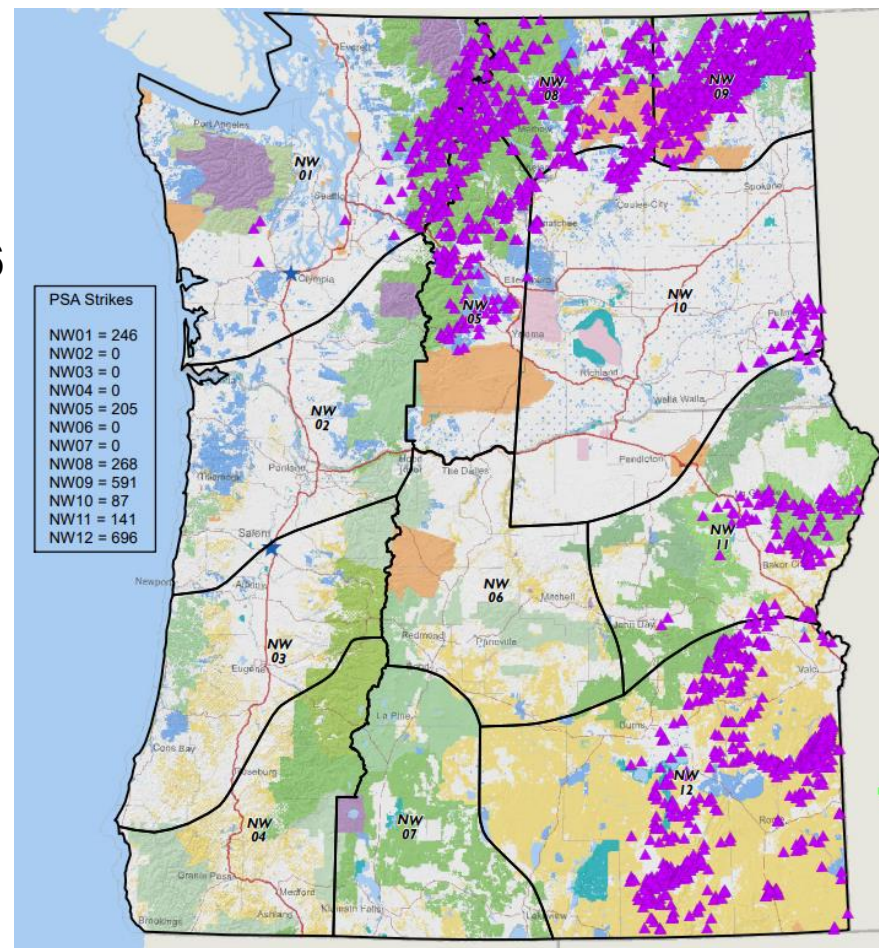


August 2021 Lightning Summary

August Strikes



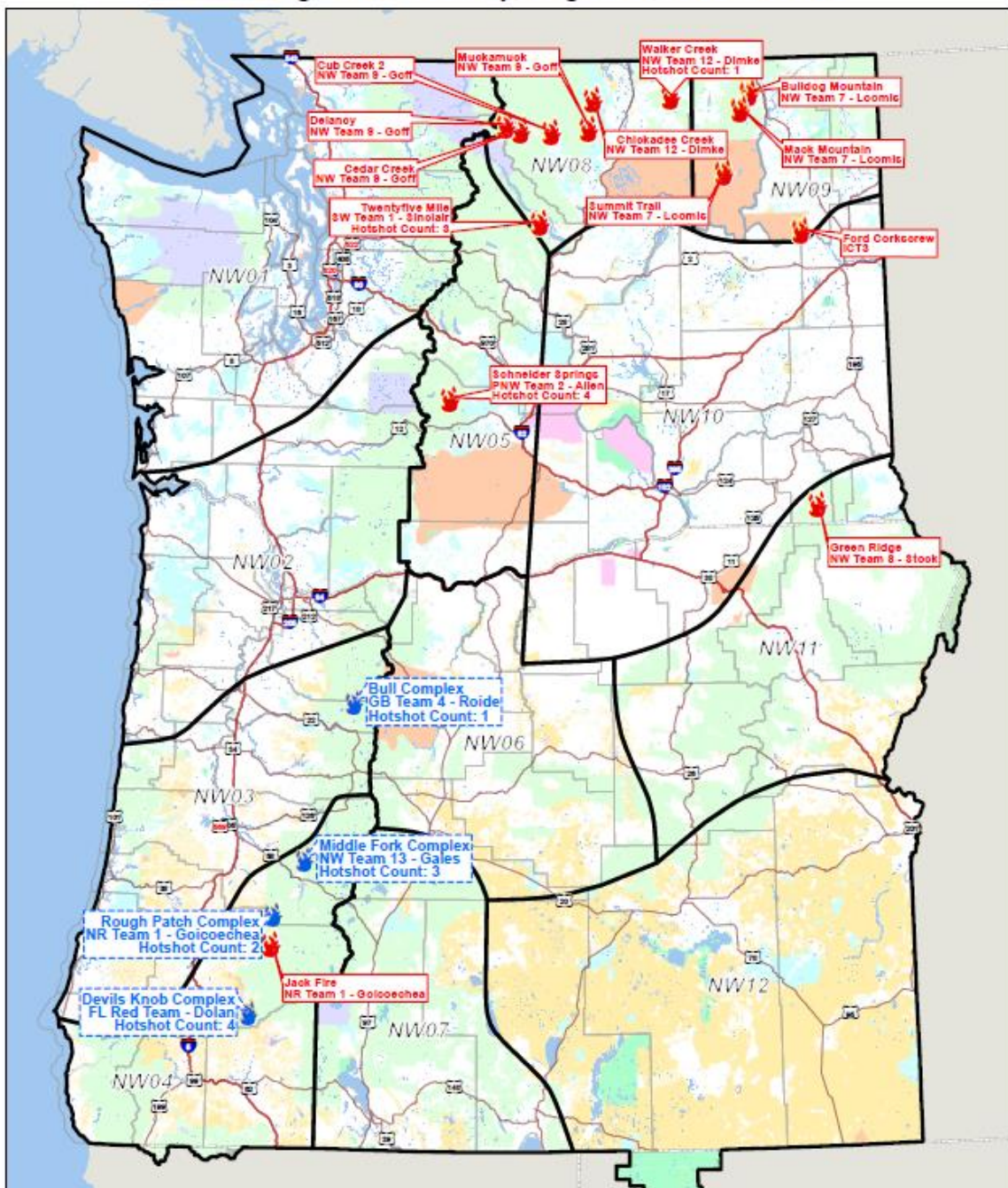
August 2021: 8576 strikes
43% of 2000-2020 Aug average



Aug 3rd-4th
2147 strikes counted by NWCC

Washington and Oregon

Current Large Fires: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:00 AM



Aug 2021

17 large fires

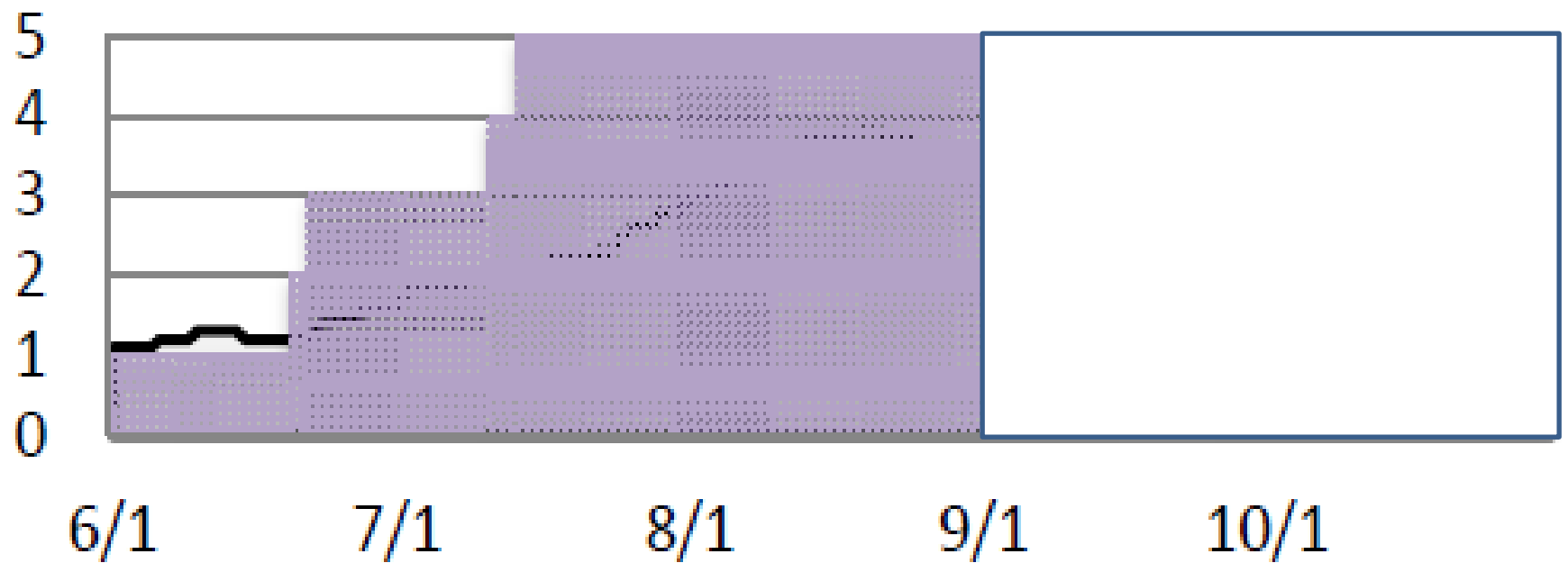
11 Incident Management Team
deployed on Aug 31st

Mass Ignition Dates

- Aug 2nd-5th
- Aug 13th-15th

2021

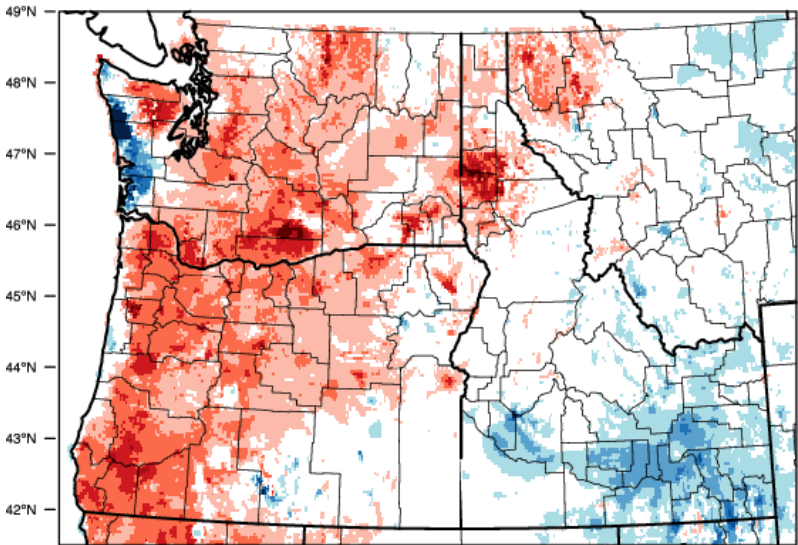
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August 2021

Pacific Northwest - Mean Temperature

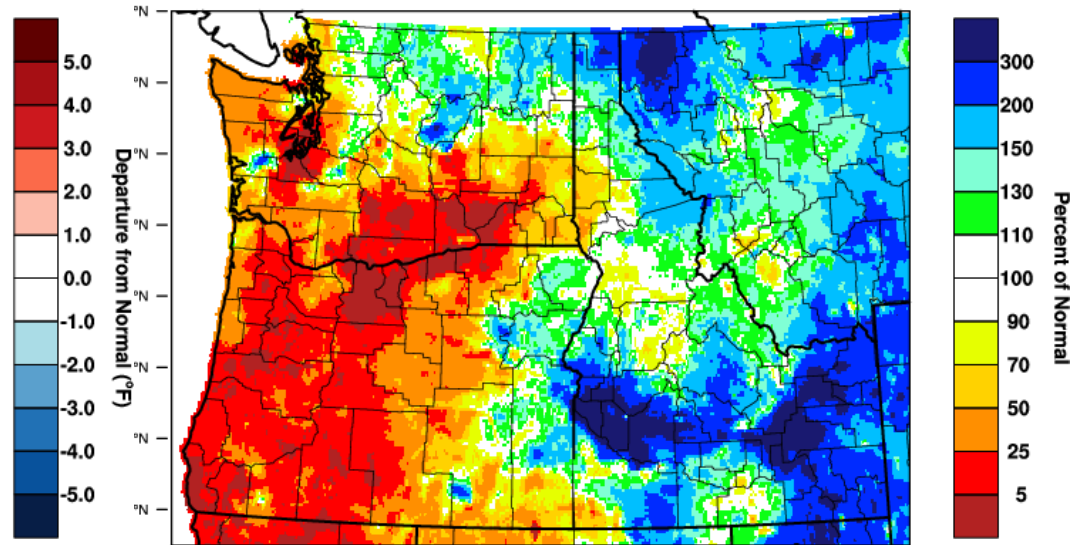
August 2021 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal



WestWide Drought Tracker - U Idaho/WRCC Data Source - PRISM (Prelim), created 16 SEP 2021

Pacific Northwest - Precipitation

August 2021 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal



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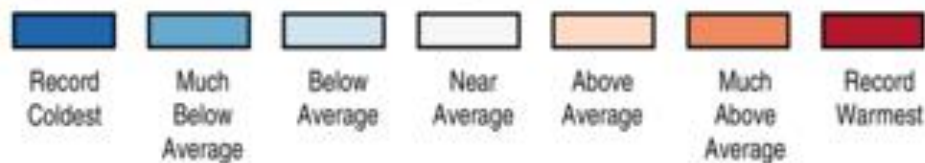
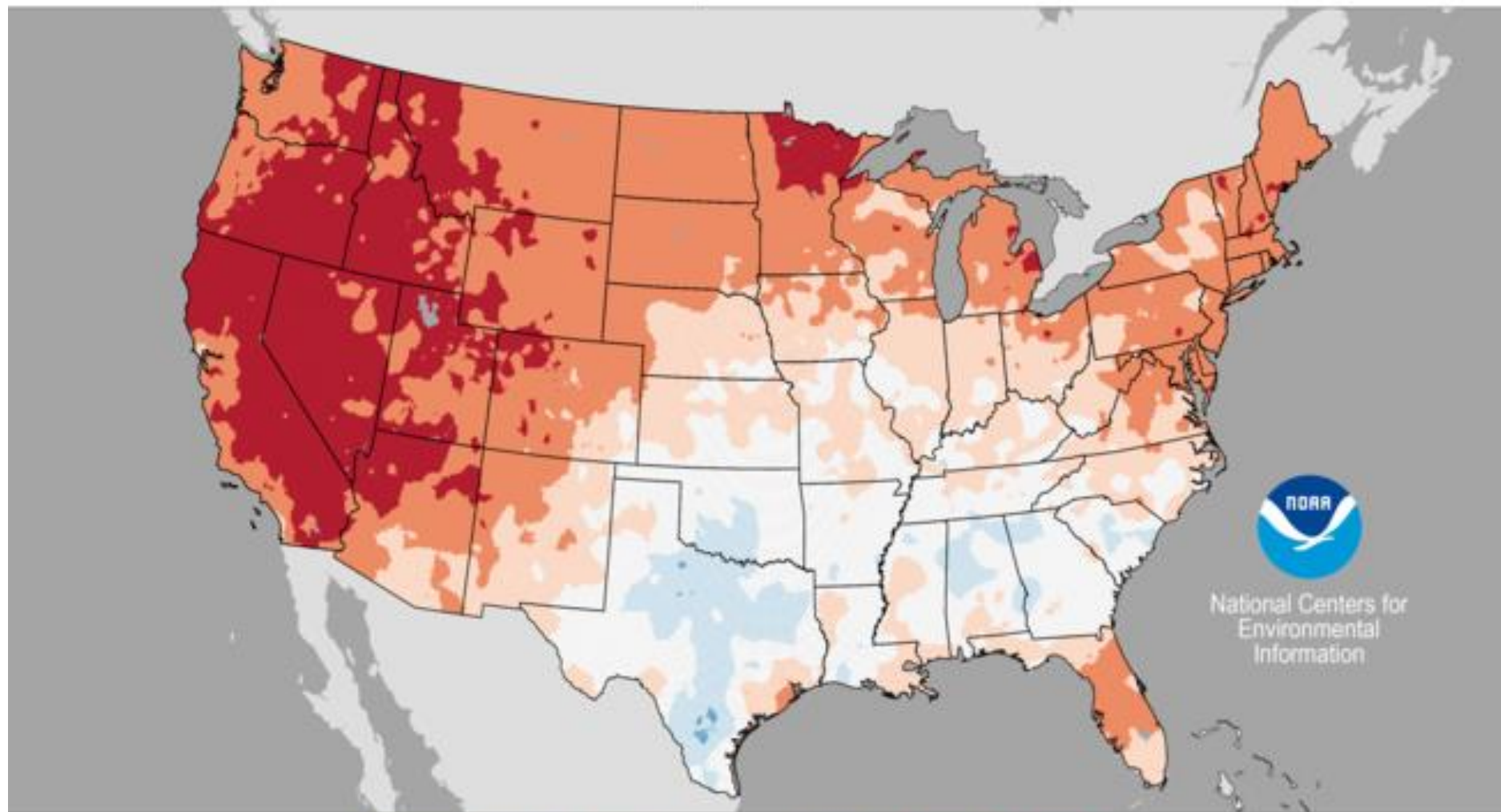
Temperature

Precipitation

Mean Temperature Percentiles

June–August 2021

Ranking Period: 1895–2021

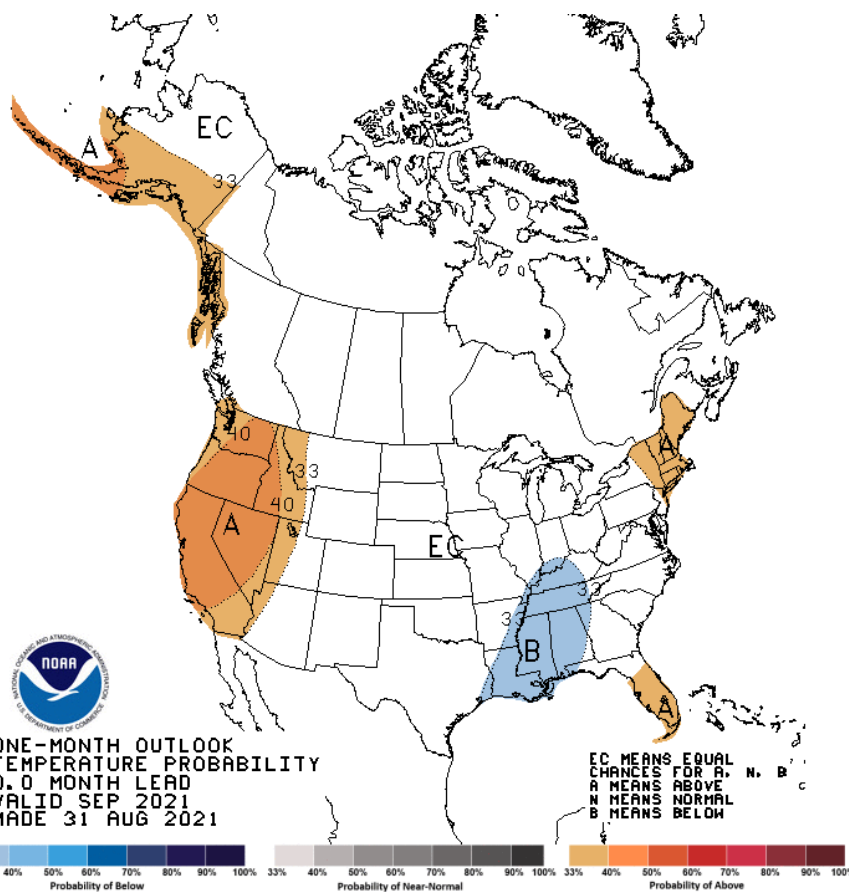


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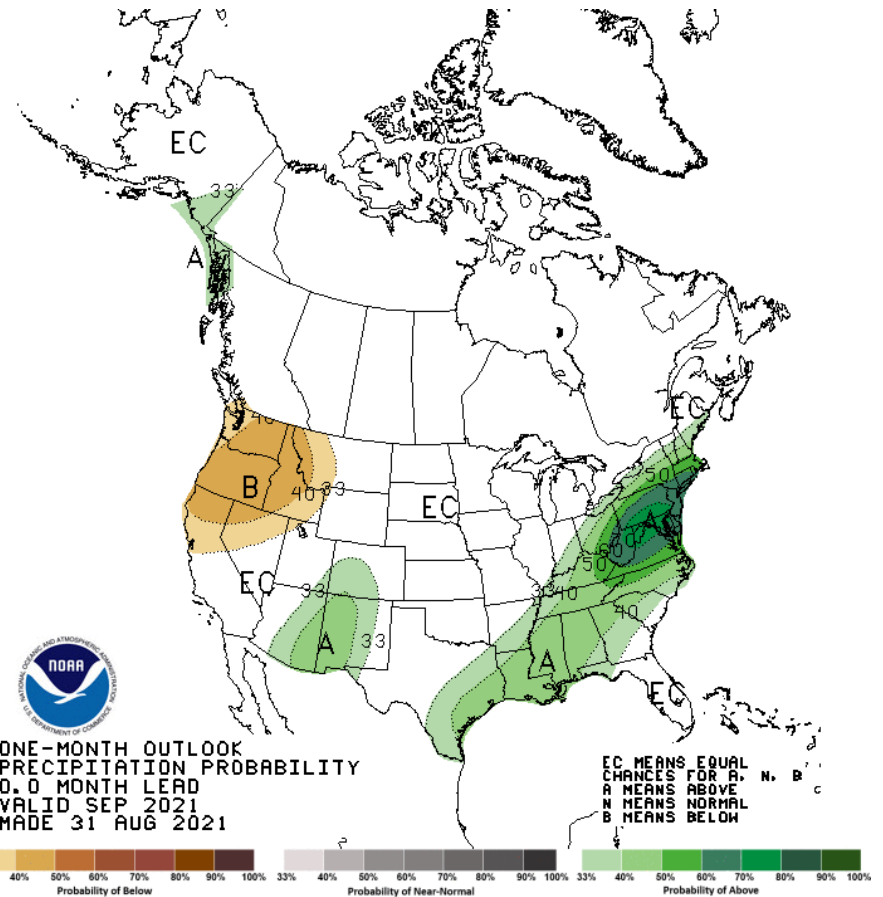
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September 2021

September 2021 Outlook



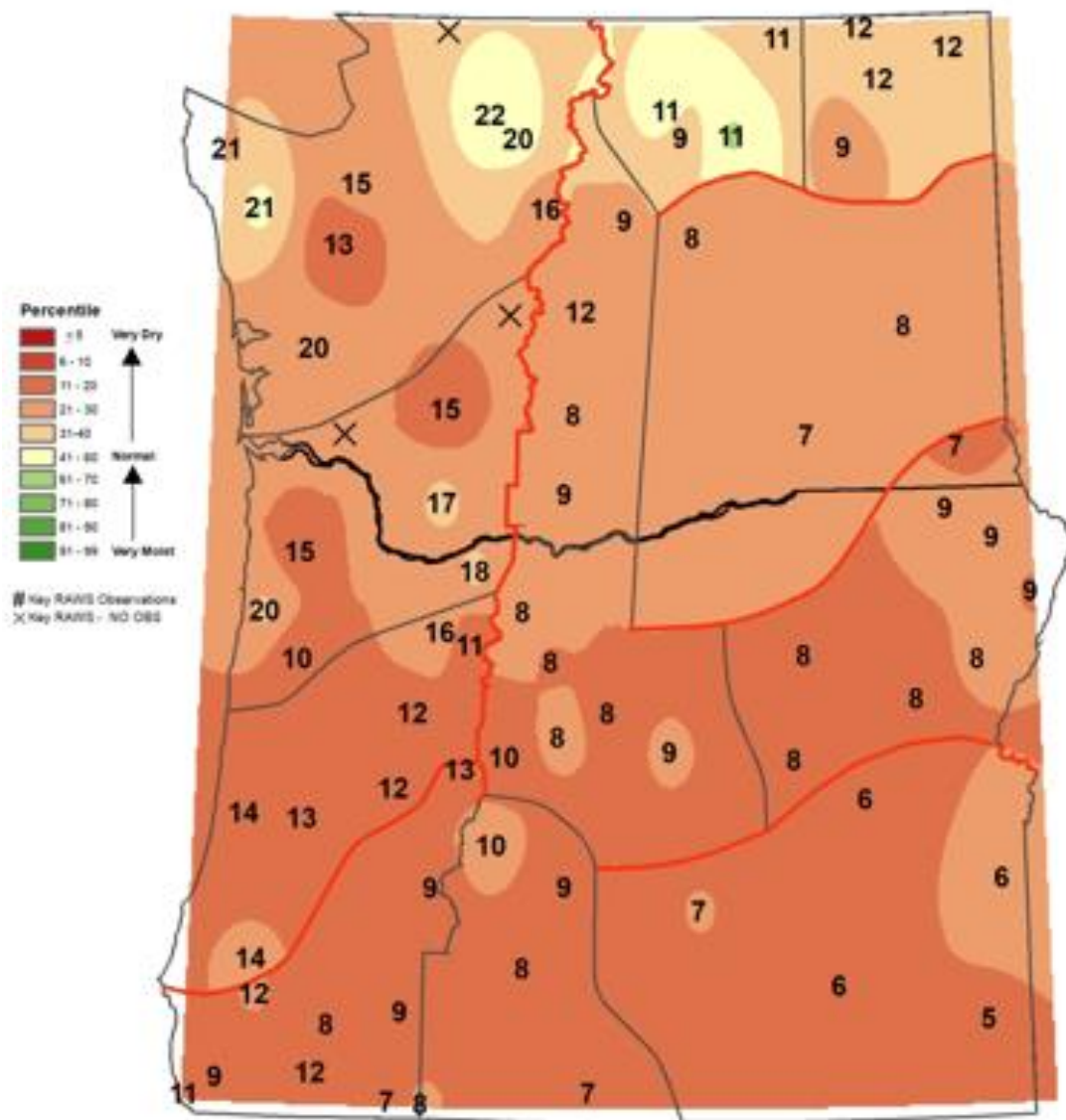
Temperature Outlook



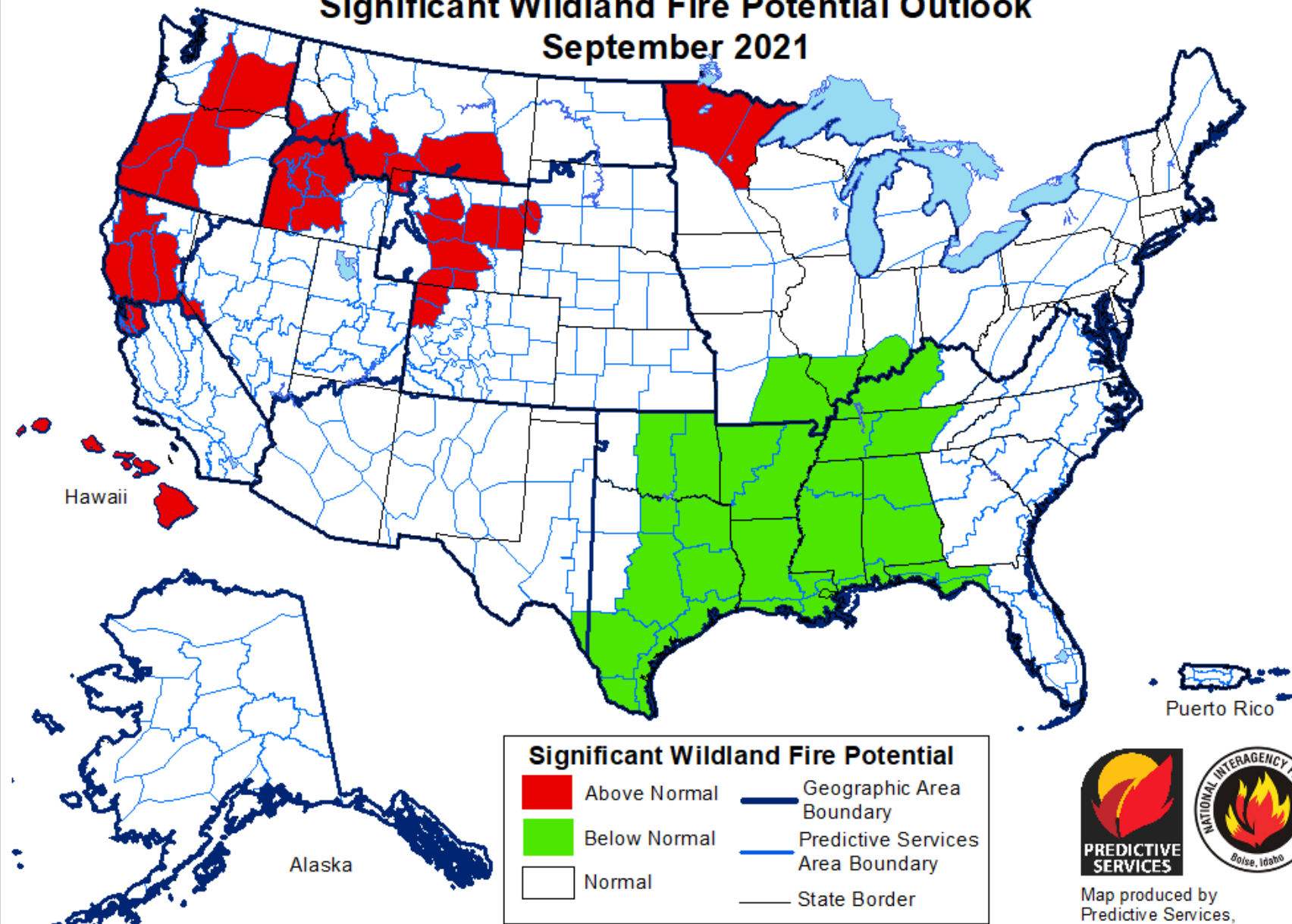
Rainfall Outlook

Characterization: Warmer and drier than normal is anticipated for September over the Pacific Northwest and northern California.

Observed 1000 HR Values - August 31st, 2021



Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook September 2021

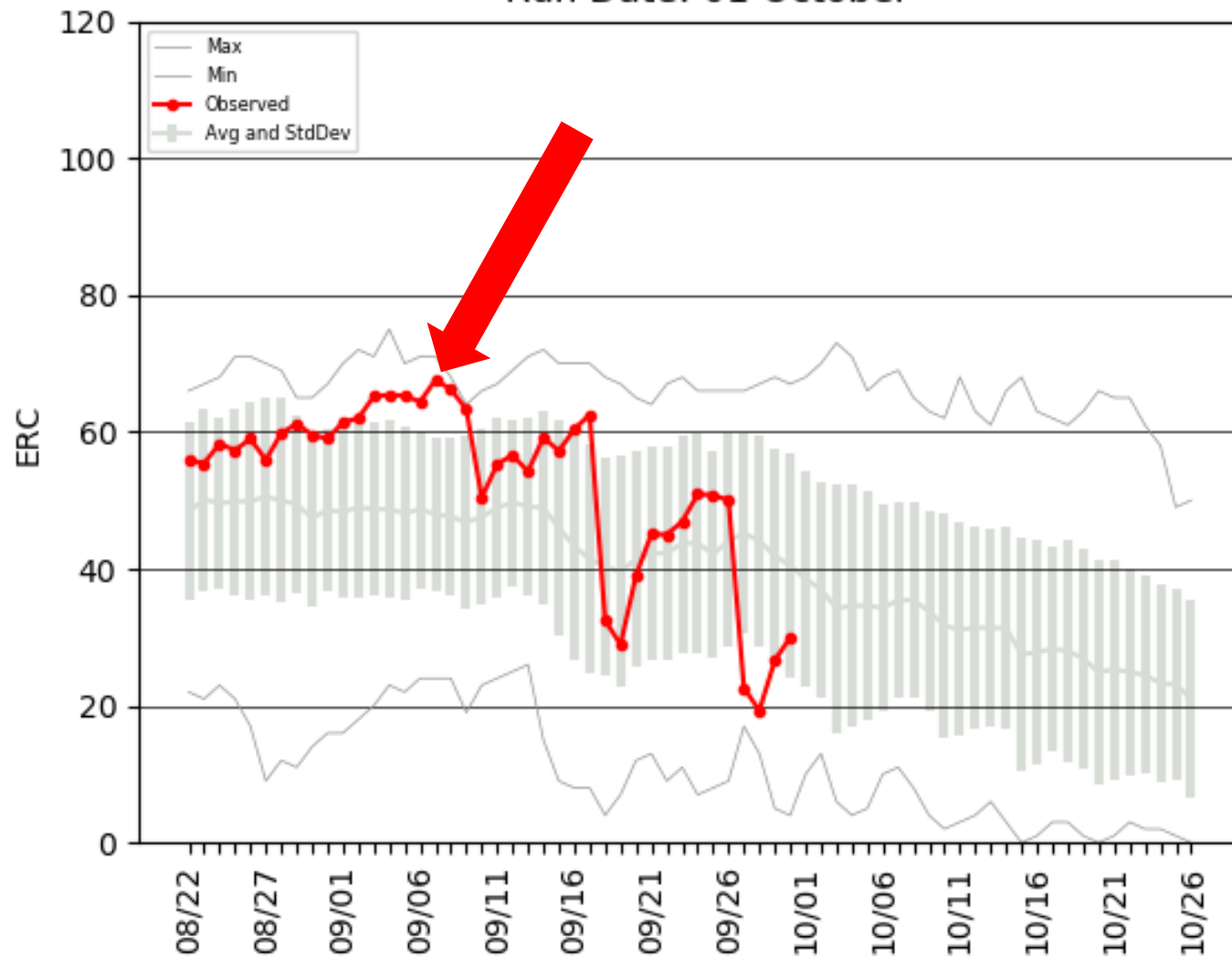


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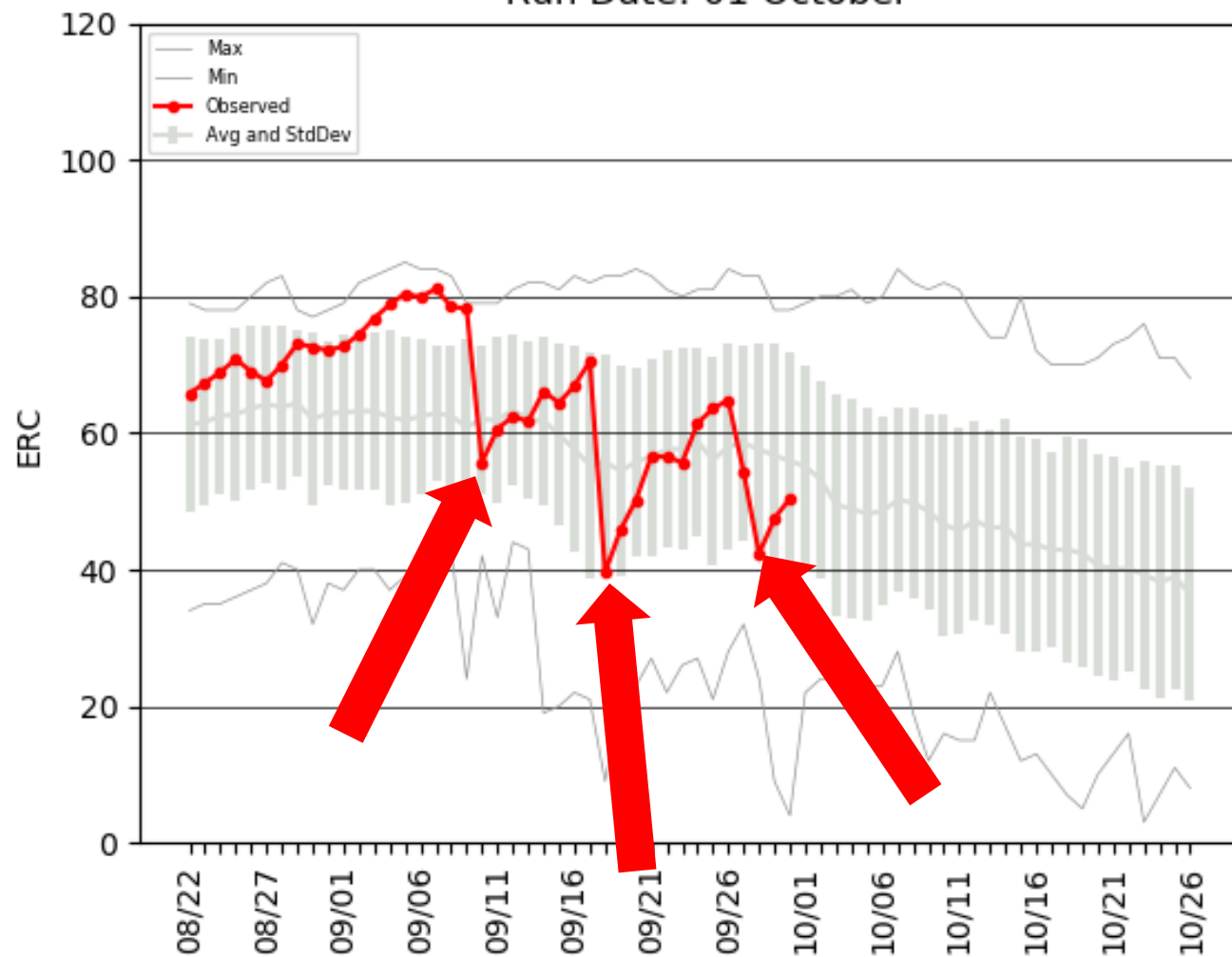


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ERC-G for PSA NW04 for 2021
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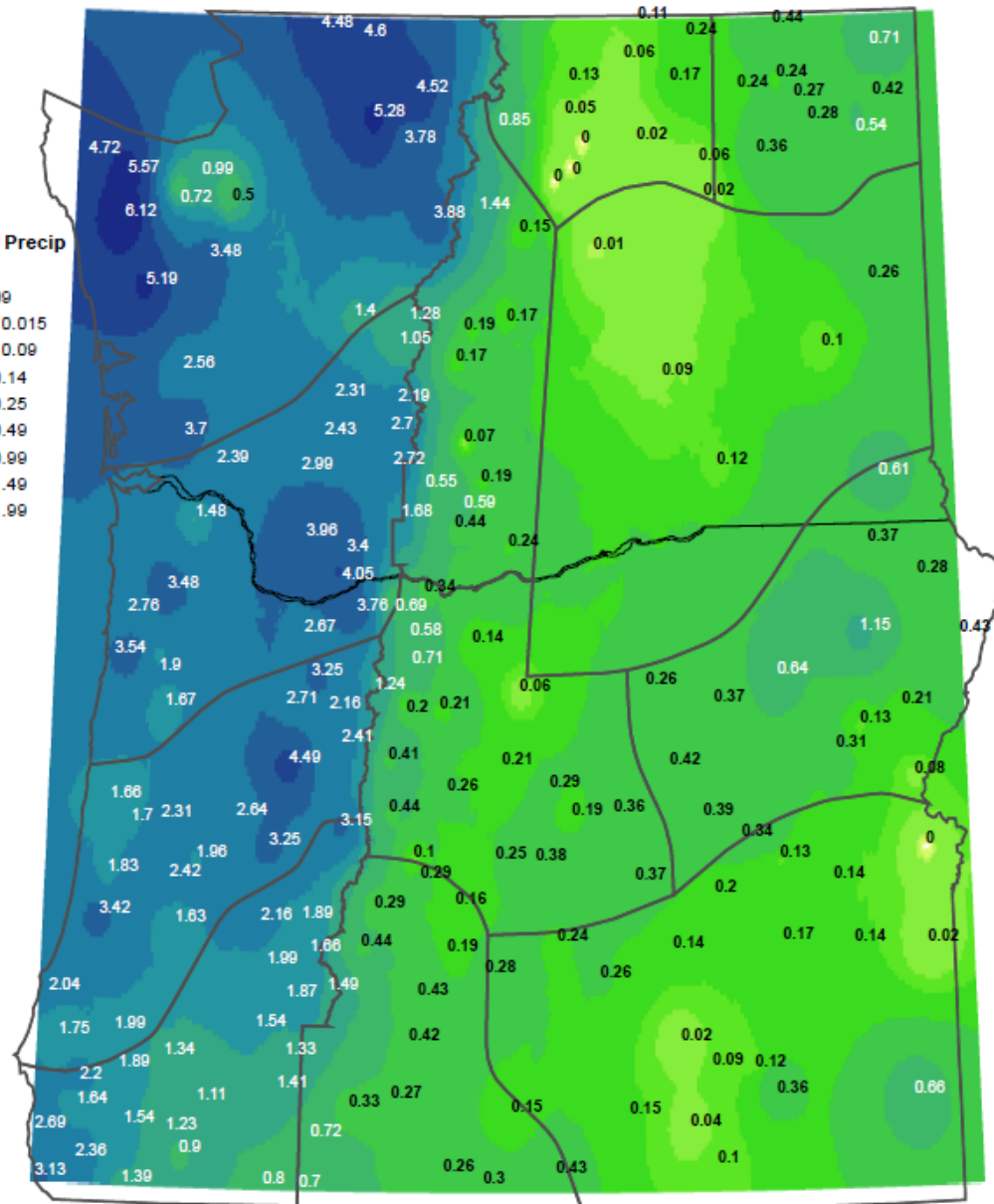
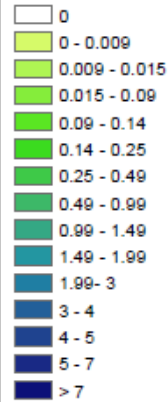
ERC-G for PSA NW07 for 2021
Run Date: 01 October



Precipitation 09/13 thru 09/19

*Precipitation: Midnight to midnight period
Seven day total in inches*

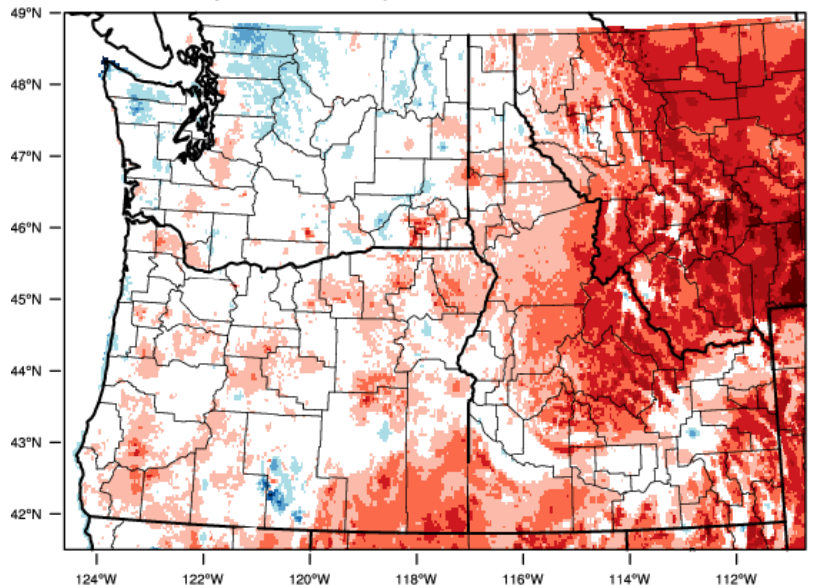
Seven Day Precip



September 2021

Pacific Northwest - Mean Temperature

September 2021 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal

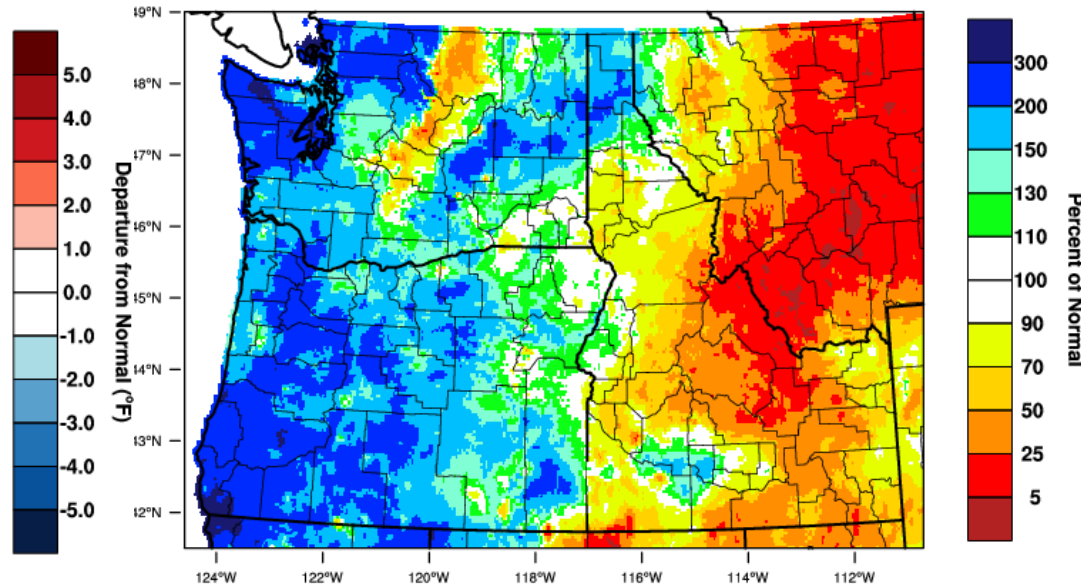


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Temperature

Pacific Northwest - Precipitation

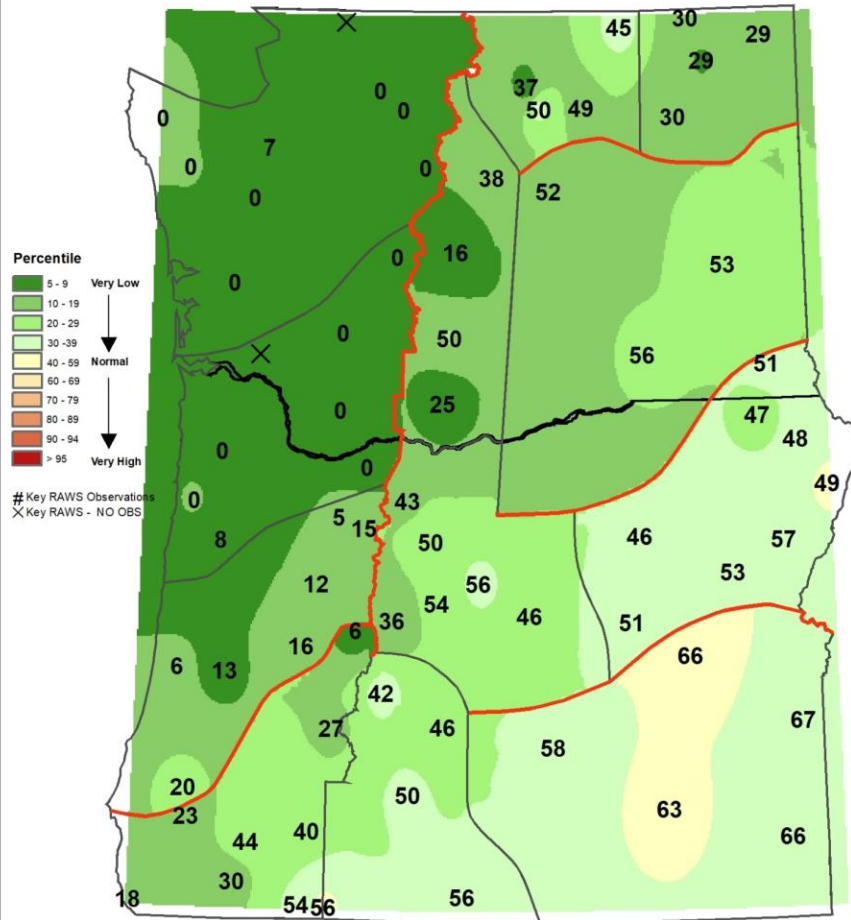
September 2021 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal



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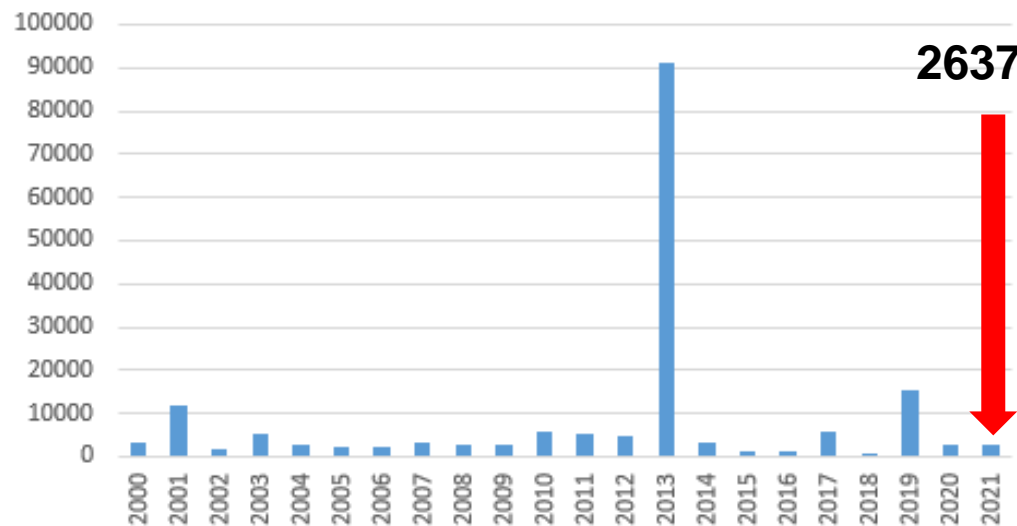
Precipitation

Observed ERC Values - September 30th, 2021

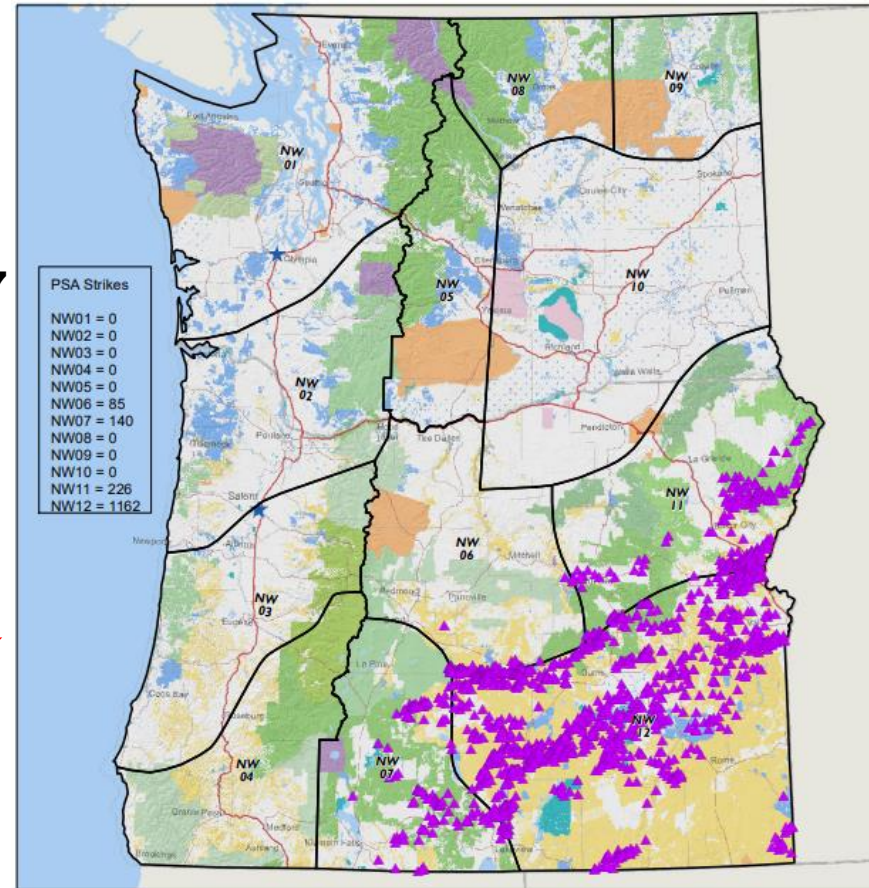


September 2021 Lightning Summary

September Strikes



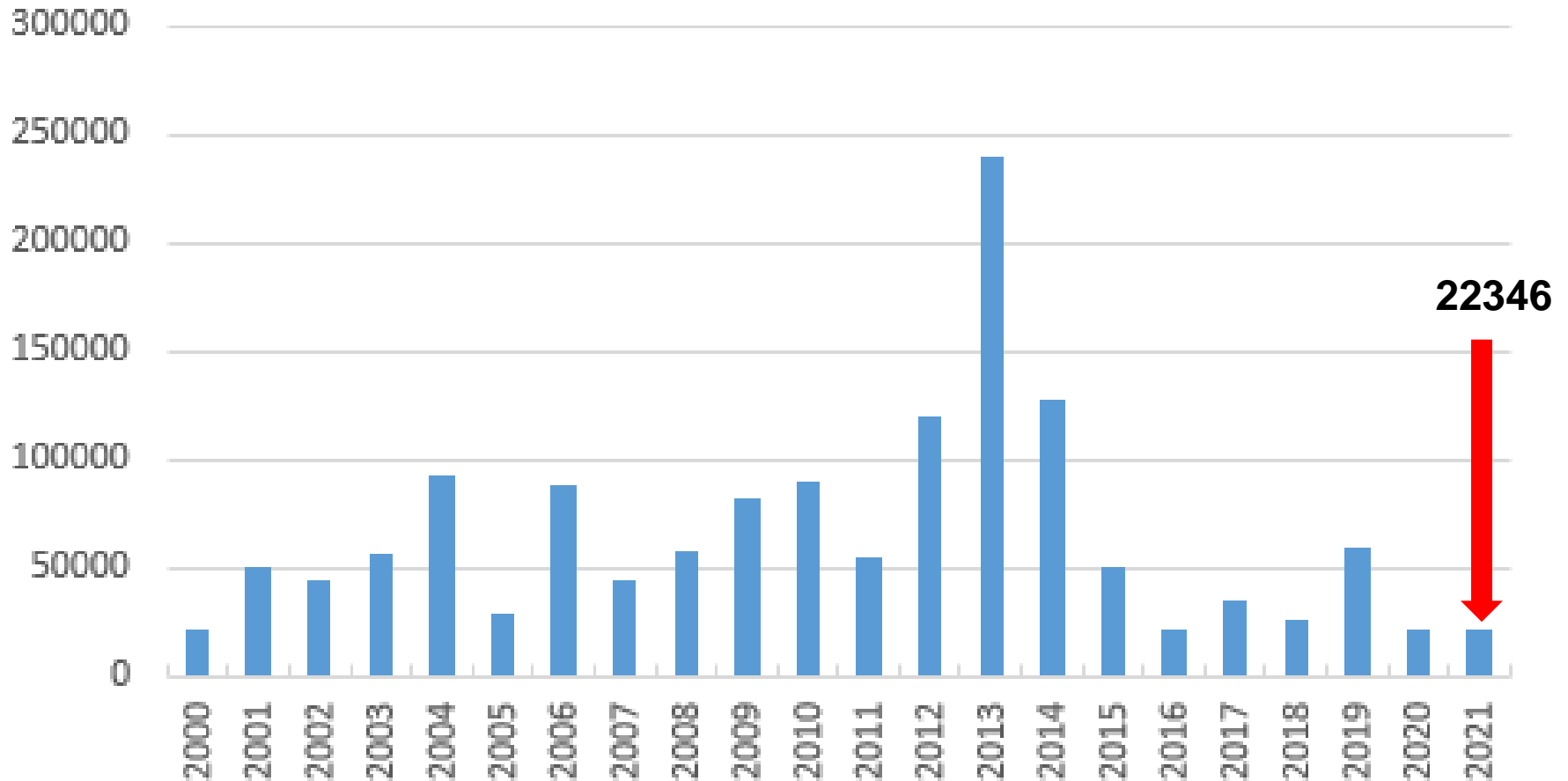
September 2021: 2637 strikes
32% of 2000-2020 average for
September of 8332 strikes



Sep 9th-10th
1248 strikes counted by NWCC

Fire Season 2021 Lightning Summary

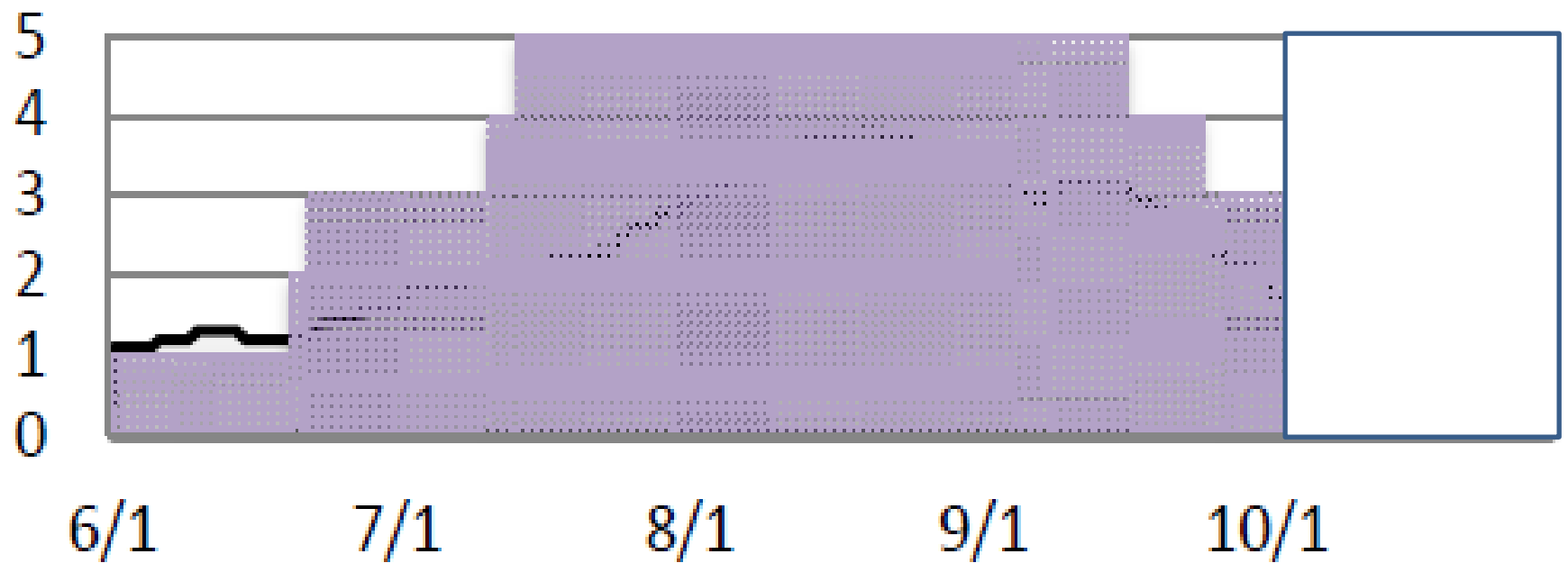
June, July, August, September



**22346 strikes is 33% of the average
seasonal total of 67723 strikes.**

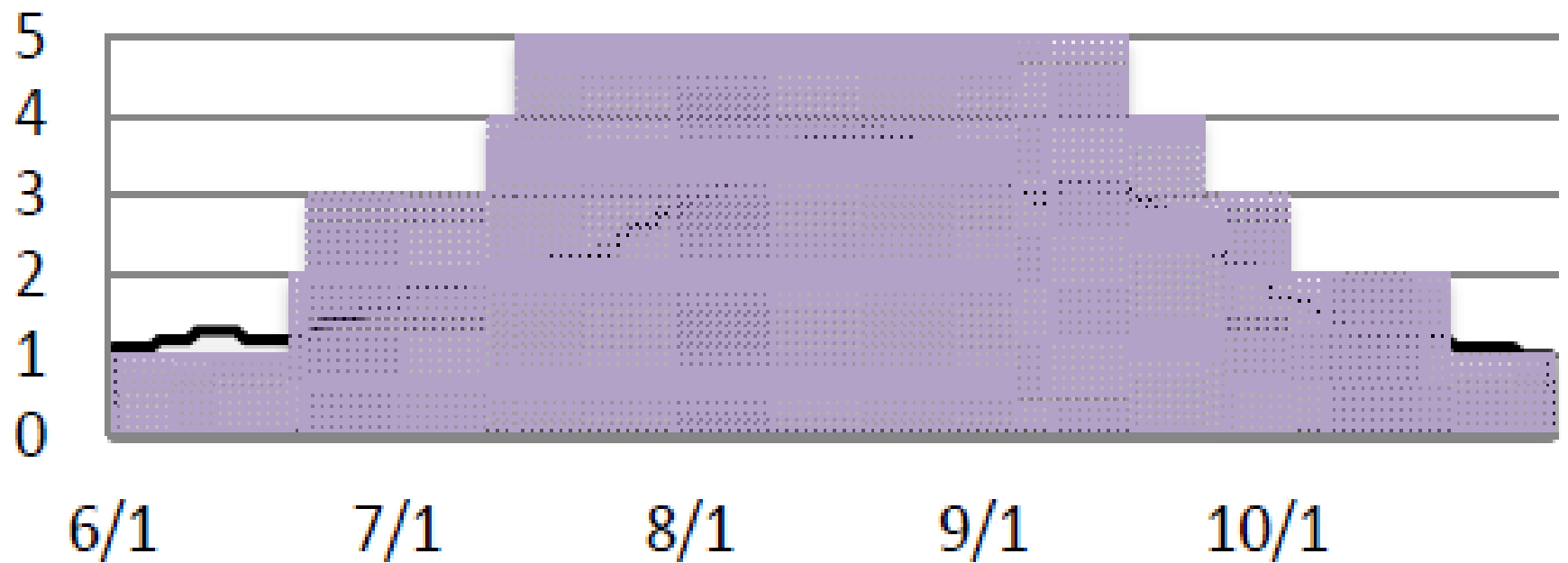
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2021 Northwest Fire Statistics to Date

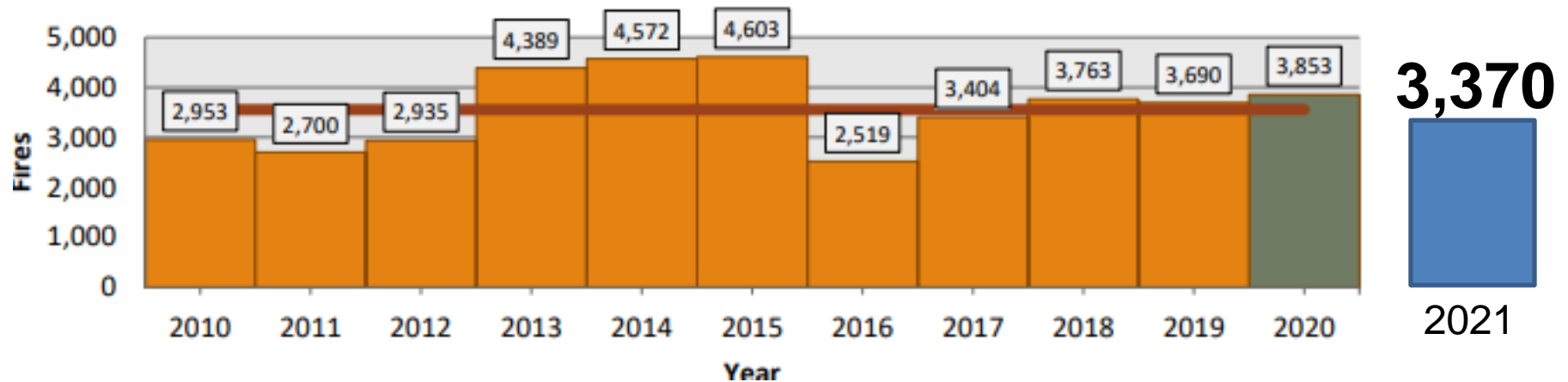
- Approximately 1,486,042 reported acres were affected by wildfire in the Northwest (NW):
 - 825,608 acres in Oregon
 - 660,434 acres in Washington.
- There were a total of 3,370 reported fires in the NW Geographic Area:
 - 1,547 in Oregon
 - 1,823 in Washington
- There were 85 fires meeting large fire* criteria:
 - 41 in Oregon and
 - 44 in Washington.
- The Northwest Geographic Area was at Preparedness Level 5 for a total of 65 days. The previous record was 40 days in 2017.

2021 Northwest Fire Statistics to Date

- In Oregon the largest fire/complex is the Bootleg for a total of 413,717 acres.
- The largest fire/complex in Washington is the Schneider Springs at 107,118 acres.
- During peak fire activity, over 9,409 firefighters and support personnel were actively working on NW fires.

10 Year Running Number of Regional Ignitions

Average = 3553

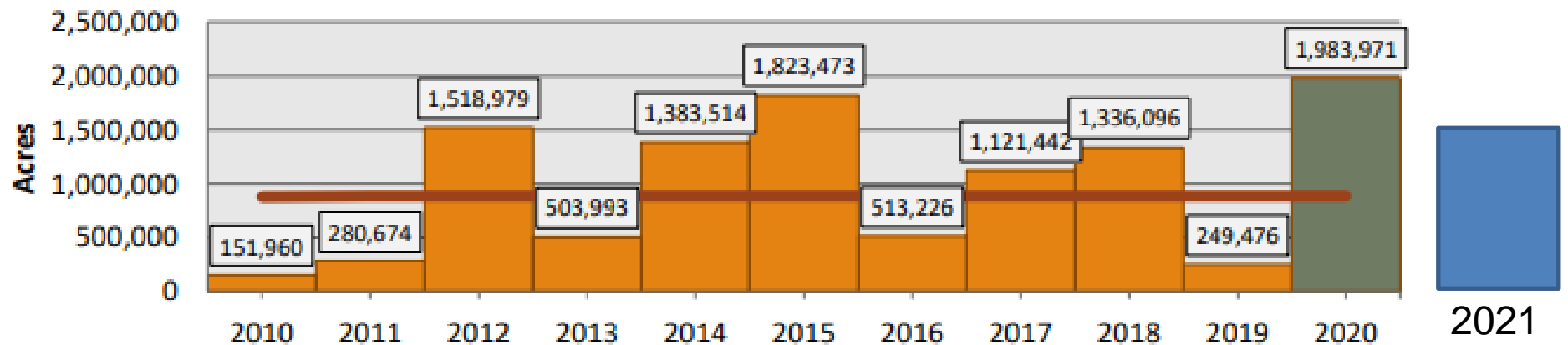


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10 Year Running Number of Regional Acres

Average = 888,283

1,486,042



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Decadal Trends in Burned Area

1992-2001



Historical Large Fires in Oregon

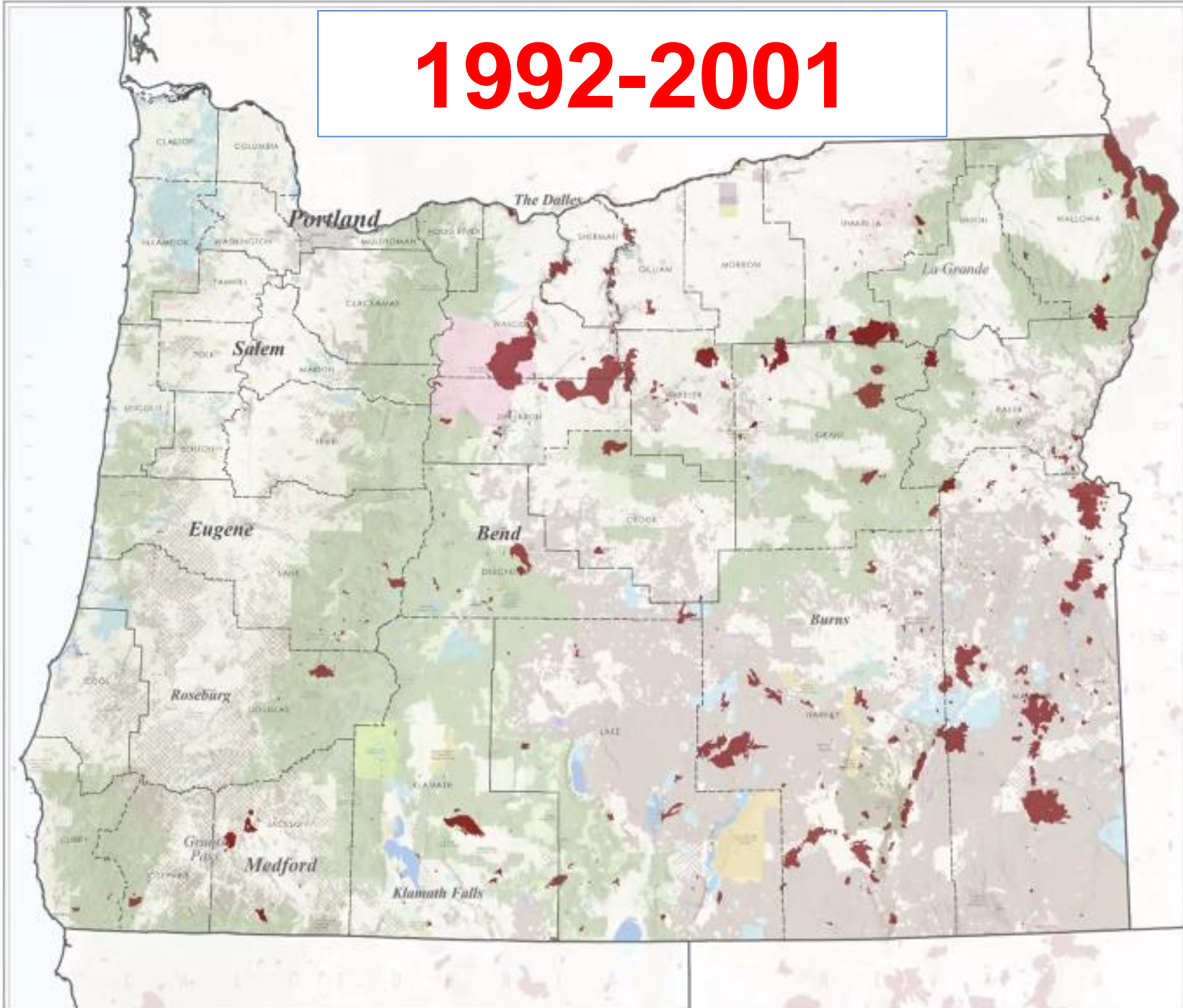
1992 - 2001



Land Management

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Private | State |
| USFS | BLM |
| BIA-Tribal | NPS |
| USFWS | USACE |
| Local Gov't | Other Fed |

0 20 MILES
0 40 KM
10-17-01 09/28/2021



2002-2011



Historical Large Fires in Oregon

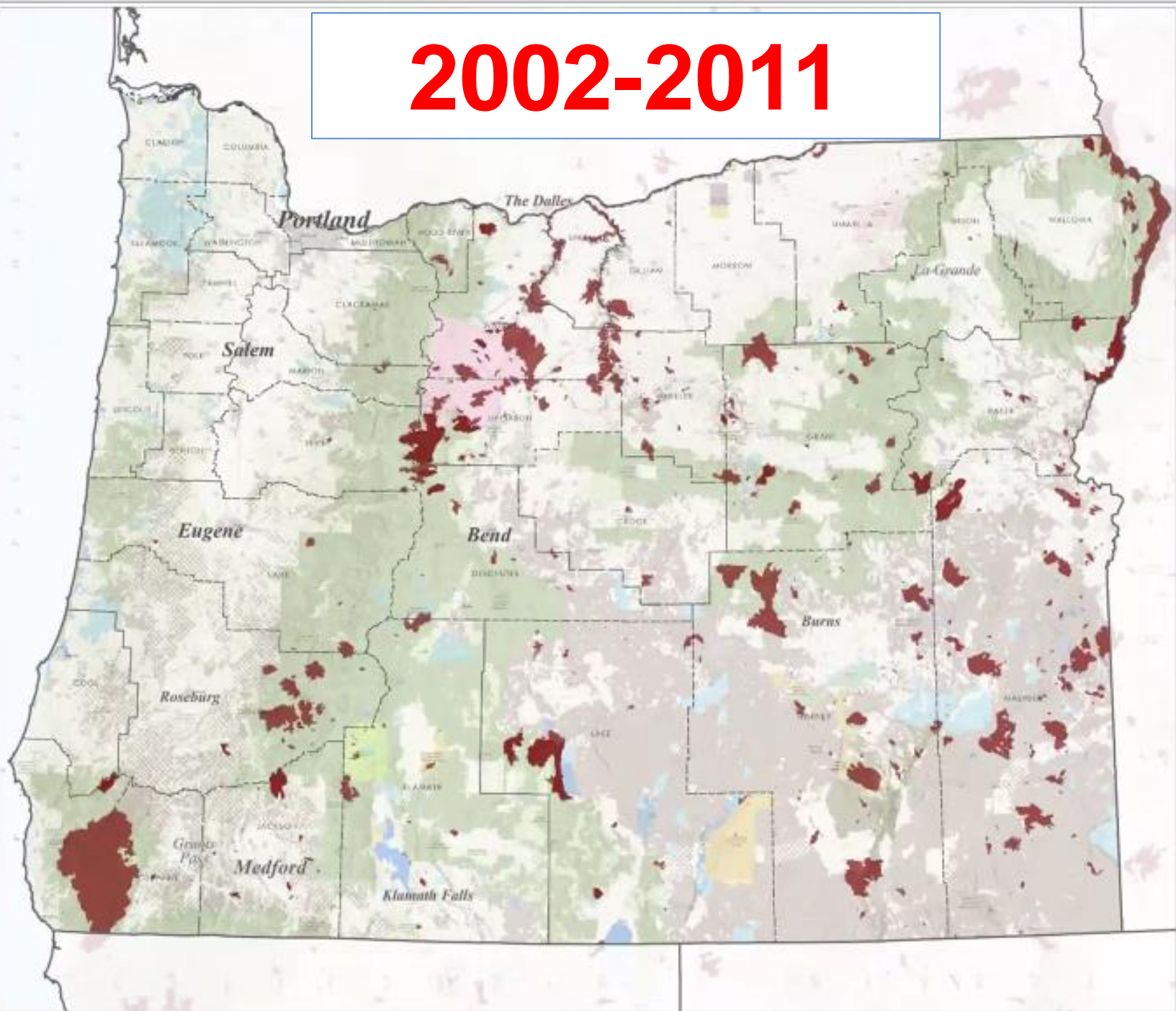
2002 - 2011



Land Management

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0 20 MILES
0 40 KM
08/25/2021



2012-2021



Historical Large Fires in Oregon

2012 - 2021



Wildfire
Perimeters

Land Management

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BIA-Tribal	NPS
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