



## 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: November 8, 2022

Attending: Northwest Region: Arthur Braun, Chris Gronewold  
Northeast Region: Cassandra Baysal, Lonnie Lilly  
Central Region: Jim Wilson, Brian Schwingle, Wade Mapes  
SW Area: Taylor Schenk  
St. Paul DNR: Paul Lundgren, Larry Himanga, Tom Lattimore  
BIA: Cory Berg, Carl Crawford  
USFS: Chase Marshall, Mike Rice, Adam Cook, Amber Jackson  
US-FWS: Mike Hill, Chris Mursu  
NPS: Greg Carlson  
CCM: Cesario Velasco  
HSEM Jacob Beauregard, John Dotterer  
National Weather Service: Krystal Kossen  
Braun Fire: Bill Glesener, Aaron Mielke, Mike Hill  
MIFC: Ben Roy, Leanne Langeberg, Travis Verdegan, Jenny Benes, Dan Olds, Angela Porter, Ginger Humphrey, Matt Woodwick, Darren Neuman, Brian Wise, Jake Serfling, Angela Schmitt, Tracy Fifarek, Jay Rude

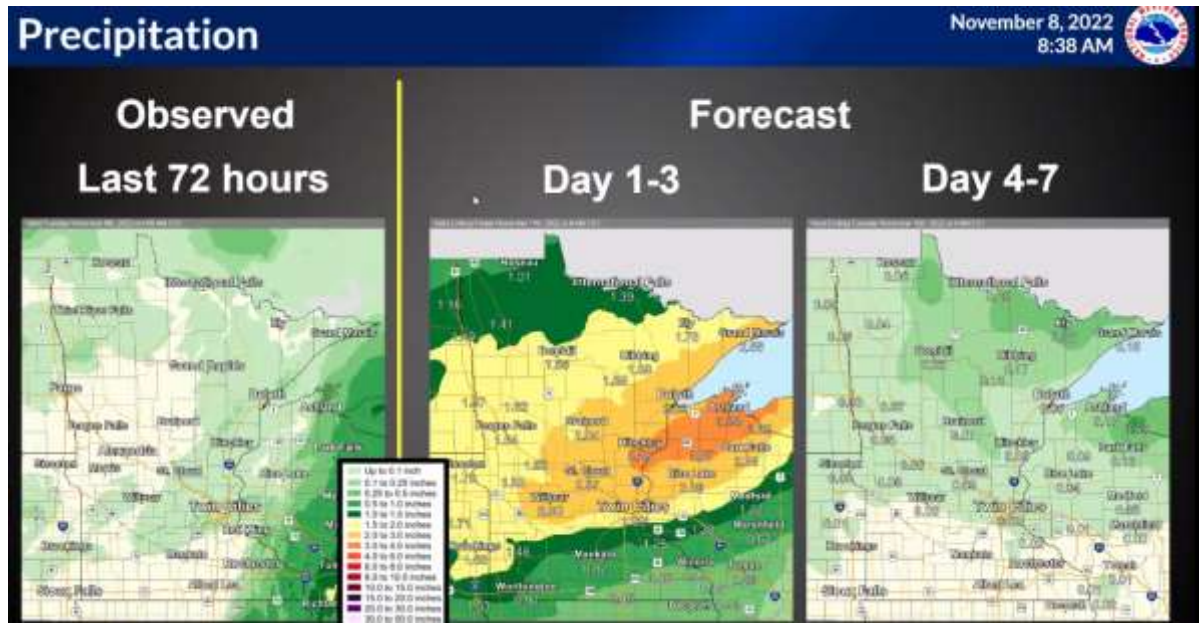
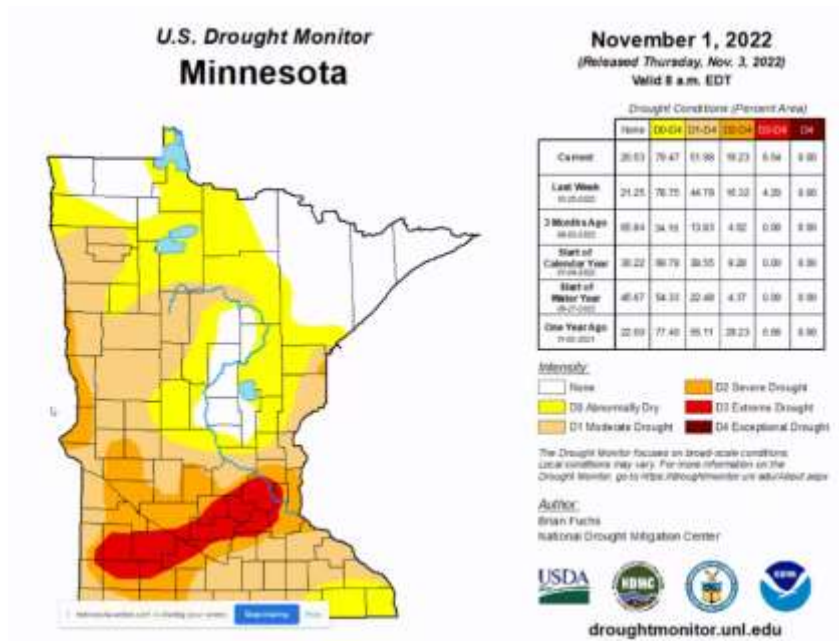
### **Incident Updates**

The Braun Fire is located between Delano and Watertown and is mapped at 100-acres. MNICS T3 Team Bravo arrived on scene Sunday evening under the leadership of Incident Commander Aaron Mielke. The team took over the incident on Monday. There were three spots with significant peat burning. Today, there is one 10-acre spot of significant heat left. Flooding operations will begin Wednesday. If all goes well, the incident will transition back to the area at end of shift Thursday.

## Summary of Key Messages:

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- Slow-moving couple of systems with thunderstorms across the state
- Strong winds with system
- Various precipitation types expected in northern Minnesota
- Much colder, dryer over the weekend



# Weekly RH/Wind Forecast Summary Across the State

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## Minimum RH Forecast

	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	Minimum
	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	
Bemidji	62	96	82	77	74	67	70	68	62
Brainerd	67	93	85	71	65	67	55	60	55
Duluth	62	92	89	66	57	52	51	55	51
Ely	64	88	82	71	62	62	62	60	60
Fergus Falls	61	96	96	88	84	80	80	81	61
Grand Portage	67	89	82	69	58	58	58	58	58
Grand Rapids	67	96	92	77	68	65	63	68	63
International Falls	67	92	78	71	68	68	68	74	67
Mankato	54	77	78	74	68	62	55	66	54
Marshall	62	84	79	63	62	56	51	59	51
Rochester	54	74	79	69	65	53	50	58	50
Roseau	62	87	74	74	70	70	73	74	62
Saint Cloud	62	83	92	74	68	60	60	60	60
Seagull Lake (BWCAW)	72	92	92	78	68	71	68	71	68
Thief River Falls	67	92	81	81	77	73	77	77	67
Twin Cities	50	80	82	72	68	57	55	60	50
Worthington	67	84	82	68	63	57	55	66	55

\* Table values in %  
\*\*Created: 8 am CST Tue 11/8/2022  
\*\*\*Values are minimums over the period beginning at the time shown.

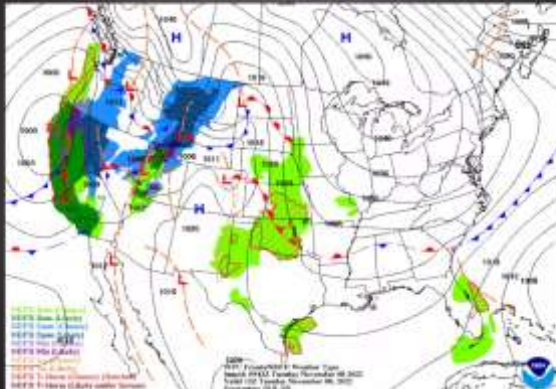
## Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	Maximum
	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	
Bemidji	33	17	43	41	24	19	15	16	43
Brainerd	33	26	43	40	28	17	15	15	41
Duluth	30	22	42	45	38	20	17	16	47
Ely	24	22	38	33	24	18	17	19	38
Fergus Falls	24	20	45	44	24	15	15	16	45
Grand Portage	24	22	44	44	31	24	17	19	44
Grand Rapids	32	17	38	38	28	18	15	15	38
International Falls	29	20	43	43	28	17	17	15	45
Mankato	32	32	33	40	21	17	14	16	40
Marshall	35	24	48	41	28	17	17	15	41
Rochester	32	31	43	38	31	20	13	17	41
Roseau	31	21	46	44	22	16	16	15	46
Saint Cloud	30	18	28	35	25	17	14	16	35
Seagull Lake (BWCAW)	24	22	38	37	28	22	20	19	39
Thief River Falls	33	22	52	49	34	17	12	15	52
Twin Cities	31	26	24	33	25	17	14	16	33
Worthington	34	32	43	41	24	17	17	20	43

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## Current Weather Pattern

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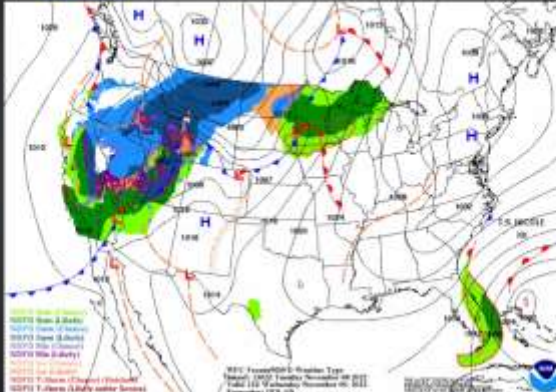


## Forecast Weather Pattern

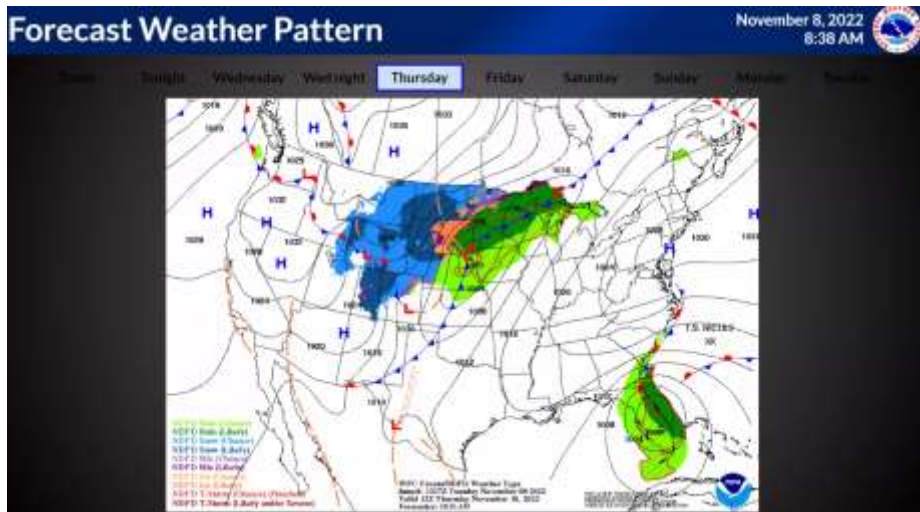
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Today Tomorrow **Wednesday** ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Thursday~~ ~~Friday~~ ~~Saturday~~ ~~Sunday~~ ~~Monday~~ ~~Tuesday~~







**Fire Environment Forecast** (Travis Verdegan): An updated fire behavior forecast was not submitted. This is the most recent [FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST](#).

[Fire and Smoke Map \(airnow.gov\)](#)

### Overview

Fire activity has dropped off noticeably since Friday. Even after widespread red flag warnings Sunday, there was some fire activity, but not near the level of Wednesday (November 2). This is due to the switch to a cooler and moister pattern late last week.

This week, signs are pointing toward the end of fire season. A widespread multi-day precipitation event should end with snow cover over significant portions of the state. A pronounced cold period follows and is poised to take hold of the state beginning this afternoon.

### CPC 6-10- and 8-14-Day Outlooks

The 6-10 day and 8-14-day outlooks are indicating strong potential for below average temperatures and slightly below average precipitation through the middle of the month.

## **Drought monitor**

The latest drought monitor indicated modest gains this week with a total of 80% of the state showing some type of drought class and extreme drought covering 8% of the state.

## **NFDRS**

ERC – Y values have begun a downward trend that is being accelerated in the forecast due to the coming precipitation and cold temperatures.

## **CFFDRS**

BUI –is also showing a strong trend toward downward movement, including over the Southwest Prairie where extreme values have been showing.

## **Situation Update**

**Northwest Region** (Chris Gronewold): Since Friday's call, the region reported a couple of fires for less than an acre. No needs.

**Northeast Region** (Cassandra Baysal): Since Friday's call, five fires reported for minimal acres. These fires were mainly from campfires and downed powerlines. A duty officer is on call until the precipitation arrives. No needs.

**Central Region** (Jim Wilson): Since Friday's call, one fire reported for less than an acre. The region is supporting IC Mielke and MNICS T3 Team Bravo with suppression efforts on the Braun Fire in Wright County. No needs.

**SW Area** (Taylor Schenk): Since Friday's call, one fire reported that the local fire department was able to handle. Burning restrictions are in place until the end of the day.

**USFS** (Chase Marshall): No new fires; no prescribed burns; no needs.

**BIA** (Cory Berg): Since Friday's call, one fire reported at Red Lake for 0.25 acres. No needs.

**US Fish and Wildlife** (Mike Hill): No fires; no needs.

**NPS** (Greg Carlson): No fires; no updates; no needs.

**HSEM** (Jacob Beauregard): No needs.

**CCM** (Cesario Velasco): Four CCM crews are supporting the Braun Fire. The Mankato crew will leave at end of shift today. Rochester, Gooseberry and Duluth crews will remain overnight, demobilize and begin travel on Wednesday due to weather conditions.

**Aircraft** (Jake Serfling): There have been no aircraft requests since the last call. The helicopter in Princeton will be released at 1200 today. Because of cooling temperatures, helicopters will be the best tool to provide incident support (rather than Fire Bosses).

All tactical aircraft are currently off contract. Air desk will no longer be sending out the daily aircraft status report until there is a tactical aircraft need.

The air desk is staffing Monday-Friday 0800 - 1630.  
[MN Aircraft Status Report | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)

**Planning Levels:** State: **2** with Central Region and SW area at PL 3 (to be re-evaluated later in the week) / Eastern Area: **1** / National: **1**

Southeast hardwoods and southwest prairie will remain at Level 3.

**Additional Resources List Activation:** Central Region has requested MR shop and CCM crews on call.

**Regulations, Restrictions, Priorities** (Larry Himanga): There are no statewide imposed burning restrictions. Central region burning restrictions will be removed at the end of the day due to anticipated precipitation. Areas will go back to monitoring their local levels with the Electronic Licensing System (ELS).

**Logistics** (Ginger Humphrey): A water tender was sent to Kentucky. In case there are other resource needs, consider making yourself available.

**MNICS Type 3 Team B** is at the Braun Fire.

**MNCC Duty Officer:** Ginger Humphrey  
MNCC Duty Officer Number: 218-322-2707

- 218-322-2738 **Center Manager** – Mike Mackey
- 218-327-4582 **Aviation** – Jake Serfling for Anna Hines, ACM
- 218-327-4175 **Operations** – Angela Porter, Lead
- 218-322-2700 **Logistics** – Ginger Humphrey for Natasha Woodwick, ACM
- 218-322-2745 **Intelligence** – Jenny Benes for Jolene Soltis
- 218-322-2739 **Information** – Leanne Langeberg

**Next MNICS Conference Call:**

The next MNICS conference call will be at 0900 on November 15, 2022.

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

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