



MNICS CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

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

Link to MN DNR Wildfire Information Center:

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

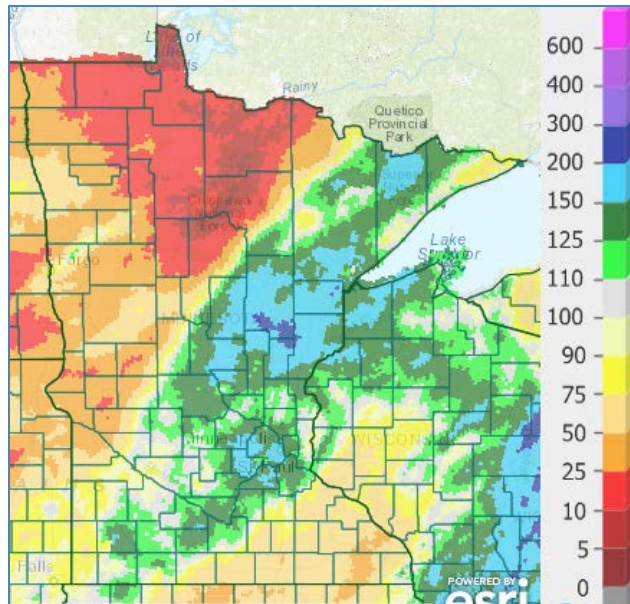
Large Incidents that have a Team assigned will be updated at: <http://mnics.org/wpress/>

DATE: November 24, 2020

Attending: Northwest Region: Blair Olson
Northeast Region: Jon Handrick
Central Region: Wade Mapes
St. Paul DNR: Allissa Reynolds
USFS: Amanda Jones, Mike Rice, Ben Roy, Rob Heavirland
HSEM: Roy Holmes
National Weather Service: Mike Griesinger, Chanhassen
MIFC: Dan Olds, Darren Neuman, Diane Nygaard, Leanne Langeberg, Matt
Woodwick, Rob Johnson, Travis Verdegan, Bill Glesener, Mike Mackey, Kevin
Carlisle

Weather Forecast (Travis Verdegan): Some areas of northern MN have snow cover, some do not. Today, precipitation is moving into the state, mainly southern MN. Snow/rain is expected to continue throughout the day.

The Percent of Normal map for the past 14 days shows most of MN as below normal precipitation was received.



Northern MN expects no real hard forecasts at this time. After today, the next week will be mild and dry. Temps in southern MN could approach 50 degrees. Outside of NE MN, there is not a lot of snow cover.

The 6-10 day, 8-14 day and 3-4 week forecasts show conditions will be seasonably warm and seasonably dry. No big swing in weather is expected in the next month.

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Weekly Summary

	Tue Nov 24	Wed Nov 25	Thu Nov 26	Fri Nov 27	Sat Nov 28	Sun Nov 29	Mon Nov 30	Tue Dec 1
Max Temp, °F	35	35	35	32	40	30	26	30
Min Temp, °F	22	22	24	20	21	17	12	15
Max RH, %	100	100	100	88	88	81	80	77
Min RH, %	85	72	69	58	57	60	54	53
Max Wind, mph	8	6	9	7	8	15	9	9
Min Wind, mph	2	1	3	3	5	8	3	5
Max Wind Gust, time/dir.	8 AM ↘	7 PM ↗	1 PM →	1 PM →	1 PM ↗	9 AM ↘	8 PM ↗	12 PM ↗
Max Wind Gust, mph	12	12	20	15	17	25	14	17
Min Wind Gust, mph	2	2	12	9	10	14	10	12
Max Cloud Cover, %	100	88	70	67	39	62	43	52
Min Cloud Cover, %	90	52	54	21	9	39	13	38
Max Prob. of Precip., %	66	5	1	1	1	3	2	2
Max Haines	2	5	4	3				
Max LAL	1	1	1	1				
Max Mixing Height, ft	2497	2511	3178	250				
Min Mixing Height, ft	1626	250	250	250				
Max Ventilation Rate, kt-ft	44	33	73	3				
Min Ventilation Rate, kt-ft	19	1	3	3				

Hourly Table

Fire Management Information (Travis Verdegan): Indices are relatively low; refer to them when staffing. Cold temps and shortened days will limit fire activity, but there could be random calls for fires.

Northwest Region (Blair Olson): Bemidji area responded to a hay bale fire near Clearbrook, consisting of over 1,500 hay bales. Park Rapids and Bemidji still have Area Duty Officers. No needs at this time.

Northeast Region (Jon Handrick): No fires reported. No needs at this time. Duty officers rolled to the Region.

Central Region (Wade Mapes): No fires reported. Duty Officers rolled to the Region. No needs at this time.

USFS (Amanda Jones): No fires reported. The Superior National Forest completed about 310 acres of pile burns. No needs at this time.

HSEM (Roy Holmes): Work continues with Minnesota Department of Health to support COVID issues.

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

Additional Resources List Activation? No

Regulations, Restrictions, Priorities: Will be enforced by area DNR offices via the Electronic Licensing System (ELS).

MNCC Duty Officer: Mike Mackey, 218-327-4558

MNICS IMT Team on Rotation: None

Remember next week, November 30 through December 2, 2020, will be the virtual MNICS Annual Meeting.

The next MNICS conference call will be at 0900 on December 8, 2020

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

Notes by: Diane Nygaard