



## 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](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](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](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](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/>

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DATE: December 8, 2020

Attending: Northwest Region: Blair Olson  
Northeast Region: Jon Handrick  
Central Region: Wade Mapes  
SW Area: Taylor Schenk  
St. Paul DNR: Casey McCoy  
BIA: Carl Crawford  
USFS: Amanda Jones, Adam Cook, Mike Klick, Rob Heavirland, Brian Jenkins  
US-FWS: Seth Grimm, Kris Larson  
HSEM: Roy Holmes  
National Weather Service: Mike Griesinger, Twin Cities  
MIFC: Kevin Carlisle, Rob Johnson, Travis Verdegan, Diane Nygaard, Bill Glesener, Darren Neuman, Leanne Langeberg

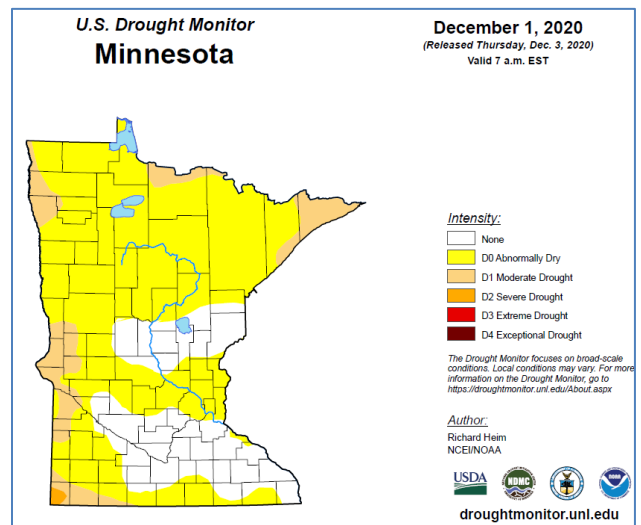
### **Weather Forecast** (Mike Griesinger):

Today will be mild with high temps normal to above normal.

Very little precipitation was received over the past 21 days. Only the far SE portion of MN received precipitation during the past month. Most of MN is an inch or more below normal for precipitation amounts.

The US Drought Monitor map of Minnesota shows dry areas have expanded to include most of the state. Western MN is very dry.

If the current conditions continue, the spring could be dry and an active fire season.



A stationary front will move through MN today, moving the stratus clouds and fog out.

High temperatures today will be in the upper 30s along the Canadian border to the 40s and 50s in southern MN. West winds will be 5-10 mph with minimum RHs in the 50s. SW MN could have minimum RHs in the 30s.

Wednesday will be mild with high temps in northern MN in the upper 30s to the 40s and 50s in southern MN, which is 20 degrees above normal. NW winds will be gusting to 10-15 mph.

Thursday will be the last warm day with high temps in the 40s in southern MN. Stronger northerly winds will develop, ushering in cooler temps.

Friday and through the weekend, temps will be in the 20s and 30s, which are near normal to above normal temps.

Friday into Saturday, SE may receive precip, although chances are decreasing.

Most of December will be cool and dry. After this coming Thursday, temps will be near freezing but still above normal. No big systems are expected in our future in MN. It is expected we will finish December with less snow than we had in October.

California continues to experience fires as the Santa Ana's are continuing in southern California.

**Fire Management Information** (Travis Verdegan): We are in a persistent pattern with dry conditions continuing. Temps are expected to drop 10 degrees for highs, but will still be slightly above average. This is expected to continue through the end of December.

**Northwest Region** (Blair Olson): No fires reported, no needs. Park Rapids continues to have an Area Duty Officer while the remainder area Duty Officers are rolled to the Region.

**Northeast Region** (Jon Handrick): No fires reported, no needs.

**Central Region** (Wade Mapes): No fires reported, no needs.

**SW Area** (Taylor Schenk): No fires reported, no needs.

**USFS** (Amanda Jones): The Chippewa National Forest reported a small fire. The Superior National Forest completed 127 acres of prescribed burn piles. No needs at this time.

**BIA** (Carl Crawford): No fires reported, no needs.

**US Fish and Wildlife** (Seth Grimm): No fires reported, no needs. A prescribed burn is planned this week.

**HSEM** (Roy Holmes): HSEM continues to support MDH with COVID activities.

**Aircraft** (Darren Neuman): Training and proficiency flights are being conducted.

**Planning Levels:** State: 1E with NW Region at 2E / Eastern Area: 1 / National: 2

**Additional Resources List Activation?** No

**Regulations, Restrictions, Priorities:** Burning permits and restrictions are enforced locally via the Electronic Licensing System (ELS)

**MNCC Duty Officer:** Amanda Jones, 218-327-4558

**MNICS IMT Team on Rotation:** None

*This is the last MNICS conference call until further notice.*

Have a happy Holiday Season and safe winter.

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

Notes by: Diane Nygaard