# Weekly Fire Danger Assessment NCFS - Region III

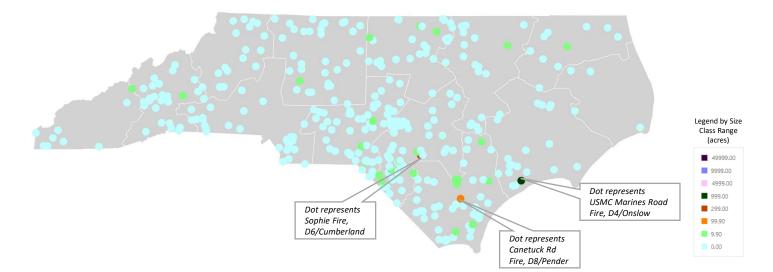
For Time Period: Saturday (3/11/23) to Friday (3/17/23)

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### Past Week's Signal 14 Activity

	NCFS - Region 3						
	Previous 7-Day Fire Activity (Does Not Include Federal Ownerships)						
Data Source:	Signal 14 Regio	Signal 14 Regional Activity Summary Report (Signal 14 is a snapshot in time)					
Date Range:		3/3 - 3/9, 2023					
	Туре	Number	Acres				
, v	Wildfires:		66	73.6			
Pres	scribed Fires:		9	378			

fiResponse Incident Location Map (for general context) Date Range: 3/3 – 3/9, 2023 *Report: Business Intelligence Module, Response Trends Map* 



# Current and Forecasted Fire Danger Conditions by FDRA



### Regional Comments for this Week – R3

- Fires are burning in the surface fuels only.
- Nothing out of the ordinary for this time of the year

## Important notes for next slide group:

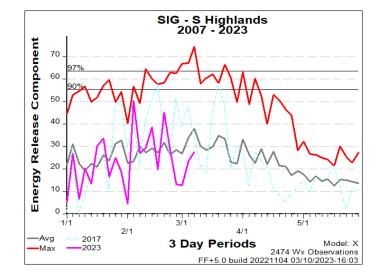
A. Current ERC, 100-Hr & 1000-Hr values are extracts from FF+ using observation data downloaded from WIMS.

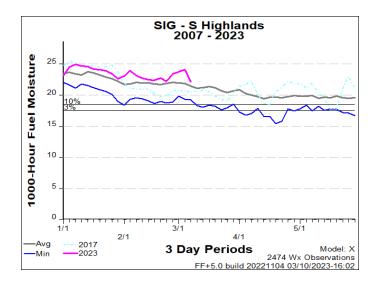
### B. Weekly Outlook - FDRA General Fire Danger Forecast Matrix:

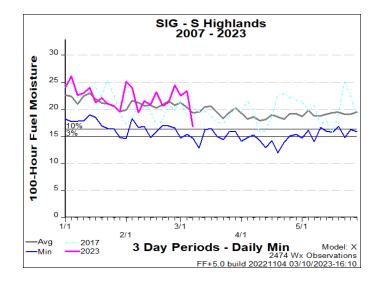
- 1. The matrix is an adaption of the existing Weekly NCFS Region-3 Fire Danger Assessment Matrix Process.
  - Matrix exposes existing available data in the same fashion, but on all 9 FDRAs.
  - Uses Fire Danger Adjective Rating Concept Grouped into three bins (see notes on 3 & 4 below).
  - Weather variable ranges were defined by FDRA stakeholders and relate to Pocket Card notes.
  - Is in development, with goal being to have this as another tool on FWIP with daily automated updates.
- 2. The forecast matrix was created from standard NFDRS Forecast Outputs.
  - 7-Day Forecast Cycle from NWS using NFDRS Observations & Outputs generated from SIG Stations in FDRA
- 3. Fire Danger Forecast Indices/Component Values are grouped into three categories (All Days Filter):
  - Low to Moderate (0-74<sup>th</sup> Percentile); shown in Blue-Green
  - High (75<sup>th</sup>-89<sup>th</sup> Percentile) shown in Yellow
  - VH to Extreme (90<sup>th</sup>+ Percentile) shown in Red, called Critical
- 4. Dead Fuel Moisture Forecast Values are grouped into three categories (All Days Filter):
  - Low to Moderate ( 26<sup>th</sup>-100<sup>th</sup> Percentile); shown in Blue-Green
  - High (11<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Percentile); shown in Yellow
  - VH to Extreme (0-10<sup>th</sup> Percentile) shown in Red, called Critical
- 5. Other Notes:
  - \*\*Read the Key and Notes associated with each FDRA (included with matrix image).\*\*
  - Forecasts are variable and can change.
  - Is another tool for gaining better situational awareness by exposing the data in an easier to digest format.
  - Feedback is appreciated.

## Region Specific – Southern Highlands









### Weekly Outlook

Southern Highlands FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

For planning purposes only; forecast is subject to change

DAY	SAT 11-Mar	SUN 12-Mar	MON 13-Mar	TUE 14-Mar	WED 15-Mar	THU 16-Mar	FRI 17-Mar
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	53	47	47	42	51	60	57
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	30	81	42	40	27	39	57
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	9	9	13	13	11	7	9
Avg. Wind Direction*	WNW	SE	NW	NW	NW	SW	SW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	84	95	8	1	2	20	46
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	3.3	0.0	1.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	23.6	11.9	11.6	23.2	34.5	38.4	24.8
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	52.0	39.0	47.9	79.8	99.3	94.6	83.4
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	4.5	2.3	2.5	5.7	9.1	9.0	6.1
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	18.1	18.5	19.5	19.7	19.7	18.8	18.1
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	25.2	25.0	24.9	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.5
KBDI	56.0						

Four or more RED blocks in a day signals the potential for a Critical Fire Day

#### Data Source:

- Weather forecasts come from the National Weather Service's <u>Digital Forecast Database</u>. The wind speed and
  direction, and probability of precipitation, are calculated as averages of the 1 am, 7 am, 1 am, and 7 pm
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- Fire danger forecasts for the next 7 days are issued by National Weather Service through WIMS. KBDI is only
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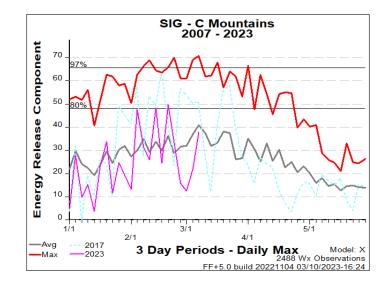
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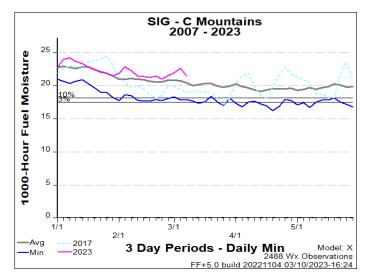
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- Locust Gap (315802)
- Highlands (315803)

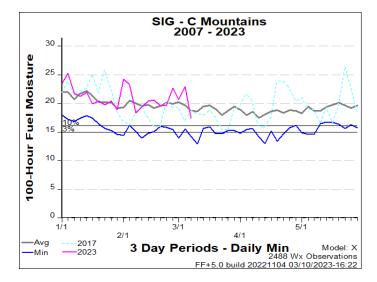
KEY	Low to Moderate Burning Conditions	Burning Conditions Can be High CAUTION	Burning Conditions Can be Critical WATCH OUT!				
Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 50°F	Between 50°F and 55°F	Greater than 55°F				
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%				
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 5 mph	Between 5 mph and 7 mph	Greater than 7 mph				
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.						
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.						
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 40	Between 40 and 52	Greater than 52				
Burning Index	Less than 95	Between 95 and 118	Greater than 118				
Ignition Component	Less than 9	Between 9 and 14	Greater than 14				
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 18%	Between 17% and 18%	Less than 17%				
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 19%	Between 18% and 19%	Less than 18%				
KBDI	Less than 345	Between 345 and 479	Greater than 479				
Other factors to consider whe and <b>season</b>	en determining fire dan;	ger: sky conditions, precipitation a	mount, number of days since rain,				

## Region Specific – Central Mountains









### Weekly Outlook

### Central Mountains FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

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Four or more **RED** blocks in a day signals the potential for a **Critical Fire Day** 

DAY	SAT 11-Mar	SUN 12-Mar	MON 13-Mar	TUE 14-Mar	WED 15-Mar	THU 16-Mar	FRI 17-Mar
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	51	46	49	41	51	62	61
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	31	76	42	37	26	32	50
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	11	10	14	16	14	7	9
Avg. Wind Direction*	NW	SSE	NW	NW	NW	WSW	SW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	77	97	14	1	1	21	43
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	5.7	0.0	1.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	24.5	12.4	10.4	22.4	33.7	41.1	32.6
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	65.6	41.3	46.0	78.3	109.9	96.7	102.5
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	5.2	2.1	2.1	5.5	9.8	9.6	8.5
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	17.6	17.8	18.1	18.6	18.9	18.1	17.2
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	23.6	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.1	22.9
KBDI	46.0						

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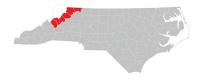
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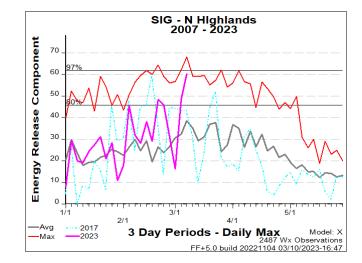
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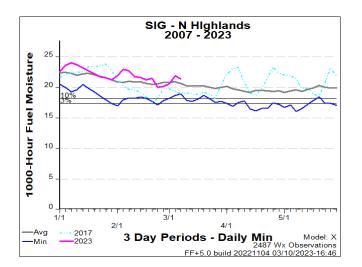
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- Davidson River (316001)
- Mtn Horticultural Crops Res Stn (316141)

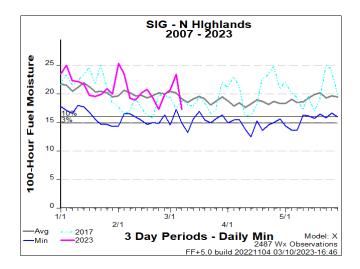
KEY	Low to Moderate Burning Conditions	Burning Conditions Can be High CAUTION	Burning Conditions Can be Critical WATCH OUT!				
Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 50°F	Between 50°F and 60°F	Greater than 60°F				
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%				
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 5 mph	Between 5 mph and 10 mph	Greater than 10 mph				
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.						
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.						
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 33	Between 33 and 50	Greater than 50				
Burning Index	Less than 78	Between 78 and 106	Greater than 106				
Ignition Component	Less than 6	Between 6 and 11	Greater than 11				
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 19%	Between 17% and 19%	Less than 17%				
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 20%	Between 19% and 20%	Less than 19%				
KBDI	Less than 319	Between 319 and 417	Greater than 417				
Other factors to consider whe	en determining fire dan	ger: sky conditions, precipitation ar	mount, number of days since rain,				

## Region Specific – Northern Highlands









### Weekly Outlook

### Northern Highlands FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

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### Four or more **RED** blocks in a day signals the potential for a **Critical Fire Day**

DAY	SAT 11-Mar	SUN 12-Mar	MON 13-Mar	TUE 14-Mar	WED 15-Mar	THU 16-Mar	FRI 17-Mar
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	43	37	42	34	44	55	56
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	39	83	48	42	29	31	49
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	15	10	16	19	17	9	10
Avg. Wind Direction*	NW	SSE	NW	NW	NW	W	WSW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	55	95	17	0	3	19	40
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	1.0	0.0	1.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	26.0	14.2	10.5	29.6	39.3	46.0	38.0
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	86.2	50.6	51.7	122.9	132.7	106.6	107.1
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	5.2	2.1	2.4	6.8	10.0	10.7	8.8
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	18.0	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.6	18.0	17.1
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	22.7	22.7	22.6	22.6	22.5	22.4	22.4
KBDI	33.5						

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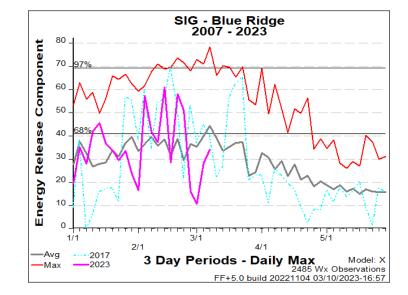
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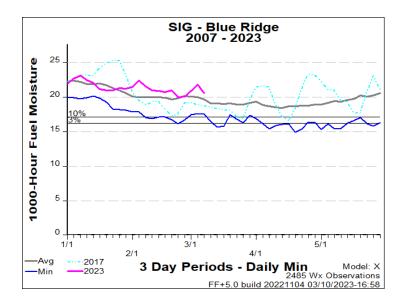
- Laurel Springs (310101)
- Upper Mountain Research Stn (310141)
- Busick (313402)

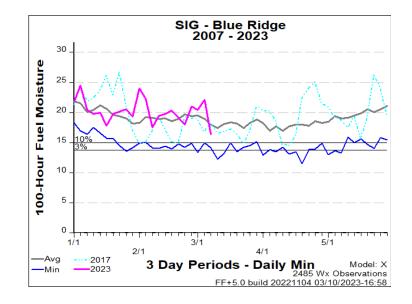
KEY	Low to Moderate Burning Conditions	Burning Conditions Can be High CAUTION	Burning Conditions Can be Critical WATCH OUT!
Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 50°F	Between 50°F and 58°F	Greater than 58°F
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 2 mph	Between 2 mph and 5 mph	Greater than 5 mph
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind dire	ection is highly dependent on burn ope	erations and/or structures threatened
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defin	ed as 0.10" or greater. This is an avera	age of the FDRA stations noted above
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 26	Between 26 and 46	Greater than 46
Burning Index	Less than 67	Between 67 and 108	Greater than 108
Ignition Component	Less than 5	Between 5 and 9	Greater than 9
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 18%	Between 17% and 18%	Less than 17%
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 20%	Between 19% and 20%	Less than 19%
KBDI	Less than 192	Between 192 and 330	Greater than 330

## Region Specific – Blue Ridge Escarpment









### Weekly Outlook

Blue Ridge Escarpment FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

For planning purposes only; forecast is subject to change

Four or more **RED** blocks in a day signals the potential for a **Critical Fire Day** 

DAY	SAT 11-Mar	SUN 12-Mar	MON 13-Mar	TUE 14-Mar	WED 15-Mar	THU 16-Mar	FRI 17-Mar
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	51	42	50	42	51	60	61
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	32	79	43	36	27	32	47
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	9	5	12	15	13	7	8
Avg. Wind Direction*	WNW	ESE	WNW	NW	NW	W	WSW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	59	94	14	0	1	17	37
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	5.7	0.0	1.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	30.6	21.1	17.6	33.4	41.9	45.9	37.0
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	60.7	48.2	70.0	113.1	117.5	101.4	102.1
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	4.9	2.5	4.3	8.8	11.3	10.9	9.7
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	15.7	16.2	18.2	18.9	18.1	16.8	15.8
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	19.2	19.0	19.2	18.9	18.9	18.7	18.2
KBDI	58.3						

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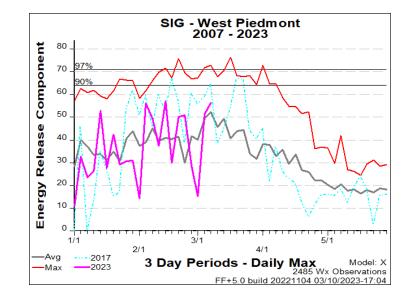
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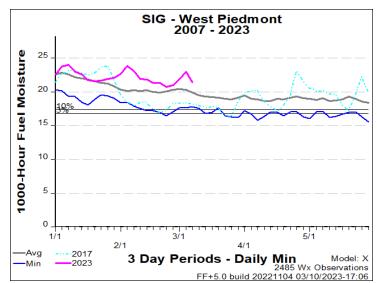
- Rendezvous Mtn. (312001)
- North Cove Pinnacle (fr1) (314301)
- Rutherford County (316302)

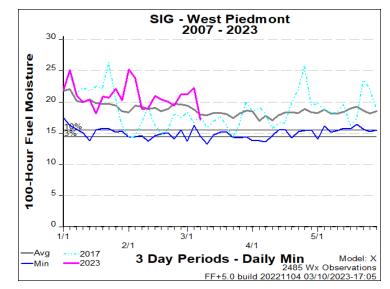
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Avg. Max. Temp.	Less than 40°F	Between 40°F and 50°F	Greater than 50°F					
Avg. Min. Humidity	Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%					
Avg. 20' Wind Speed	Less than 2 mph	Between 2 mph and 4 mph	Greater than 4 mph					
Avg. Wind Direction*	Criticality of wind dire	Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.						
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.							
Energy Release Comp.	Less than 52	Between 52 and 62	Greater than 62					
Burning Index	Less than 116	Between 116 and 136	Greater than 136					
Ignition Component	Less than 14	Between 14 and 20	Greater than 20					
100-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 18%	Between 16% and 18%	Less than 16%					
1000-Hour Fuel Moisture	Greater than 19%	Between 18% and 19%	Less than 18%					
KBDI	Less than 351	Between 351 and 508	Greater than 508					
Other factors to consider whe	en determining fire dan	ger: sky conditions, precipitation ar	mount, number of days since rain,					

## Region Specific – Western Piedmont









### Weekly Outlook

### Western Piedmont FDRA - General Fire Danger Forecast

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#### Four or more RED blocks in a day signals the potential for a Critical Fire Day

DAY	SAT 11-Mar	SUN 12-Mar	MON 13-Mar	TUE 14-Mar	WED 15-Mar	THU 16-Mar	FRI 17-Mar
Avg. Max. Temp. (°F)	57	46	59	50	55	64	67
Avg. Min. Humidity (%)	28	77	39	28	25	29	43
Avg. 20' Wind Speed (mph)	9	6	11	15	12	7	11
Avg. Wind Direction*	WNW	Е	WSW	WNW	NW	W	SW
Avg. Probability of Precip. (%)	29	91	12	0	0	11	25
Days Since a Wetting Rain**	1.0	0.0	1.0				
Forecast ERC (Fuel Model X)	29.1	26.9	10.6	38.9	46.6	51.5	42.1
Forecast BI (Fuel Model X)	92.9	65.5	48.3	146.8	144.4	114.9	128.0
Forecast IC (Fuel Model X)	5.4	3.6	2.8	10.5	12.3	10.0	10.2
Forecast 100-Hr. FMC	18.2	18.6	19.7	20.6	20.5	19.3	18.1
Forecast 1000-Hr. FMC	23.6	23.5	23.6	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.2
KBDI	70.0						

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- Duke Forest (312501)
- Lexington (314602)
- Mt. Island Lake (316602)

Burning Conditions	High CAUTION	Critical WATCH OUT!				
Less than 40°F	Between 40°F and 50°F	Greater than 50°F				
Greater than 35%	Between 30% and 35%	Less than 30%				
Less than 2 mph	Between 2 mph and 4 mph	Greater than 4 mph				
Criticality of wind direction is highly dependent on burn operations and/or structures threatened.						
A wetting rain is defined as 0.10" or greater. This is an average of the FDRA stations noted above.						
Less than 40	Between 40 and 52	Greater than 52				
Less than 95	Between 95 and 120	Greater than 120				
Less than 9	Between 9 and 14	Greater than 14				
Greater than 18%	Between 17% and 18%	Less than 17%				
Greater than 19%	Between 18% and 19%	Less than 18%				
Less than 344	Between 344 and 479	Greater than 479				
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## Outlook Summary Table – R3

Summary Table by FDRA using count of colored blocks in a day's forecast.

### Forecast Subject to Change

Key: 4+ Red Blocks on a Day = "Critical" Day Potential; Red Color
4+ Yellow or Combo of Yellow/Red = "High" Day Potential; Yellow Color
6+ Blue-Green Blocks = "Low to Mod" Potential Day; Blue-green Color

Date	Day of Week	FDRA Matrix Summary - NCFS Region 3							
Date	Day OF Week	Southern Highlands	<b>Central Mountains</b>	Northern Highlands	Blue Ridge Escarp	Western Piedmont			
11-Mar	Sat	Low/Mod	High	High	High	Low/Mod			
12-Mar	Sun	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	High	Low/Mod			
13-Mar	Mon	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod			
14-Mar	Tues	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	Low/Mod	High			
15-Mar	Weds	High	High	High	High	Critical			
16-Mar	Thurs	Low/Mod	High	High	High	High			
17-Mar	Fri	Low/Mod	High	High	High	High			

### Weather Outlook Discussion

**GSP NWS:** 

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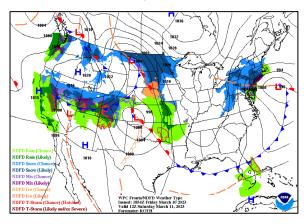
Dry and cool high pressure will build into the region from the northwest tonight and Saturday. A stronger low pressure system will approach the region from the west Saturday night and move through Sunday into Sunday night, bringing moisture back into the area for the latter half of the weekend. Colder air will arrive from the northwest on Monday and persist through the middle of the week.

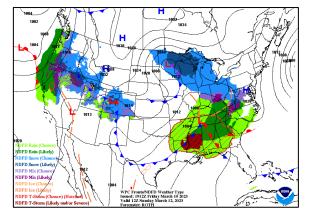
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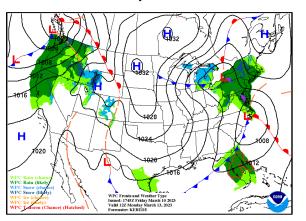
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Sunday - 700 am

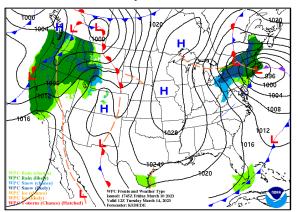
Monday - 700 am



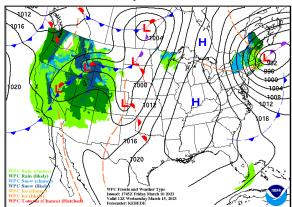




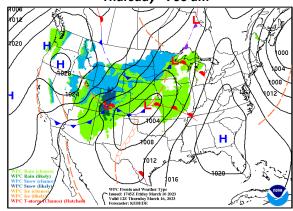
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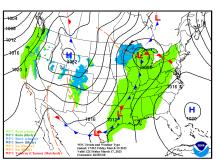
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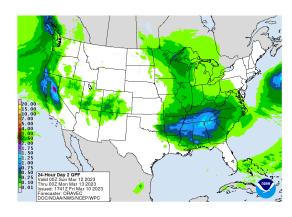
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### Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, 7-Day

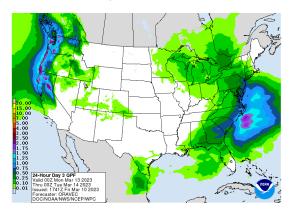


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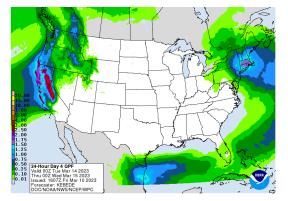


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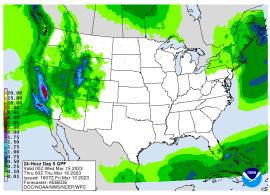
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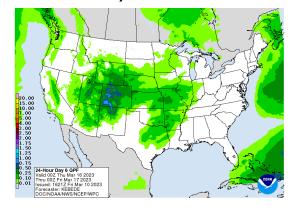
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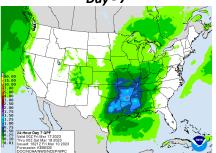




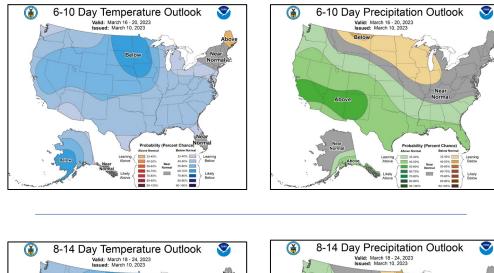
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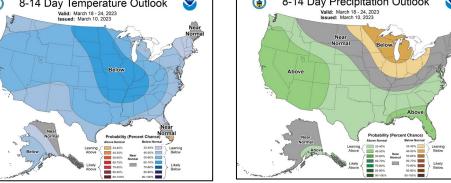


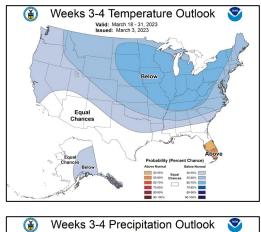
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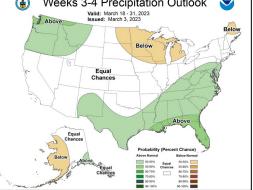


## Temp & Precip Outlook 6-10 Day, 8-14 Day & Week 3-4



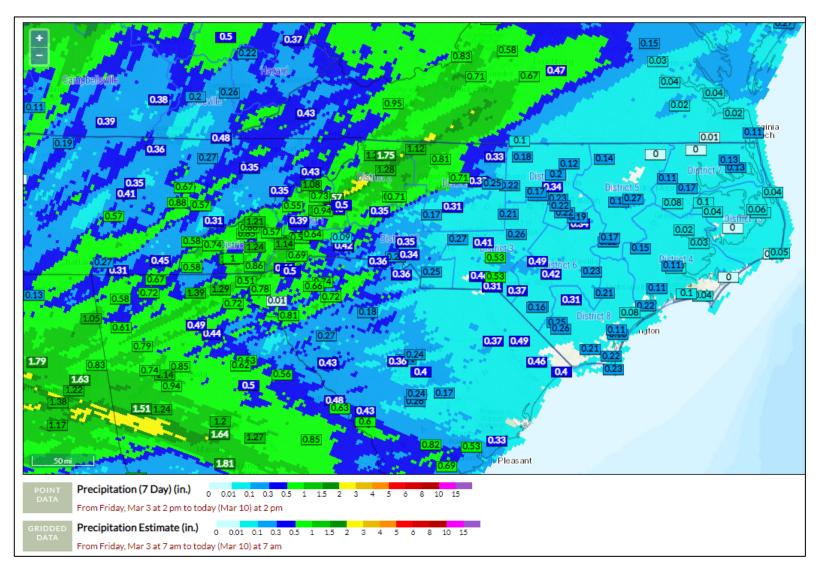






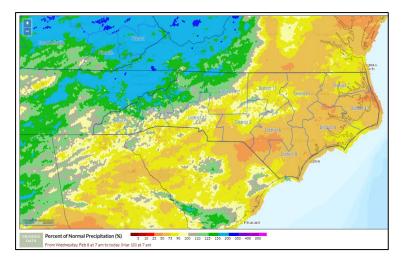
## 7 Day Precipitation Totals

*FWIP* (Point accumulation ending at 1400 on 3/10, Grid ending 0700 3/10)

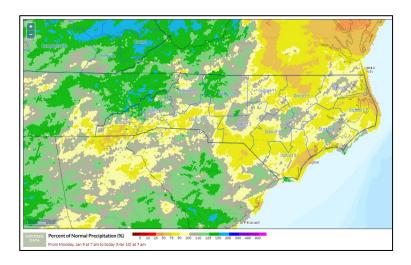


## Percent of Normal Precip, FWIP (Ending 0700 3/10)

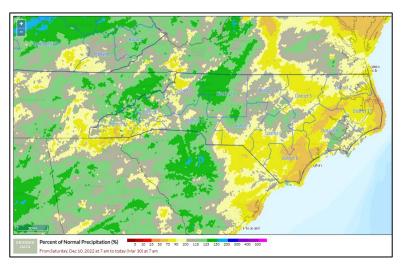
### 30-Day % of Normal



### 60-Day % of Normal

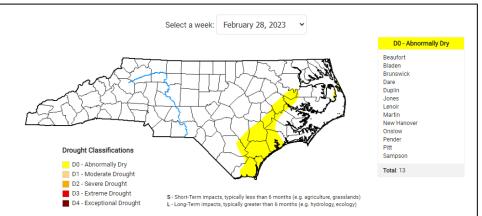


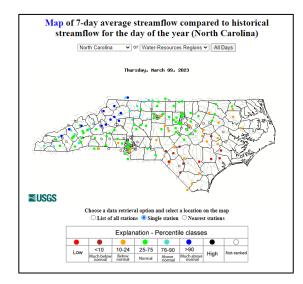
90-Day % of Normal



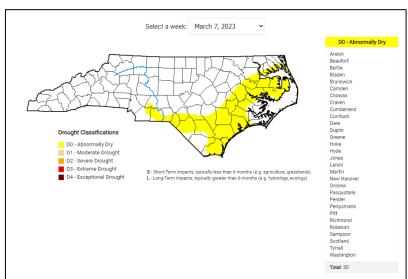
## **Drought Situation**

### **Previous Week:**





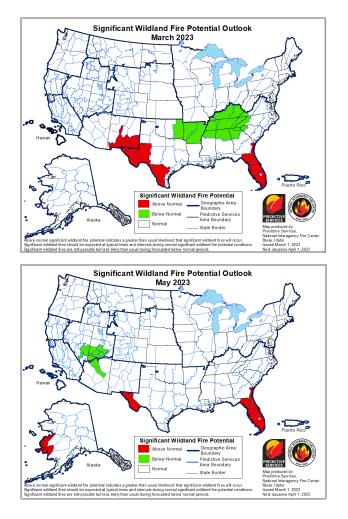
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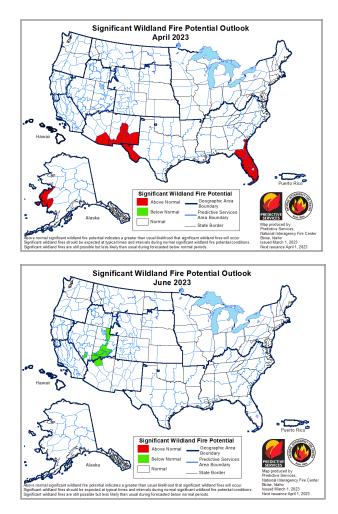


### D-0 Drought Expansion from last week

 7-Day Stream flow averages also decreasing East

# Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook: Updated 3/1/23

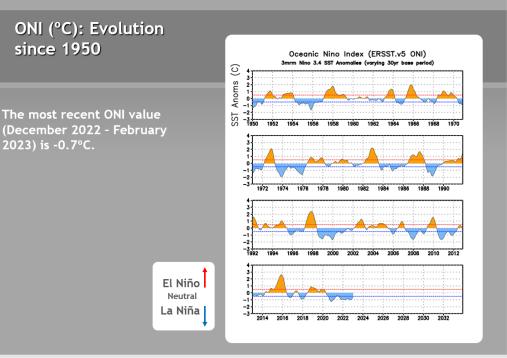




A significant fire is one that requires resources from outside the district (other than aviation). IA potential is based more on shorter term weather factors. Just a few days of dry weather can increase IA activity considerably as we have already seen this year.

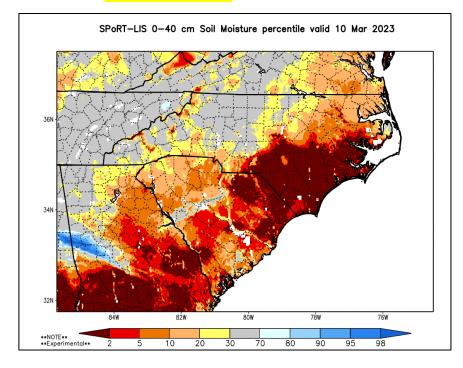
### **ENSO** Note

- 3/9/23 Update La Nina has officially ended.
- ENSO-Neutral conditions expected to continue through spring and early summer of 2023. Signs point to El Nino development in late summer.



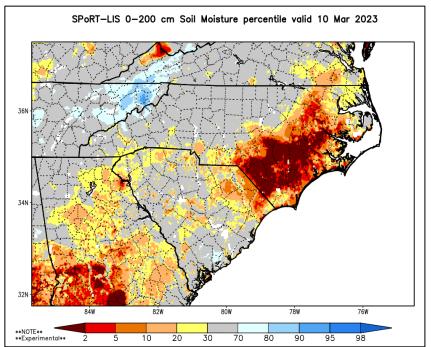
## SPoRT Relative Soil Dryness

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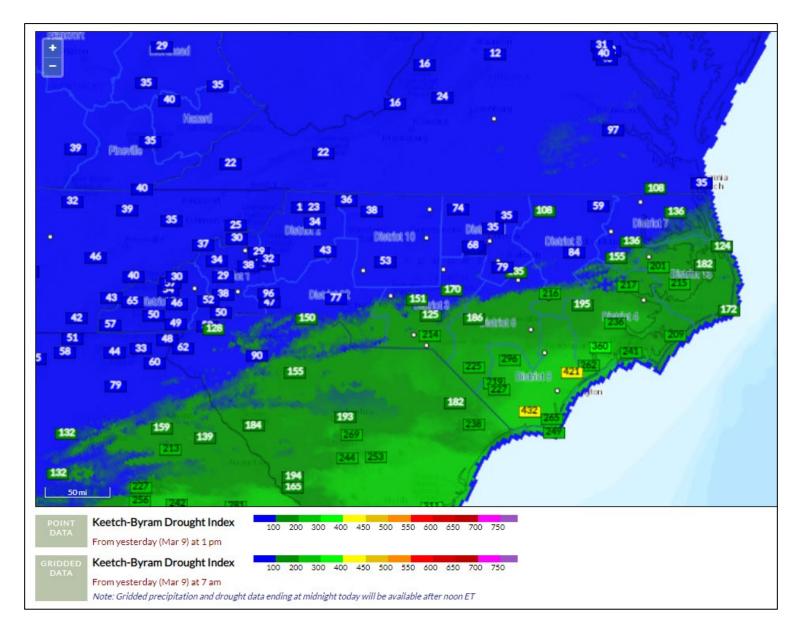


 Modeled Drying Trend Continues
 0-2 Meter Depth, especially to the East & South

### 0-200 cm Depth

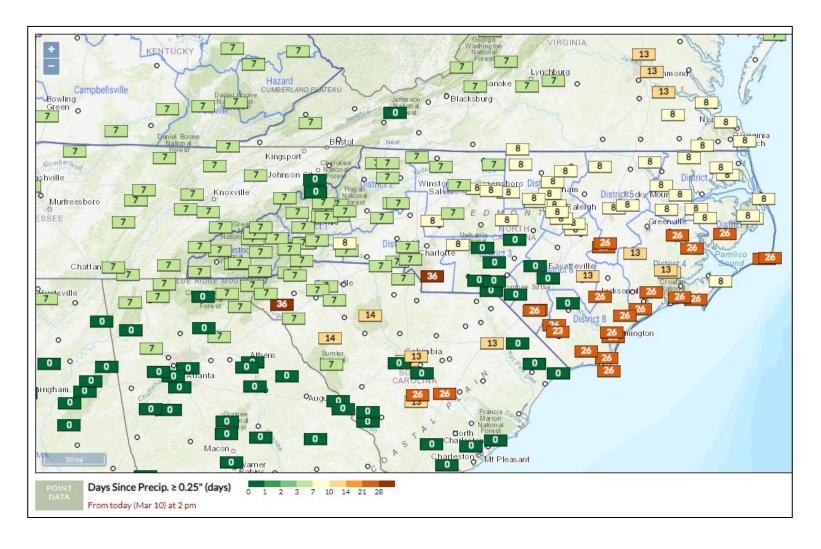


### KBDI - Gridded & Station Points (FWIP)

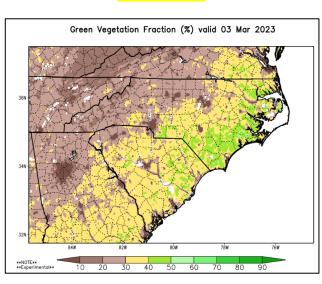


Note – Latest product run was on 3/10/23 at 1400. Does not consider rainfall after that point.

## Days Since Daily Precip $\geq 0.25''$



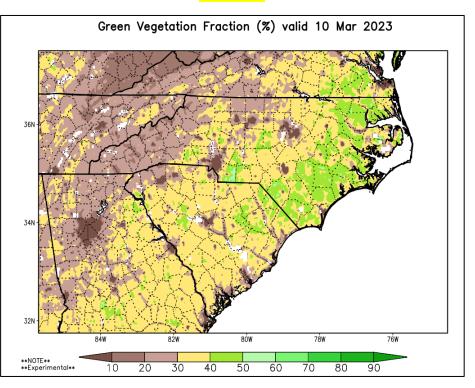
## Green Fraction & Green-Up Anomaly



Last Week

- Generally, 2-3 Weeks Ahead of 30-Yr Avg
- Frost/Freeze Concerns

### Current



Link: https://weather.msfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/basicLooper.pl?category=lis\_NC&initialize=first&regex=gvf\_20230228