



## 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/>

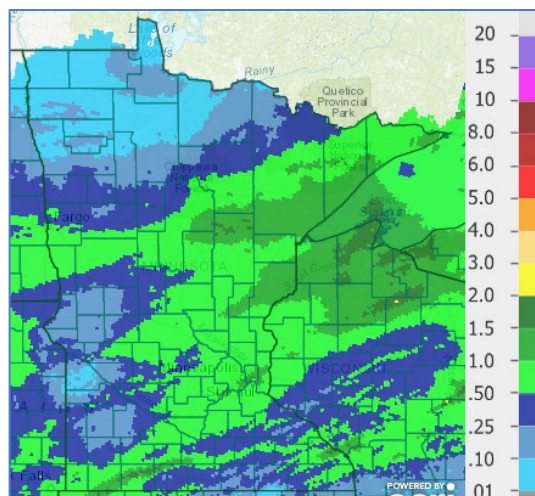
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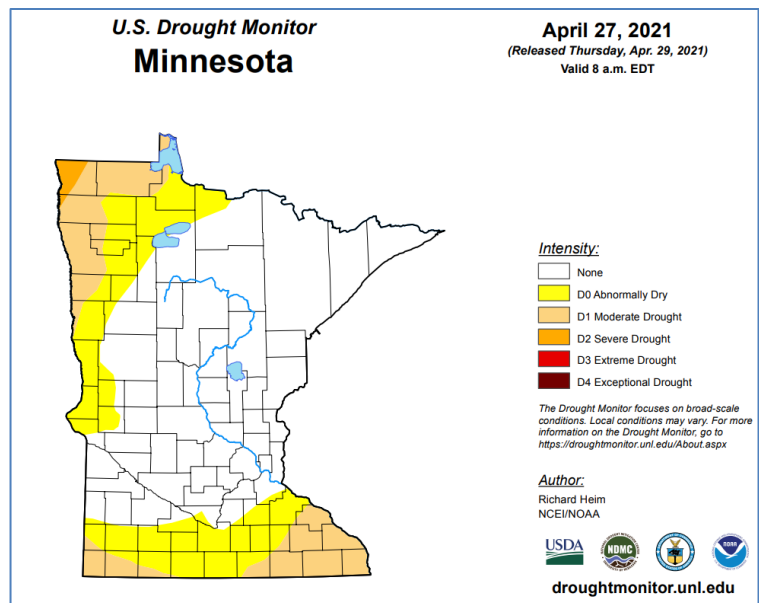
Attending: Northwest Region: Blair Olson  
Northeast Region: Jon Handrick, Dave Larson, Paul Olson, Tom Lattimore  
Central Region: Wade Mapes  
SW Area: Taylor Jenkins  
St. Paul DNR: Casey McCoy  
BIA: Cory Berg  
USFS: Ben Roy, Brian Jenkins, Brian Wise, Rob Heavirland, Mike Klick, Ryan Kingsley, Tom Roach  
US-FWS: Russ Langford, Chris Mursu  
NPS: Kurt Fogelberg  
HSEM: Roy Holmes  
CCM: Doug Ekstrom  
MN Wildlife: Donovan Pietruszewski  
National Weather Service: Mike Griesinger, Twin Cities  
MIFC: Anna Hines, Bill Glesener, Darren Neuman, Rob Johnson, Diane Nygaard, Leanne Langeberg, Dan Olds, Tom Staydohar, Travis Verdegan, Kevin Carlisle, Matt Woodwick

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

The precipitation map for the past 14 days shows NW MN continues to miss the rainfall.



The US Drought Monitor Map of Minnesota shows NW MN continues to be dry. Also, portions of southern MN are in a Moderate Drought.



Today, high pressure will dominate Minnesota. High temps will be in the mid-50s in northern MN to near 70 in SW MN. The Red River Valley area in NW MN will have breezy southerly winds 15-20 mph. Minimum RHs will be 27-29% in NW MN while the remainder of MN will have minimum RHs 20-25%. Winds will be light outside of the Red River Valley.

Saturday, high temps will be in the 80s to near 90 in SW MN. Northern MN temps will be in the low 70s. Winds over the Red River Valley will be northerly 5-10 mph. The remainder of the state will have S/SW winds. Minimum RHs will be in the 20s and 30s.

Sunday, a front will stall out across the state with clouds. Easterly winds will keep temps in the 40s along Lake Superior. The remainder of MN high temps will be in the 60s to 70. Winds over the Red River Valley will be about 15 mph while winds over southern MN will be lighter. Minimum RHs will be in the 50s and 60s.

Monday, winds will be northwesterly with high temps in the 50s and 60s as a cold front moves through. Minimum RHs will be in the 40s and 50s.

Tuesday, will be dry with high pressure. High temps will be in the 50s and 60s.

Not a lot of precip is expected the next few days. Sunday, the most precip will be in SE MN; up to about ½ inch is forecast. Precip will be light and scattered at best.

The 6-10 and 8-14 day forecasts call for below normal temps and about normal precipitation.

**Fire Management Information** (Travis Verdegan):

[FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST \(mnics.org\)](https://mnics.org)

[Preparedness-Level-Tool.pdf \(mnics.org\)](https://mnics.org)

## **Overview**

Overall light precip over the last 3 days has missed many areas of the state with east central MN seeing the highest total amounts. Droughty conditions over the south east has deepened reflecting a recent pattern over Iowa and the southern half of the Great Lakes States.

For the next 7 days precip is expected to be on the light side and favor the eastern half of the state. The best chance for precip looks to be Sunday however periodic low chances of precip remain in the forecast other days.

Friday looks to be critically dry with some higher temps and winds expected on Saturday.

## **NFDRS**

BI (X) 5 day average values look to hold pretty steady for the forecast 7 days, however precip may come into play bringing some fluctuations into the mix.

Forecasted ERC (Y) is trending towards a peak value we have not seen since early April.

## **CFFDRS**

FFMCs likely to reflect a great deal of drying that will occur on Friday as we see significant values come into the picture across the state. Saturday continues that trend with ISI reaching near or above 10 across most of the state.

Trends in BUI move towards the critical tipping of 25 where predicted intensities increase exponentially.

**Northwest Region** (Blair Olson): Thirteen fires totaling 95 acres were reported. Three out of region engines are working at Baudette, Warroad and Bemidji. No needs at this time.

**Northeast Region** (Jon Handrick): Two fires totaling 2.5 acres were reported. Resources are being shifted within the region. No needs at this time.

**Central Region** (Wade Mapes): Three fires totaling 4 acres were reported. Resources have been sent to the NW Region. Additional resources are available. No needs at this time.

**SW Area** (Taylor Schenk): A 3 acre fire occurred on a WMA. The area is approaching green up conditions. No needs at this time.

**USFS** (Ben Roy): No wildfires were reported. Prescribed burns are planned on both forests. Outside resources will be brought in to assist with prescribed burns. No needs at this time.

**BIA** (Cory Berg): 15 fires totaling 18.5 acres were reported by White Earth, Mille Lacs and Red Lake. Ten burns totaling 200 acres were completed and more are planned. No needs at this time.

**US Fish and Wildlife** (Russ Langford): No fires reported. Five prescribed burns totaling 913 acres were completed. More burns are planned today and as conditions allow.

**NPS** (Kurt Fogelberg): Conditions are drying. No needs at this time.

**HSEM** (Roy Holmes): They continue to monitor the COVID vaccinations and Line 3.

**CCM** (Doug Ekstrom): Two 3-person crews are available and are on call.

**Aircraft** (Anna Hines): Six requests to 3 fires since the last call.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/bujian/tropertfarcia.html>

**Planning Levels:** State: 3 / Eastern Area: 2 / National: 2

### **Additional Resources List Activation?**

NW MR Shop is on call.

NE MR Shop is on call.

Two CCM Crews are on call.

### **Regulations, Restrictions, Priorities:**

No changes. Cambridge and the north metro is considering lifting burning restrictions Monday.

### **MNCC Duty Officer:**

At Statewide Planning Level 3, the Minnesota Interagency Coordination Center is staffing daily 0800-1630. A Duty Officer is available after hours. The Operations and Aviation Desks are staffing 0800-1900 daily.

All phone lines coming into MNCC are either being answered or forwarded on to phones for each respective function.

- 218-322-2738 (Center Manager – Mike Mackey) ~ staffing at MNCC. The phone is forwarded to Mike.
- 218-327-4582 (Aviation – Anna Hines (ACM)). The Aviation desk is staffing at MNCC and the phone is forwarded to the Aviation Duty Officer after hours.
- 218-327-4175 (Operations – Amanda Jones (ACM)) ~ Operations is staffing at MNCC and the phone is forwarded to the Operations Duty Officer after hours.
- 218-327-4558 (Logistics – Tasha Woodwick (ACM)) ~ is teleworking. The phone is forwarded to Tasha.
- 218-322-2745 (Intel – Diane Nygaard) ~ is teleworking. The phone is forwarded to Diane.
- 218-322-2739 (Information – Leanne Langeberg) ~ is teleworking. The phone is forwarded to Leanne.

**MNICS IMT Team on Rotation:** Type 3 IMT B with Tom Roach as IC is on normal rotation.

The next MNICS conference call will be at 0900 on Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

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