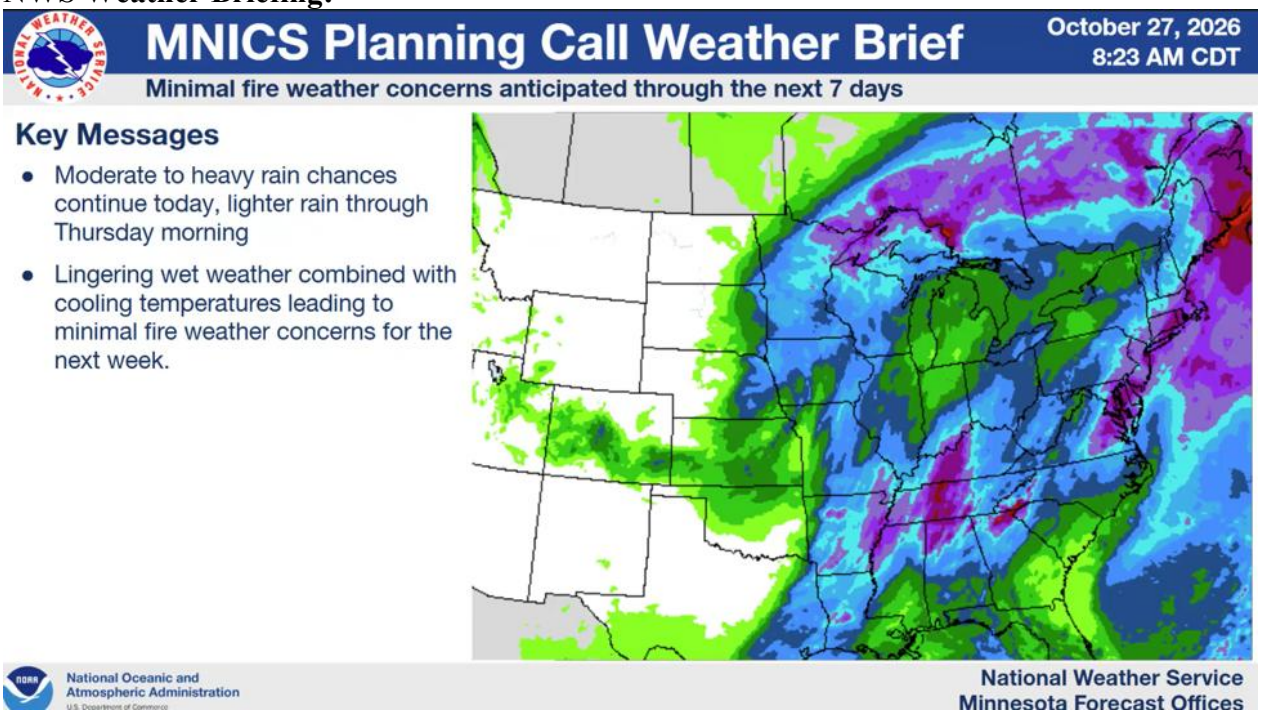
MNICS TASKFORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

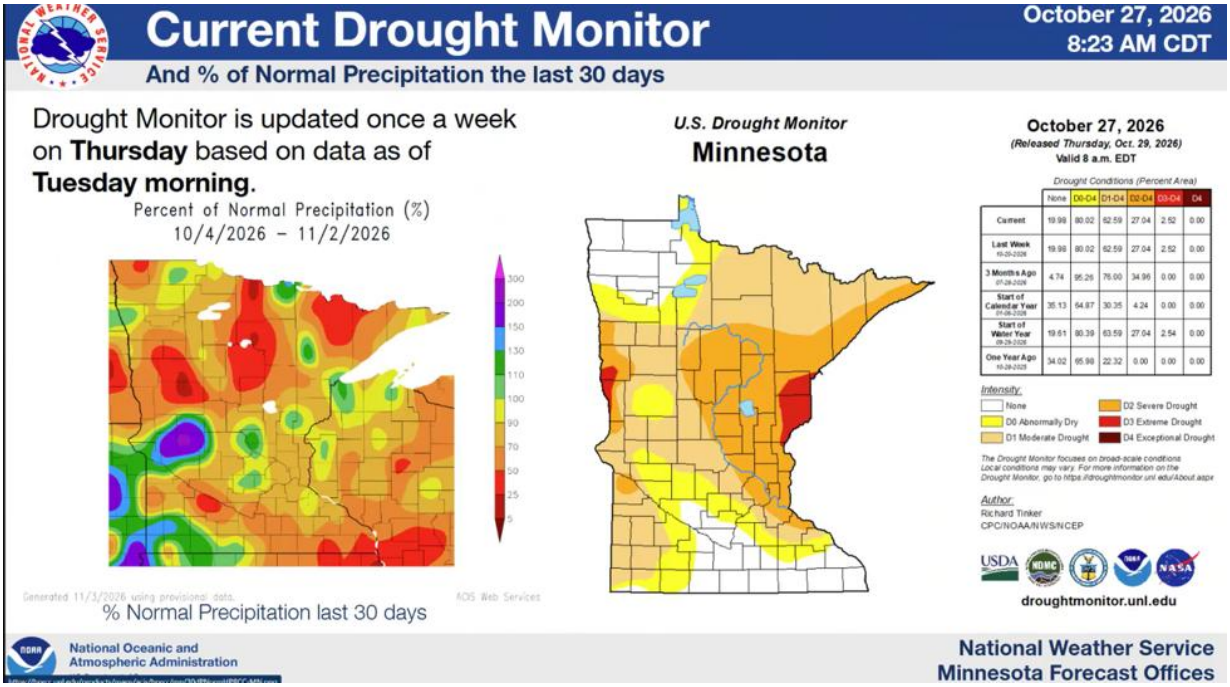
ATTENDANCE:

DNR NW: Blair Olson, Arthur Braun, Matt Boyer
DNR NE: Angie Adams
DNR Central: Jim Wilson
DNR SW: Jake Froyum
DNR St. Paul: William Glesener
Aviation: Ryan Johnson
US Forest Service: Nick Petrack
Bureau of Indian Affairs: Cory Berg
US Fish and Wildlife Service: Cory Berg
National Park Service: Greg Carlson
Homeland Security: Jennifer Olson
Conservation Corp Minnesota-Iowa: Inga Roen
National Weather Service: Krystal
MN Pollution Control: Ryan Lueck
Predictive Services: Travis Verdegan

NWS Weather Briefing:

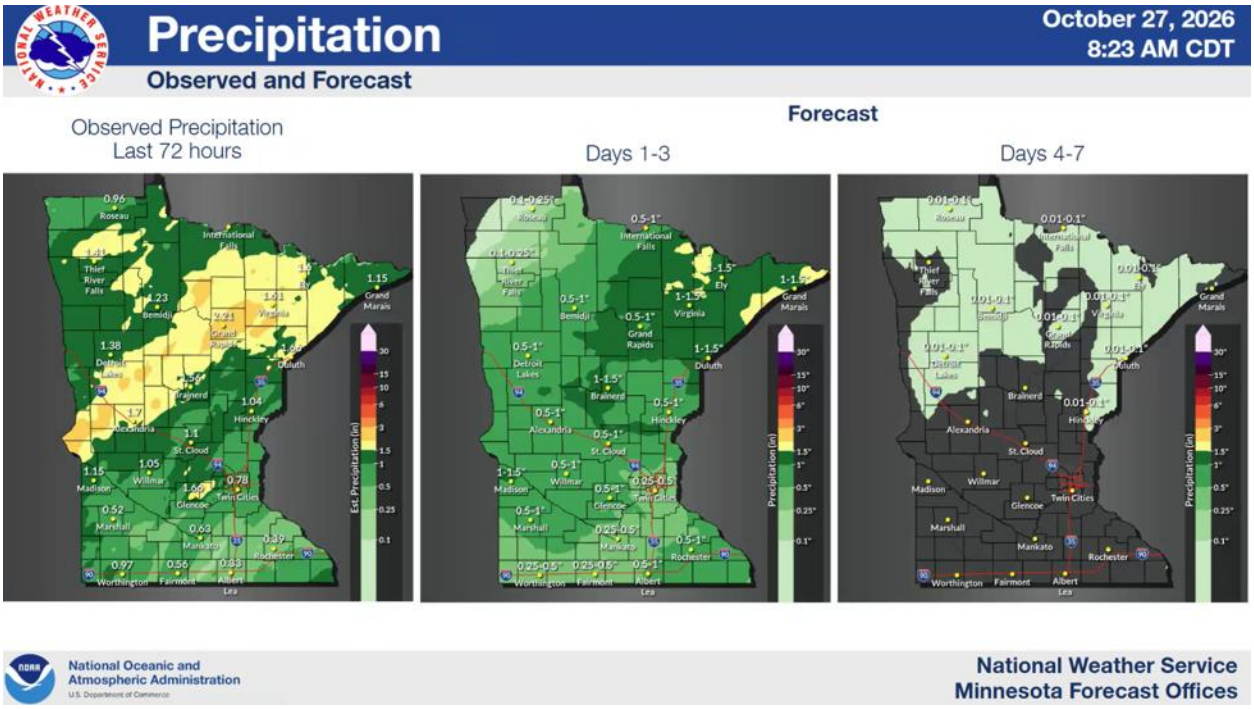


Drought Monitor:
Slight changes to the drought map with the recent precipitation. Overall, the drought is staying pretty consistent.



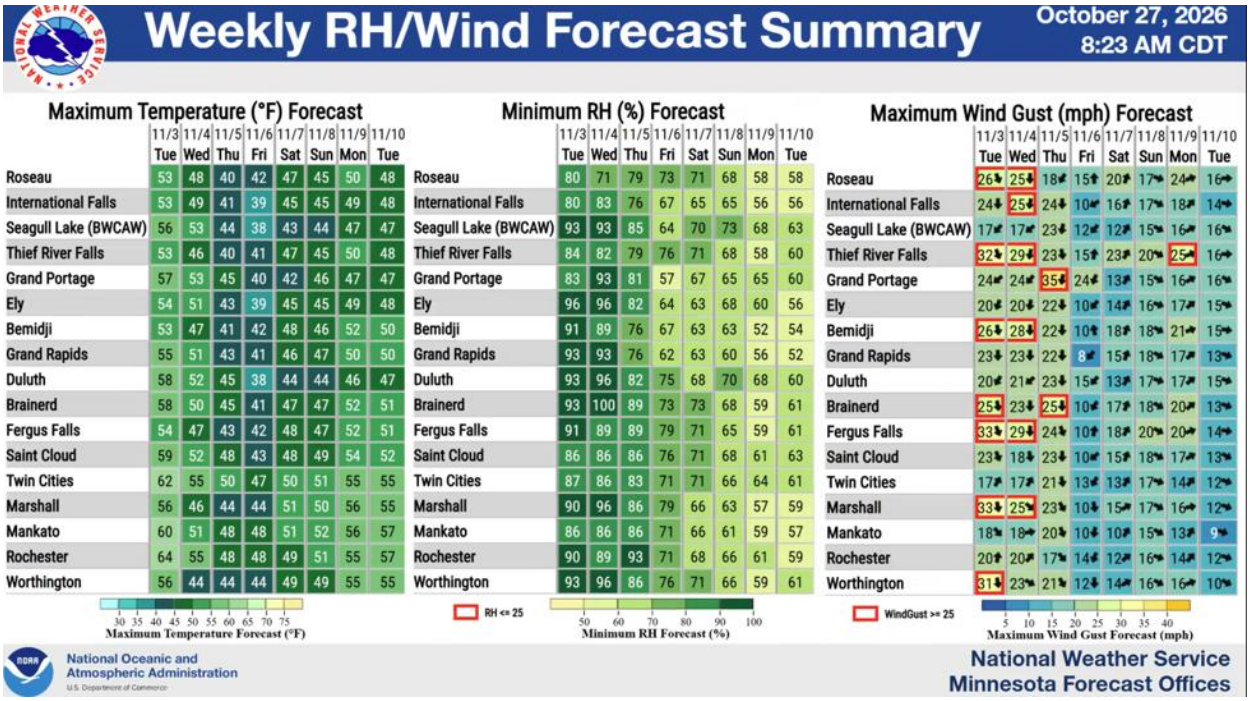
Precipitation

Widespread rainfall will remain favorable throughout the planning period. Areas in the norther half of the state saw 1-2 inches with areas seeing possibly up to an inch more. Trace amounts will continue into the weekend. High pressure will be in place starting Friday with cooler temperatures.



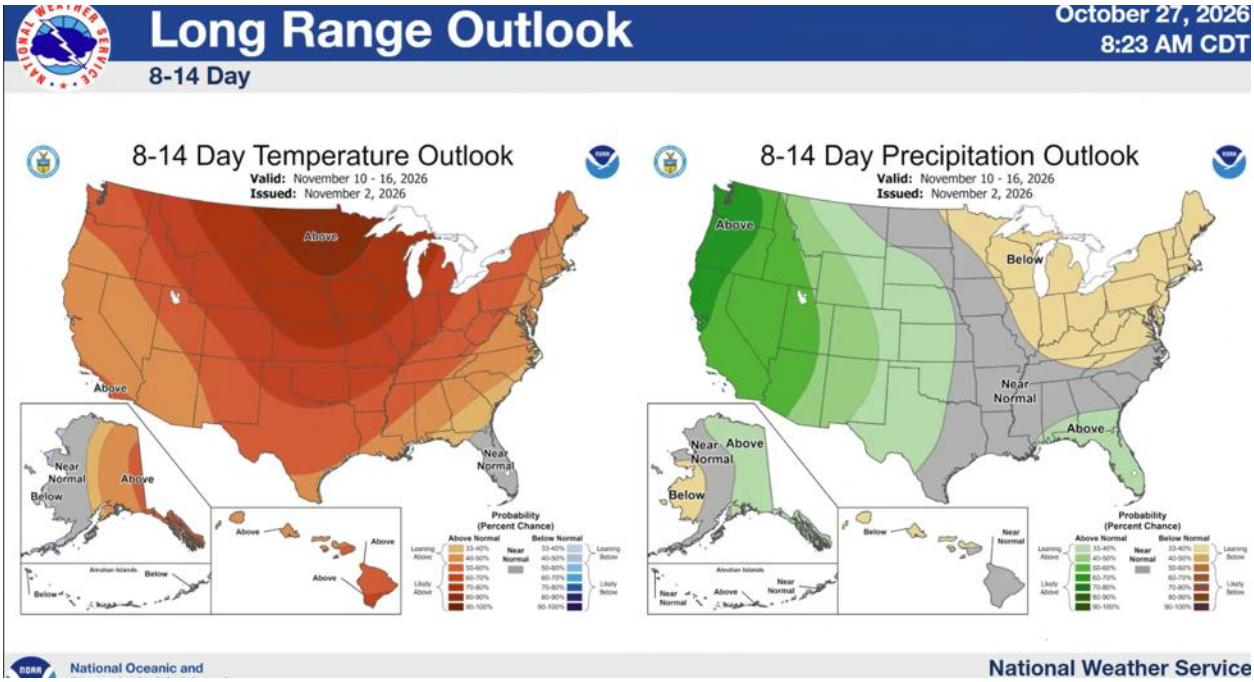
Weekly Temperature and Precipitation Summary

No fire weather concerns are predicted with the precipitation. It is forecasted to be windy with the system moving in along with the rain. A slow warm up is expected coming into early next week.



Long-Range Outlook

Trending towards above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation.



Predictive Services Update

Overview

Over the last planning period only the 30th showed no observed precip in the RAWS network. Amounts totaling an inch plus over the last 48 hours were observed nearly statewide. Fire activity over the planning period was limited to 2 reported fires that occurred on the 29th and 30th.

Apparent fire potential for the coming planning period is limited by recent heavy precip and cool temps in the forecast. Trends are on the rise as we move past recent and forecast precip later in the period as seasonally warm and dry conditions are favored in the outlooks through 2 weeks. Fire activity is expected to be limited however we remain susceptible to short term fluctuations in fire weather.

CPC 6 – 10 and 8 – 14 Day Outlooks

CPC 6 – 10 day and 8 -14 day outlook continue a pattern of above average temps and below average precip in their outlook periods.

Drought Monitor

The latest drought monitor shows no change over the previous release.

NFDRS

Trends in NFDRS show upward trendlines that may begin to reach values of significance by the end of the planning period.

CFFDRS

BUI trends are on their way to near zero the next couple days and are not likely to not reflect daily fluctuations in fire weather and building trends in fire potential on face value for the rest of the year.

Situation Update and Planning Needs Summary

DNR NW: No fires reported, no additional needs.

DNR NE: No fires reported, no additional needs.

DNR Central: No fires reported, no additional needs.

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DNR SW: No fires reported, no additional needs.

FS: 1 fire on the Chippewa, no additional needs.

BIA: I fire at Red Lake. RX pile burning at Grand Portage. No additional needs.

FWS: No fires reported, no additional needs.

NPS: No fires reported, no additional needs.

HSEM: Enhanced monitoring going on due to the election.

CCMI: There are 2 crews available: a 6-person out of Duluth and 4-person out of Fairbow.

AVIATION: There have been no aircraft requests.

Current Preparedness Levels

Minnesota: PL 2 Eastern Area: PL 1 National: PL 2

Minnesota Statewide PL will stay at a 2

Planning Preparedness Level Determination with FDRAs

MN Interagency Guide for Determining Preparedness Level

Final Preparedness Level Determination

	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Level V
Statewide		**II**			
Arrowhead		II			
East Central Hardwoods		II			
North Central Woodlands		II			
Northern Peatlands		II			
Prairie Parklands		II			
Southeast Hardwoods		II			
Southwest Prairie		II			

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Additional Resource Activations: No additional resource activations.

Restrictions/Regulations/Priorities: Burning restrictions and permits are being managed by the local forestry offices.

MNICS IMT on Rotation: Unavailable

MNCC Duty Officer: Nick Lyytinen

Next MNICS Planning call: Tuesday, November 10th @ 0900.

Notes by: Jolene Soltis-Beighley, MNCC Intel