



MNICS TASKFORCE PLANNING CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

DATE: Friday, June 13, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

DNR NW: Blair Olson and Arthur Braun
DNR NE: Andy McGuire
DNR Central: Jim Wilson
DNR SW: Jake Froyum
DNR St. Paul: William Glesener
Aviation: Anna Hines
US Forest Service: Nick Petrack
Bureau of Indian Affairs: Cory Berg
US Fish and Wildlife Service: Kris Larson
National Park Service:
Homeland Security: Kelvin McCuskey
Conservation Corp Minnesota-Iowa: Cesario Velasco
National Weather Service: Nick Carletta – NWS Twin Cities
MN Pollution Control: NA
Predictive Services: Travis Verdegan

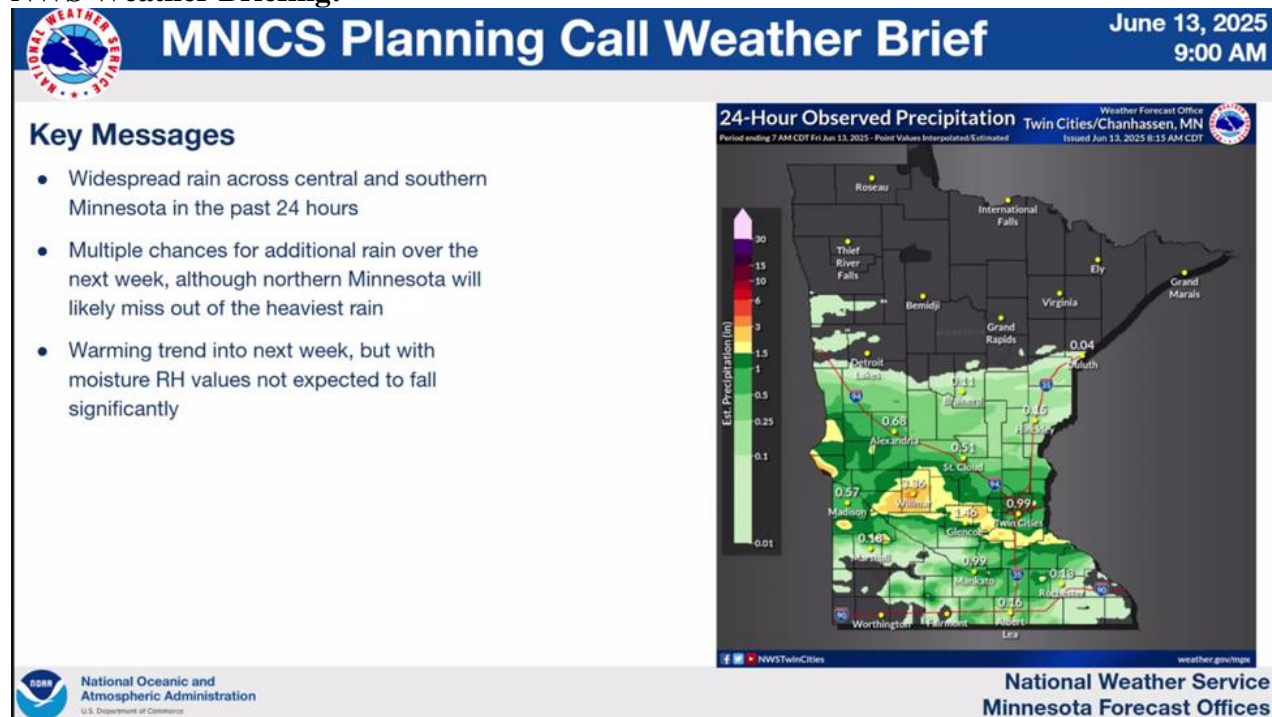
Large Incident Report Outs

National Incident Management Organization – IC Nickie Johnny

Jenkins Creek Fire

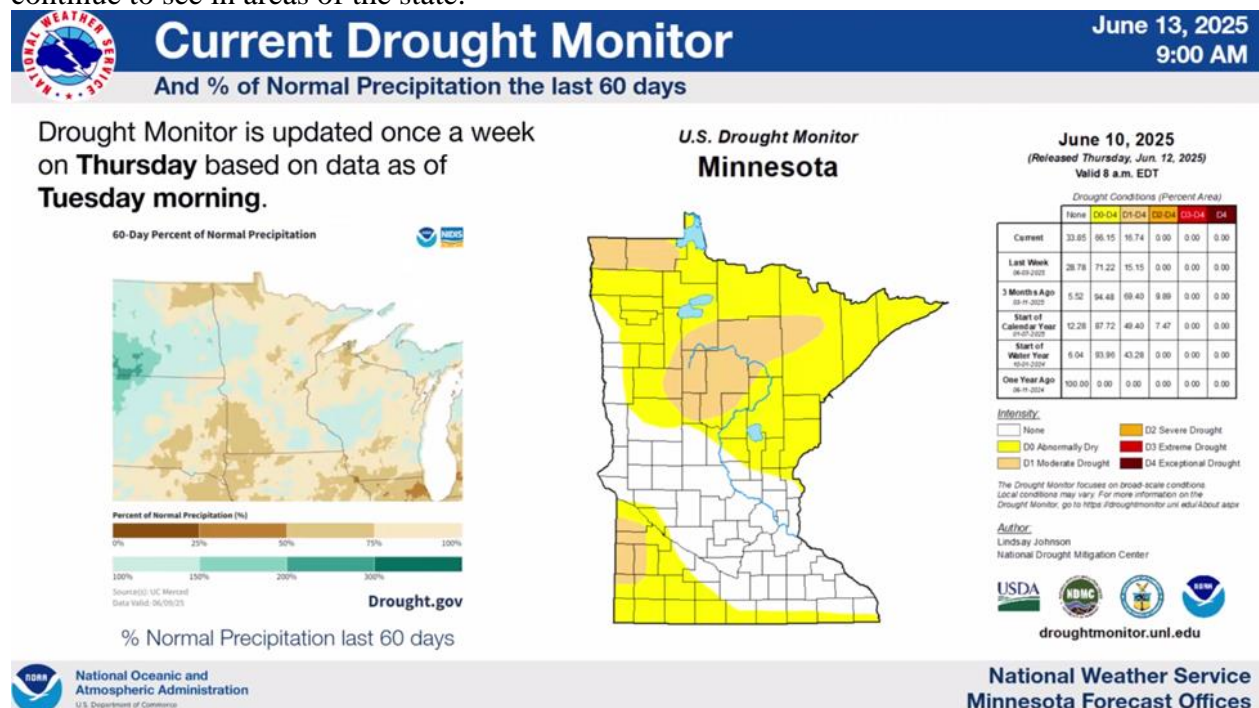
The mapping of the incident was finished with the use of drones and ground resources yesterday. If there is a change in the current acreage, it will be reflected on tonight's 209 update. Containment will be moved from 94% up to 98%. In a hot, dry period effects the fire area again throughout the summer or fall it is likely that heat and smoke will show up on the line. The transfer of command back to the local forest as a type 4 incident will take place on Sunday, June 15th at 0700. This will be the last report out from the NIMO Team on the planning calls.

NWS Weather Briefing:



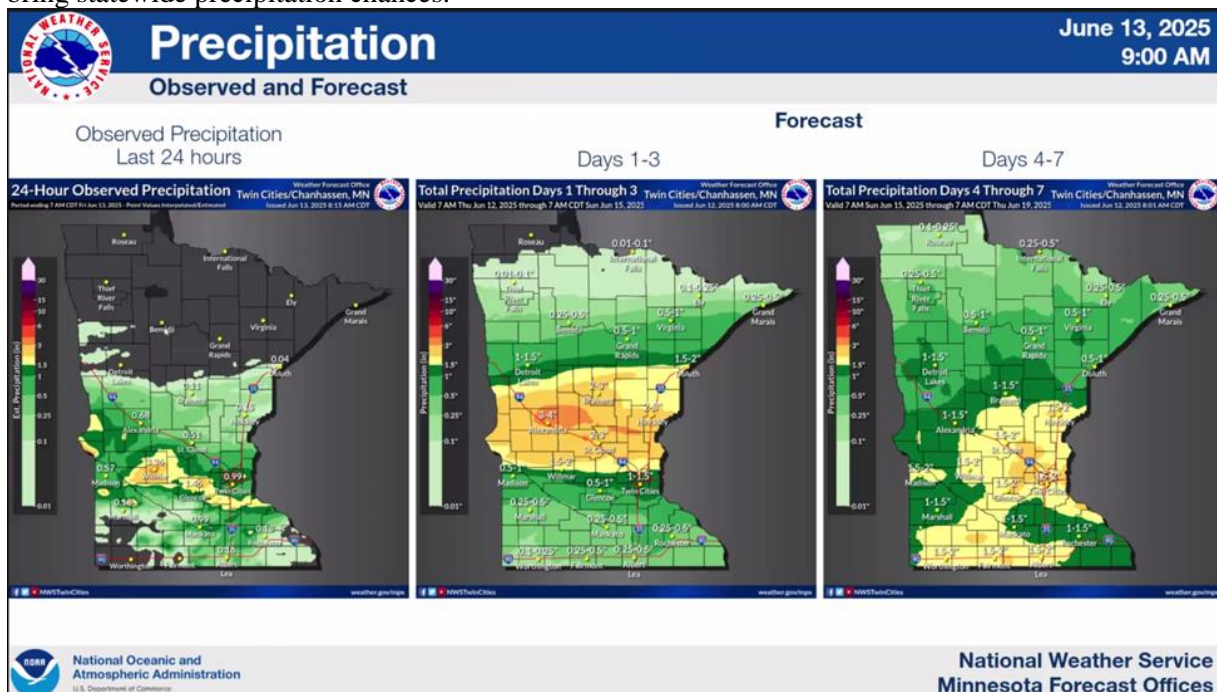
Drought Monitor

It has been a mixed bag of observed precipitation in relation to the drought map over the last 60 days. There have been areas that have received elevated amounts of precipitation and areas that are well below the normal levels that have contributed to the moderate drought areas that we continue to see in areas of the state.



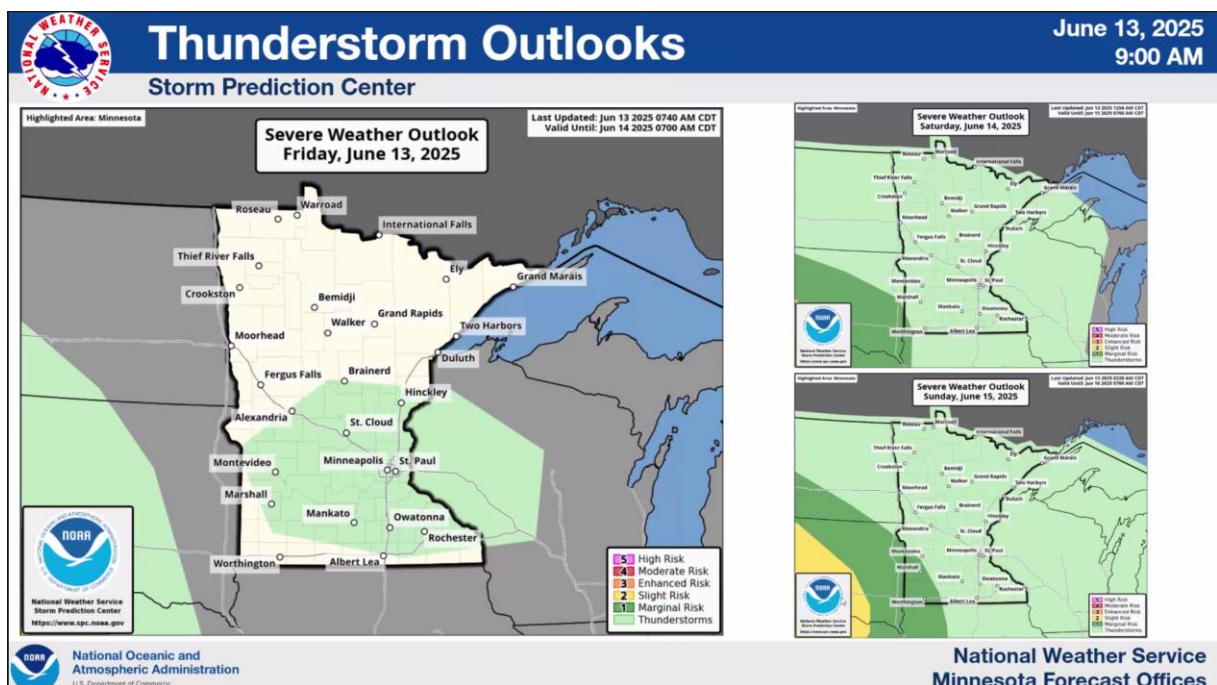
Precipitation

Northern MN has gotten missed with this last round of rain and will likely see light amounts of precipitation in the next 1-3 days as the heaviest band will hit central Minnesota. Days 4-7 is expected to bring statewide precipitation chances.



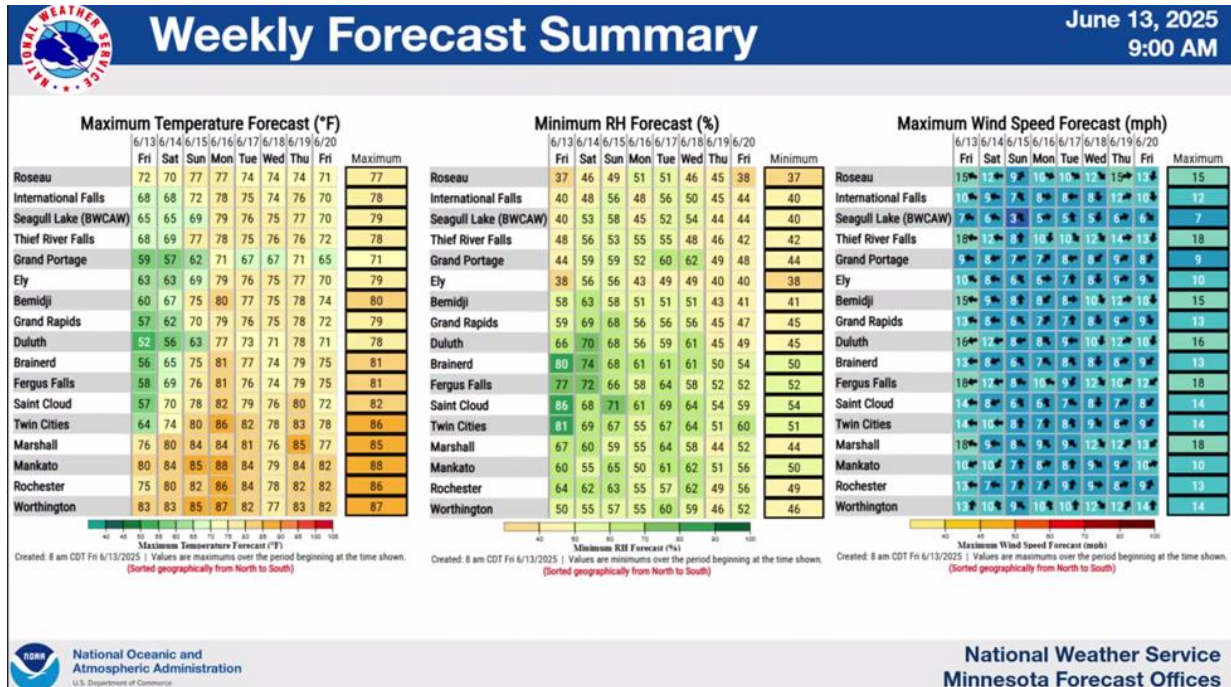
Thunderstorm Outlooks

Thunderstorm activity is expected today in central and southern MN. Widespread thunderstorm activity is expected tomorrow across the state and by Sunday there is a chance of marginal risk thunderstorm activity for the SE corner of the state.



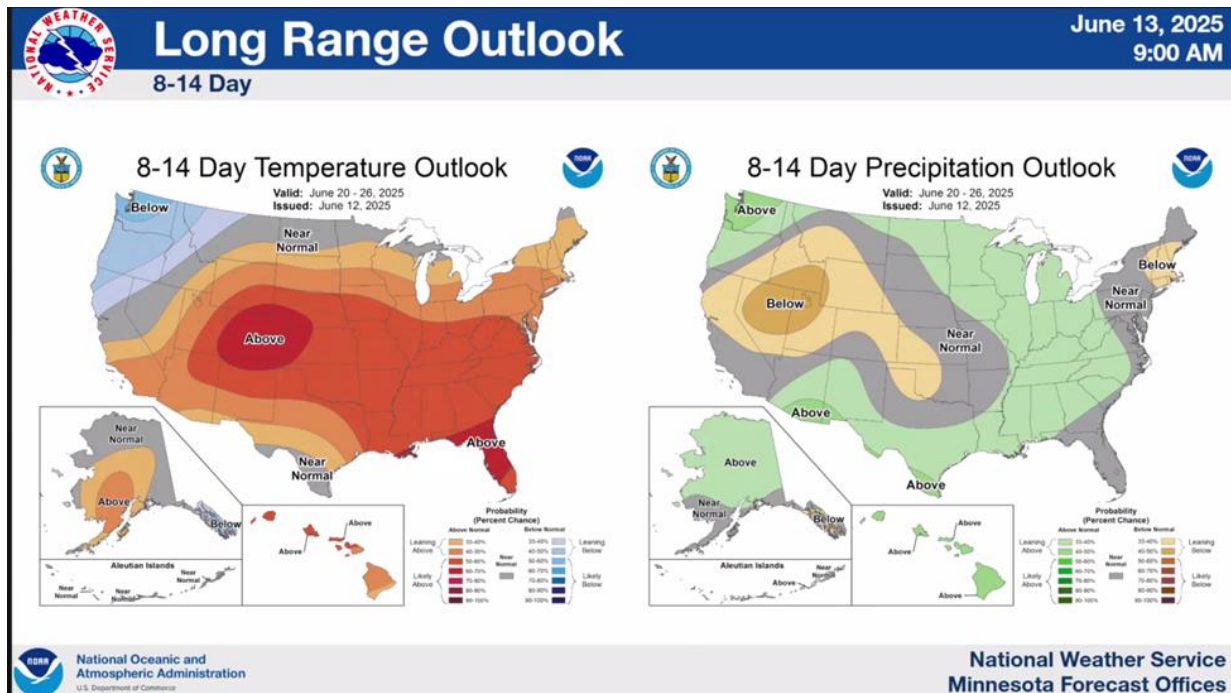
Weekly RH/Wind Forecast Summary

There are no real concerns of increased fire weather standing out in the forecasts.



Long-Range Outlook

Neutral chances to above normal temperatures and slightly above normal chance of precipitation are forecasted on the long-range forecast



MNCC Predictive Services Update

Overview

Fire activity over the last week has dropped to its lowest level since fire season began with 8 reported fires, the largest being .5 acres. Precipitation over the last planning period was most prevalent in the last 24 hours adding to a pattern favoring continued improvement in the long-term patterns.

The northern 1/3rd of the state continues to hold the greatest potential and continues to be the area of the state least favored for additional precipitation in the near term. As it is fire potential in the near term remains limited with a continuation of a cooler wet period in the forecast. Mid to late summer may be another story if weather patterns shift.

CPC 6 – 10 and 8 – 14 Day Outlooks

CPC 6 – 10 and 8 – 14-day outlooks indicate better chances for warmer and wetter for both outlook periods.

Drought Monitor

The latest drought monitor shows the state being pulled in two different directions with the north showing degradation and the south showing improvement.

NFDRS

ERC – Y values have been dropping off and continue to follow that pattern although the trend line appears to be leveling off some as we move into lower-level values. The most concerning values are falling over the north.

CFFDRS

BUI is continuing a slow and steady pace downward as near daily precipitation gets accounted for in the model. A significant amount of potential remains in the north, and we'll be left waiting to see the final results as we look ahead to another week of wetter weather.

Situation Update and Planning Needs Summary

DNR NW: No fires reported, no additional resource needs.

DNR NE: 1 fire for 0.1 acre, no additional resource needs.

DNR Central: No fires reported, no additional resource needs.

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DNR SW: No fires reported, no additional resource needs.

FS: No fires, no additional needs. We are holding on to 4 Engines in state due to the continued dry conditions in the NE.

BIA: 1 fire for 0.1 acre, no additional needs.

FWS: We had 1 RX pile burn take place in Litchfield we have been monitoring. The burn has received precipitation the last few days. No fires reported, no additional needs.

NPS: No report.

HSEM: No updates, no needs.

CCMI: There are 2 crews available, a north crew and an Iowa crew.

AVIATION: There have been no aircraft requests. End of shift yesterday we released the last 2 DNR scoopers. The AA in Bemidji and the Helicopter in Orr were also released. Refer to the [Daily Aircraft Status Report](#) for the most up to date aircraft information.

Current Preparedness Levels

Minnesota: PL 3, NE 4

Eastern Area: PL 2

National: PL 2

Minnesota will move to a PL 2 with the Arrowhead FDRA at a PL 3.

Planning Preparedness Level Determination with FDRA's

MN Interagency Guide for Determining Preparedness Level

Final Preparedness Level Determination

	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Level V
Statewide		II			
Arrowhead			III		
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: None.

Restrictions/Regulations/Priorities:

Burning restrictions and permits are being managed by the local forestry offices.

MNICS IMT on Rotation: Team B. This will be the last MNICS Team rotations for the spring seasons.

MNCC Duty Officer: Anna Hines (218) 322-2707

Next MNICS Planning Conference Call will take place on Tuesday, June 17th at 0900.

Notes by: Jolene Soltis MNCC Intel Officer