



MNICS CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Below are links to the DNR Fire Danger Indices Maps. Be sure to check daily for updates.

Link to Fire Danger Indices Maps, Jack Pine Model:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/maps/fdi_jackpine.html

Link to Fire Danger Indices Maps, Grass Model:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/maps/fdi_grass.html

Link to Fire Danger Indices Maps, Mature Conifer Model:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/maps/fdi_mature_conifer.html

Link to MN DNR Wildfire Information Center:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/wildfirereports_tools.html

Large Incidents that have a Team assigned will be updated at: <http://mnics.org/wpress/>

DATE: October 30, 2018

Attending: Northwest Region: Megan O'Neil
Northeast Region: Jon Handrick
Central Region: Wade Mapes
St. Paul DNR: Larry Himanga
USFS: Chase Marshall, Brian Jenkins, Ryan Kingsley
BIA: Cory Berg
US-FWS: Seth Grimm
NPS: Kurt Fogelberg reported prior to call
NOAA/NWS: Travis Tarver, Aberdeen SD
CCM: Anja Hogan
MIFC: Rebekah Luedtke, Ron Stoffel, Diane Nygaard, Matt Woodwick

Weather Forecast (Travis Tarver): At call time, there was a system moving across NE MN bringing rain / snow to the Arrowhead. Less than ¼ inch precip is expected today.

The last 24 hours, less than ¼ inch was received over various portions of the state.

Today will be dry with high temps in the 40s and 50s. Westerly winds will be breezy. NW MN winds will be 20-25 mph with higher gusts. Minimum RHs will be in the 50s and 60s with SW MN RHs about 45%.

Wednesday will be dry with high temps in the 30s and 40s in northern MN to the 50s in southern MN. Westerly winds will be 10-20 mph. Minimum RHs will be 60-70% in northern MN and in the 40s in southern MN.

Thursday, a weak system may bring up to ¼ inch precip to western and southern MN. High temps will be in the 30s and 40s in northern MN to the 50s in southern MN. High pressure will move into MN, bringing light southerly winds less than 10 mph. Minimum RHs will be in the 50s to 60% in northern MN while southern MN RHs will be in the 40s.

Friday, high temps will be in the 30s and 40s. Widespread precip is expected to continue into the weekend. Northern MN could get snow; ¼ inch or less precip is expected. Minimum RHs will be in the 60s. E/NE winds will be light, less than 10 mph.

Saturday, high temps will be in the 30s and 40s with minimum RHs in the 60s to low 70s. SE winds will be 15-25 mph with higher gusts in western MN.

Sunday through Tuesday will be wet with widespread rain ¾ inch or less.

The 6-10 day and the 8-14 day forecasts call for near normal temps and above normal precip.

Fire Management Information (Brian Jenkins): With increased humidities and rain / snow forecast the next several days, fire activity is not anticipated. If a fire was to start, it would be slow moving with low flame lengths.

Northwest Region (Megan O’Neil): No fire activity reported, no needs at this time.

Northeast Region (Jon Handrick): One small ditch fire was reported during the past week. No needs at this time.

Central Region (Wade Mapes): No fire activity reported, no needs at this time. All areas reported receiving an inch or more of rain.

USFS (Chase Marshall): No fire activity reported, no needs at this time. Pile burning is on-going.

BIA (Cory Berg): No fire activity reported, no needs at this time.

US Fish and Wildlife (Seth Grimm): 8 prescribed burns totaling 1,900 acres were completed. A 307 acre fire was reported in Douglas County.

NPS (Kurt Fogelberg prior to call): No fire activity reported, no needs at this time.

CCM (Anja Hogan): Crews from Bemidji and Carver County are available. They are NOT on call.

Aircraft (Matt Woodwick):

Air Tankers

Location	Agency	Type	Make/Model	ID	Status
Appleton	DNR	Fire Boss	AT 802	FB-204	Available on 24 hour call back. Last day is 10/31/18

Fixed Wing

Location	Agency	Type	Make/Model	ID	Status
Ely	USFS	Floats	DHC-2	Beaver 3	Unavailable
Ely	USFS	Floats	DHC-2	Beaver 1	Unavailable
Ely	USFS	Floats	DHC-2	Beaver 2	Available
Grand Rapids	DNR	Wheels	Kodiak	529NR	Available
Grand Rapids	DNR	Wheels	Cessna 310	528NR	Unavailable

Helicopters

Location	Agency	Type	Make/Model	ID	Status
Hibbing	DNR	T-3	Bell 206 L-4	19BH	Available; 24 hour call back. Last day is 11/6/18

Planning Levels: State: 2 / Eastern Area: 1 / National: 1

MIFC Duty Officer: Ryan Kingsley, 218-244-2962

MNICS IMT Team on Rotation: Pool

This is the last MNICS conference call until further notice.

REMINDER: Daylight Savings time this weekend!

Have a SAFE Deer Hunting Season!!

For more information see <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/index.html>

Notes by: Diane Nygaard