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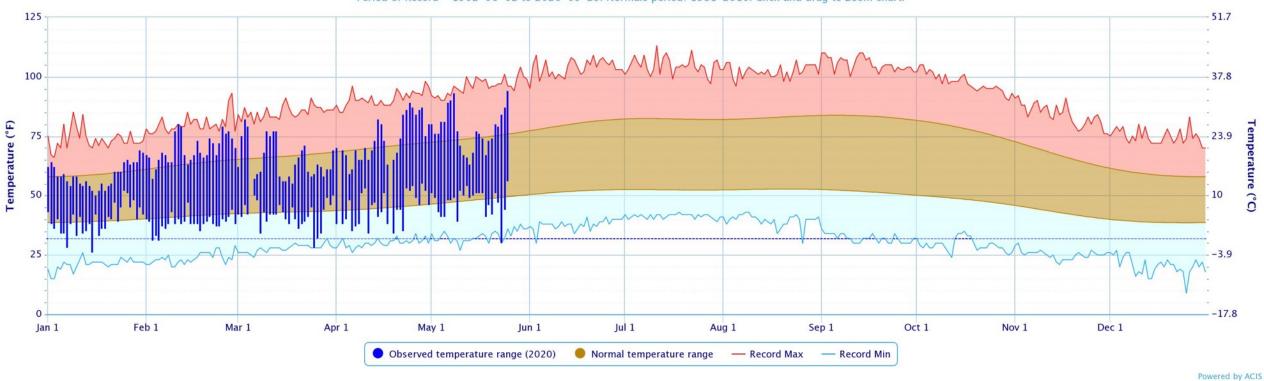
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Daily Temperature Data - SANTA ROSA, CA

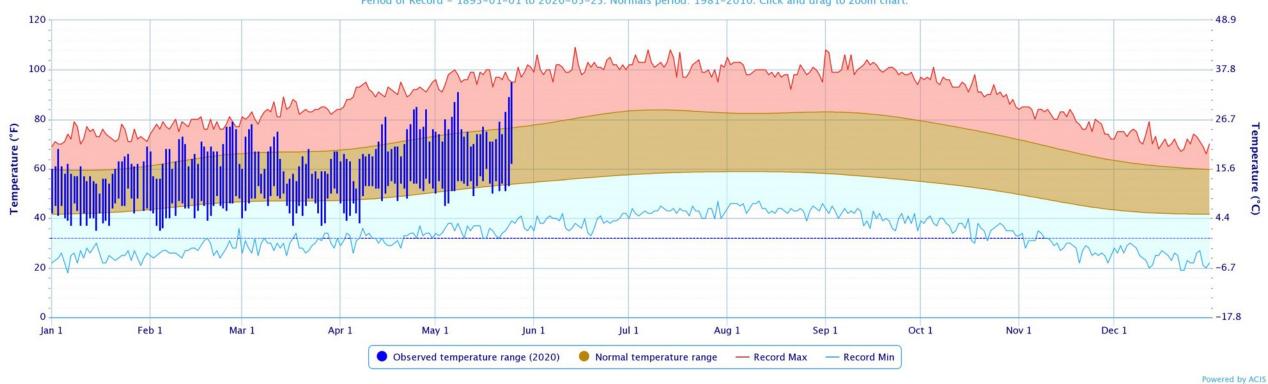






Daily Temperature Data - SAN JOSE, CA

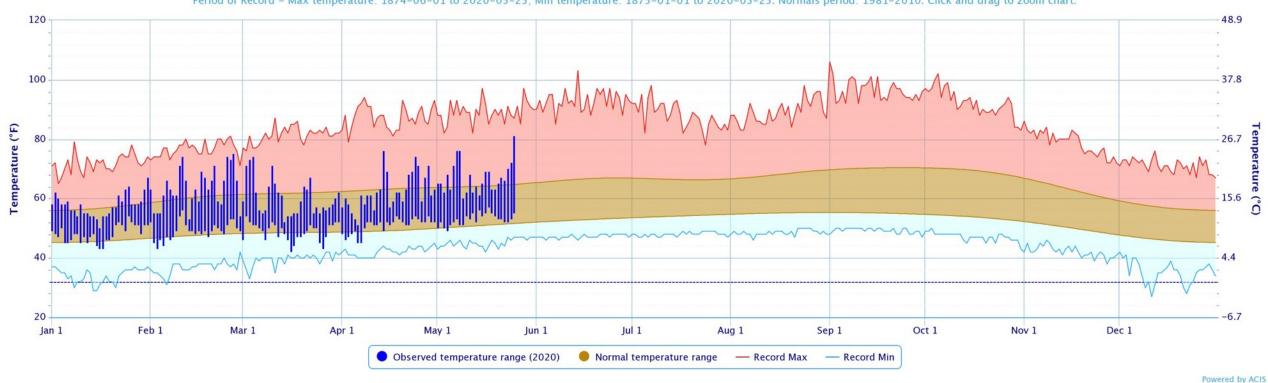
Period of Record - 1893-01-01 to 2020-05-25. Normals period: 1981-2010. Click and drag to zoom chart.





Daily Temperature Data - SAN FRANCISCO DOWNTOWN, CA

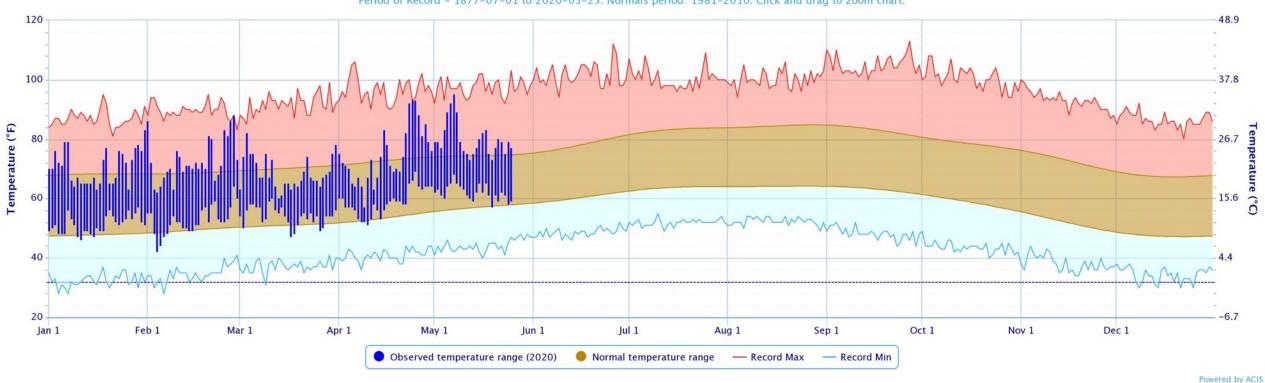
Period of Record - Max temperature: 1874-06-01 to 2020-05-25; Min temperature: 1875-01-01 to 2020-05-25. Normals period: 1981-2010. Click and drag to zoom chart.





Daily Temperature Data - Los Angeles Downtown Area, CA (ThreadEx)

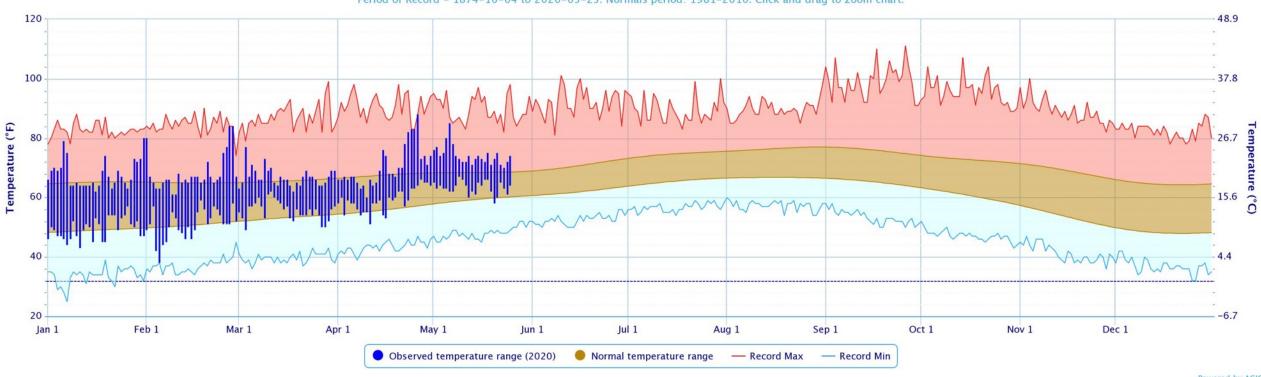
Period of Record - 1877-07-01 to 2020-05-25. Normals period: 1981-2010. Click and drag to zoom chart.





Daily Temperature Data - San Diego Area, CA (ThreadEx)

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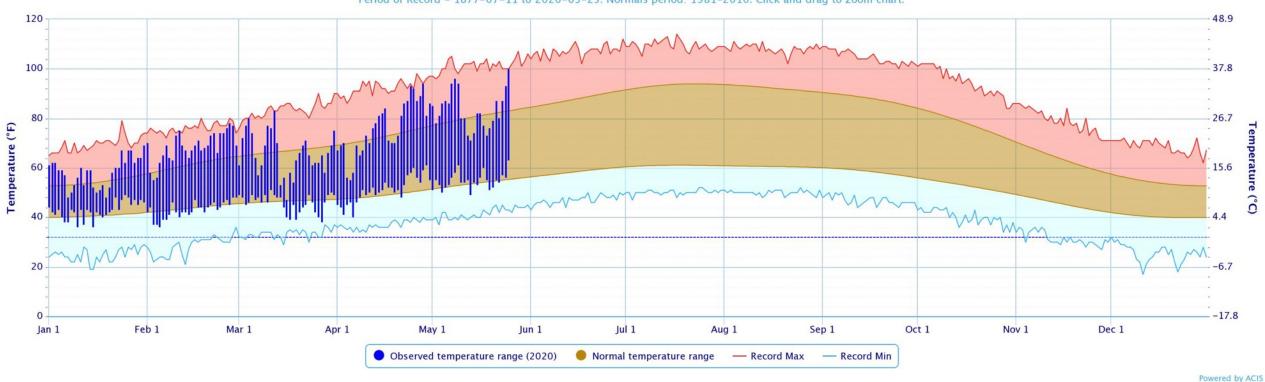


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Daily Temperature Data - Sacramento Downtown Area, CA (ThreadEx)

Period of Record - 1877-07-11 to 2020-05-25. Normals period: 1981-2010. Click and drag to zoom chart.







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NWS Experimental HeatRisk: Identifying Potential Heat Risks in the Seven Day Forecast

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
5/26	5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1

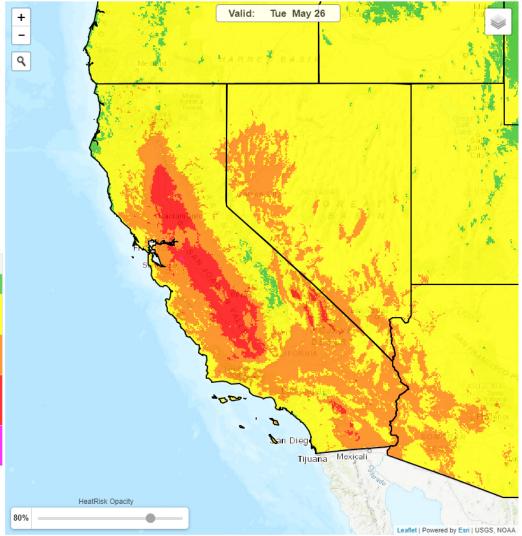
Click map for potential heat risks and NWS forecast for a location.

HeatRisk

More Information

Heat affects everyone differently. In order to better address heat risk and allow you to prepare for upcoming heat events, the NWS has developed the experimental HeatRisk forecast. The NWS HeatRisk forecast provides a quick view of heat risk potential over the upcoming seven days. The heat risk is portrayed in a numeric (0-4) and color (green/yellow/orange/red/magenta) scale which is similar in approach to the Air Quality Index (AQI) or the UV Index. In a similar way, it provides one value each day that indicates the approximate level of heat risk concern for any location, along with identifying the groups who are most at risk. This product is supplementary to the official NWS heat watch/warning/advisory program and is meant to provide continuously available heat risk guidance for those decision makers and heat sensitive populations • who need to take actions at levels that may be below current NWS heat product levels.

Category	Level	Meaning
Green		No Elevated Risk
Yellow	1	Low Risk for those extremely sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration
Orange	2	Moderate Risk for those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration
Red	3	High Risk for much of the population, especially those who are heat sensitive and those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration
Magenta		Very High Risk for entire population due to long duration heat, with little to no relief overnight





Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are



Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible



Indoors

Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC

Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.

weather.gov/heat



Vehicles

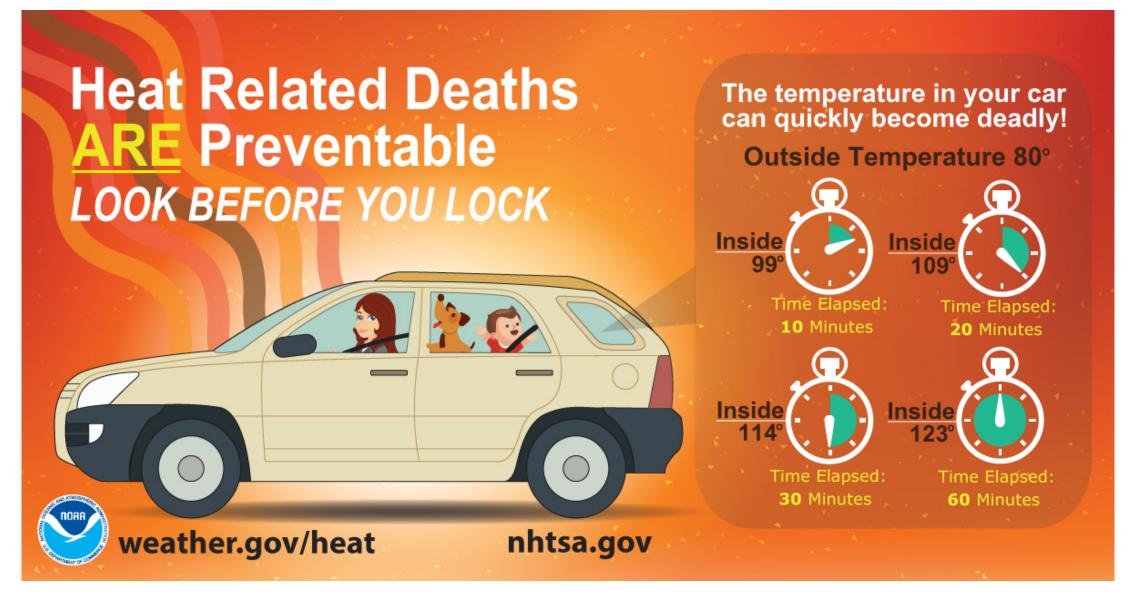
Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK



Outdoors

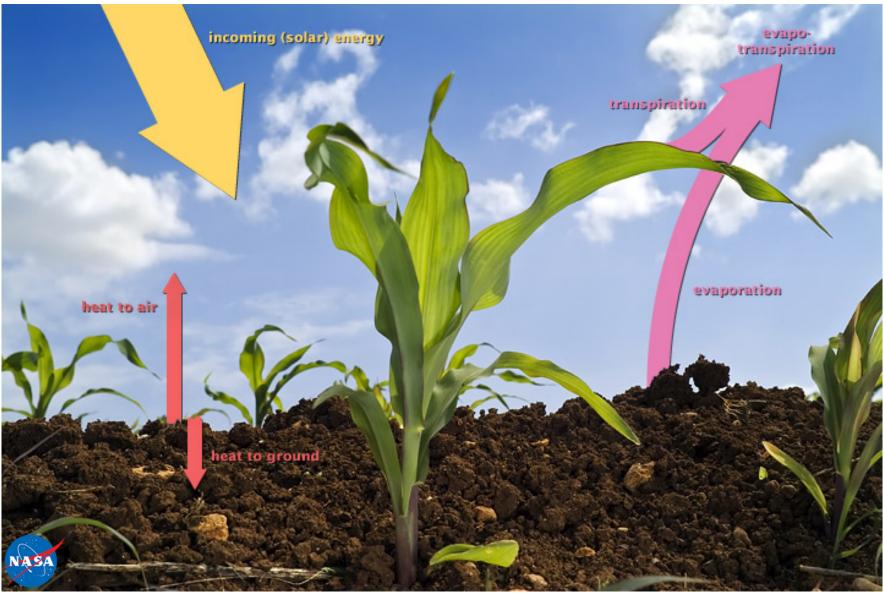
Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated





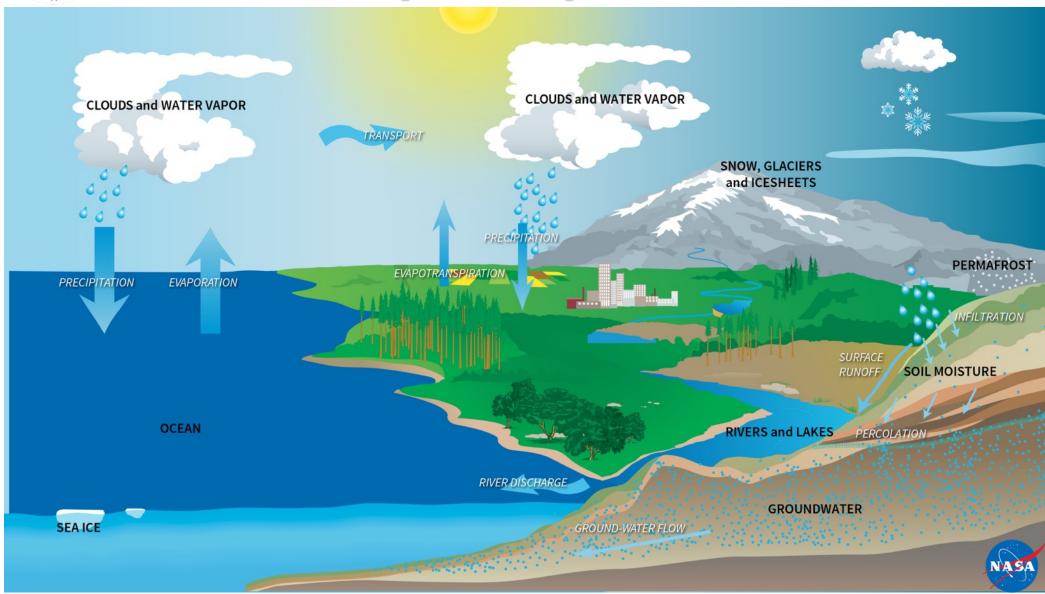


2020 Summer Evapotranspiration





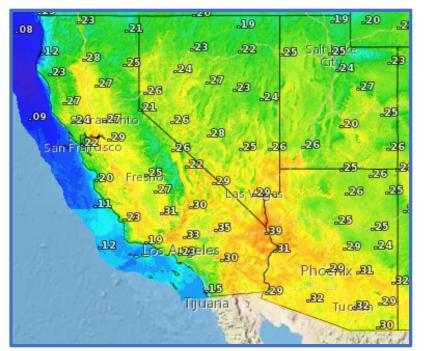
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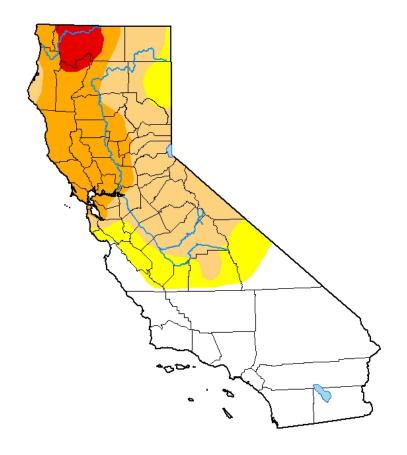
NWS ET Forecast

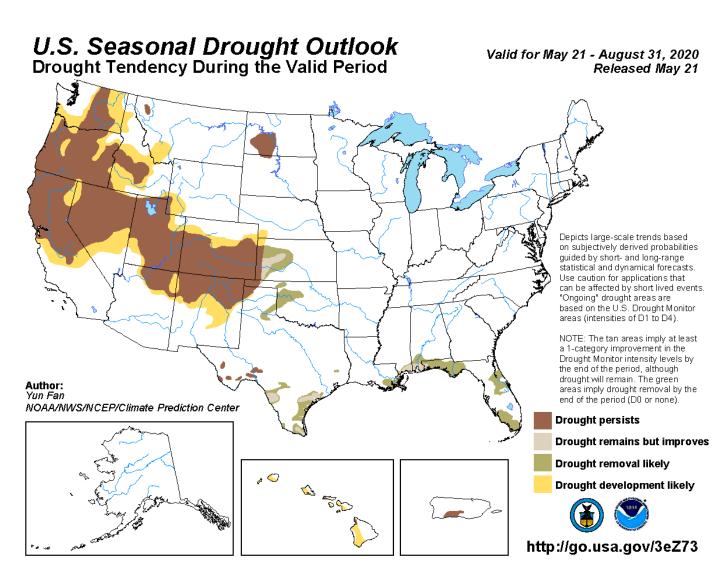


2020 Summer Drought

U.S. Drought Monitor

California



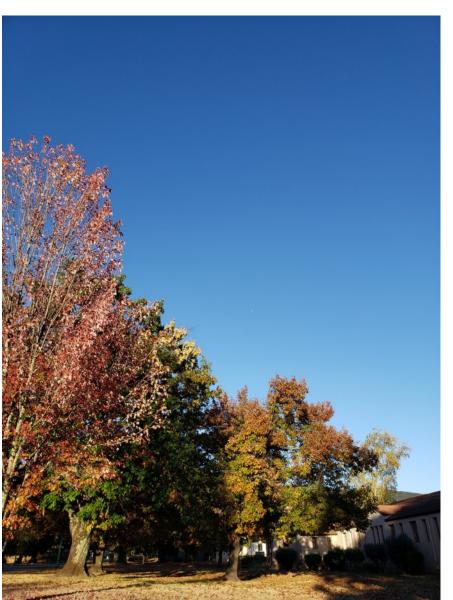




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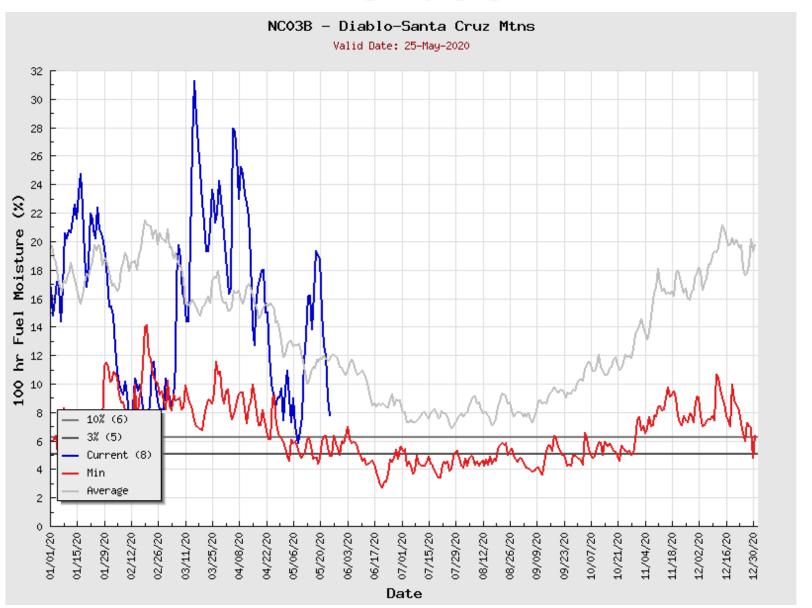




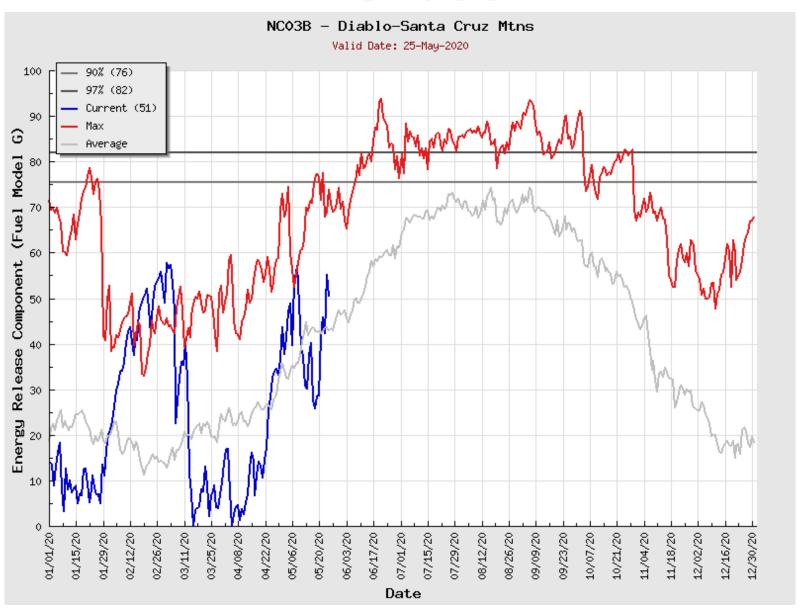




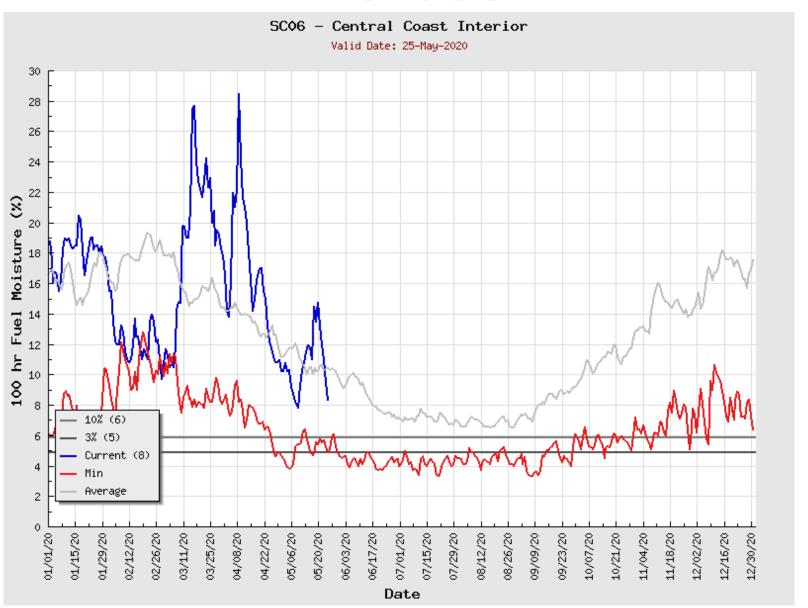




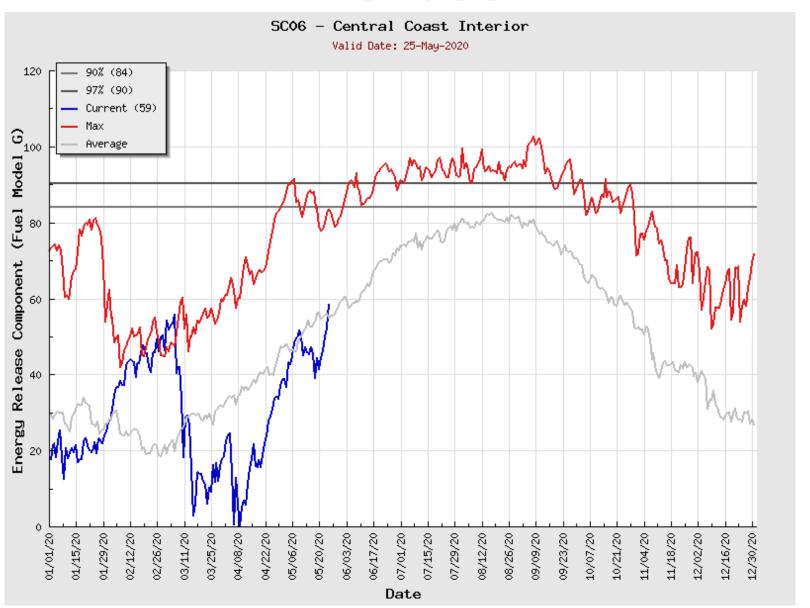








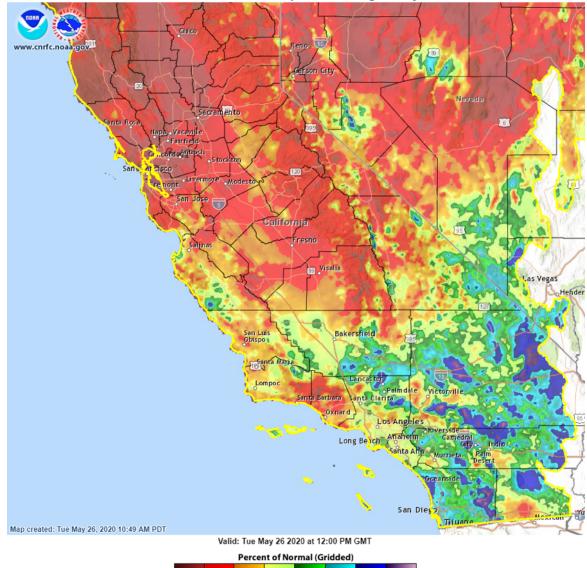






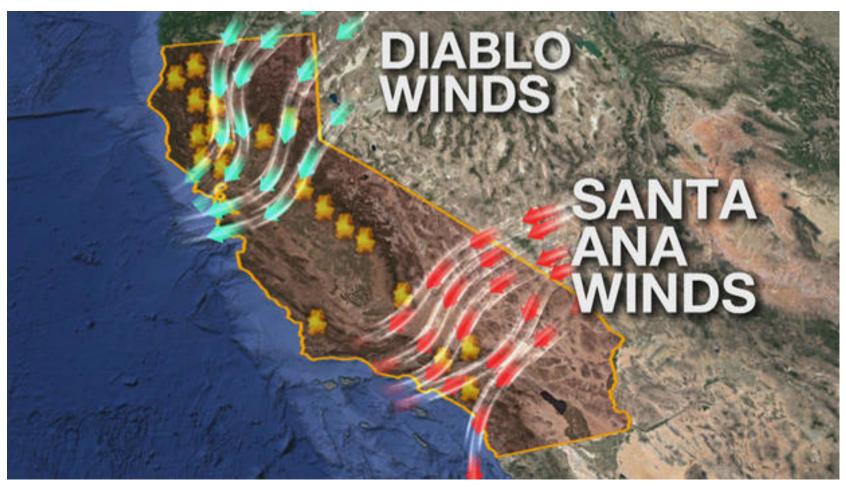
2020 Summer Fire – Drying Fuels

Water Year-to-Date Precip % of Average - May 2020



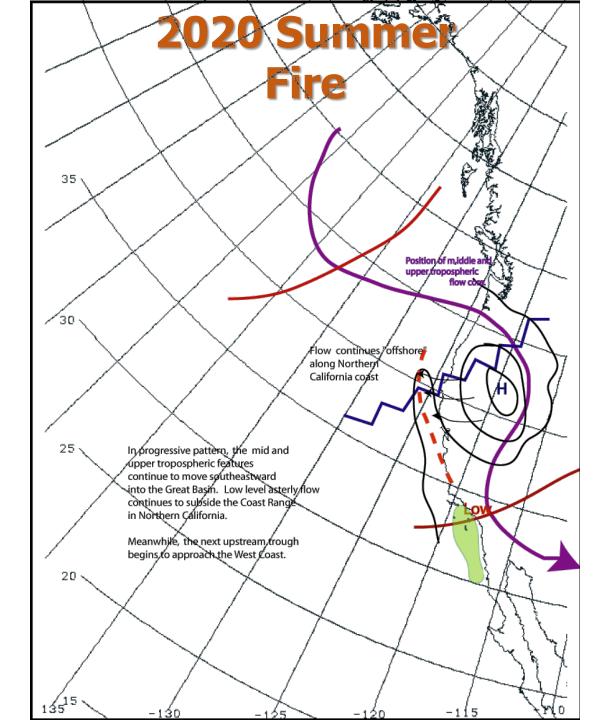


2020 Summer Fire – Offshore Winds



CBS News



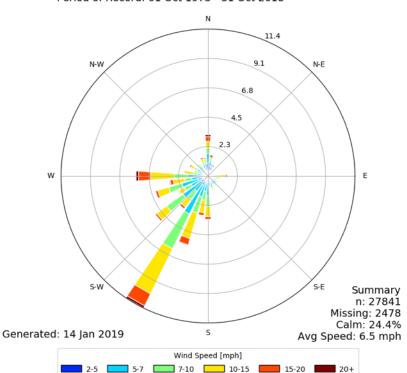




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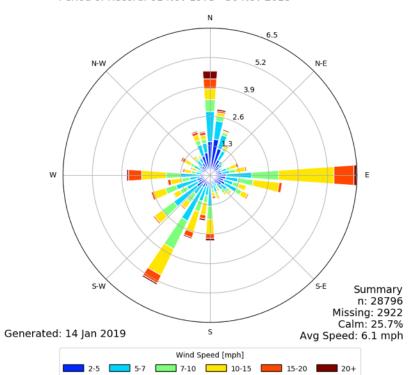


[APC] Napa County Windrose Plot [Time Domain: Oct,] Period of Record: 01 Oct 1973 - 31 Oct 2018



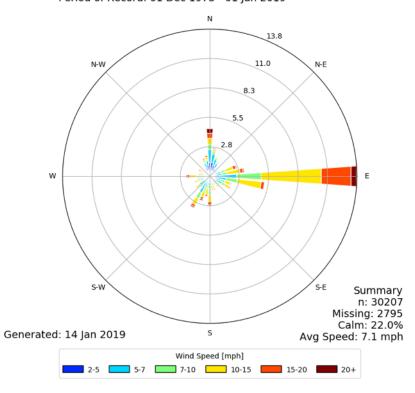


[APC] Napa County Windrose Plot [Time Domain: Nov,] Period of Record: 01 Nov 1973 - 30 Nov 2018





[APC] Napa County Windrose Plot [Time Domain: Dec,] Period of Record: 01 Dec 1973 - 01 Jan 2019

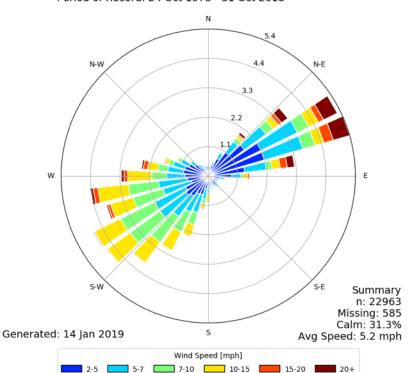




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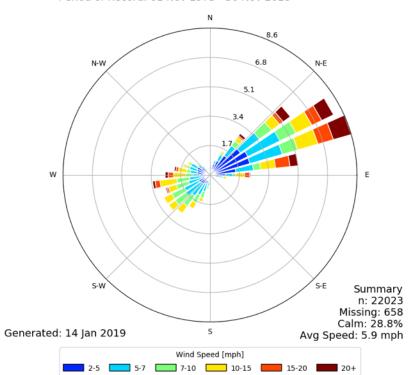


[CMA] CAMARILLO (AWOS) Windrose Plot [Time Domain: Oct,] Period of Record: 24 Oct 1973 - 31 Oct 2018



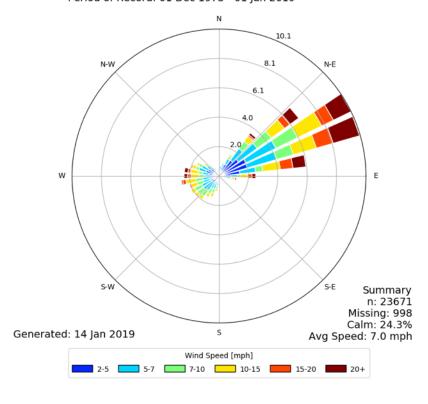


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2020 Summer Fire – Safety





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What Does
WEATHER-READY look like?

Before WILDFIRES

Community members and property owners create a defensible space by clearing brush away from homes and buildings.





2020 Summer Fire – Safety

Prepare for Wildfire with Ready, Set, Go!



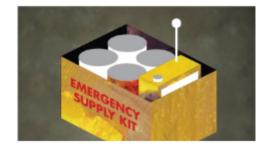
CREATE YOUR DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Create and maintain 100 feet of Defensible Space around your home



HARDEN YOUR HOME

Use ember-resistant building materials to protect your home



GET YOUR KIT READY NOW

Create your own emergency supply kit



CREATE YOUR OWN WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN

Develop your family communication and evacuation plans



PREPARE NOW!

Wildfire Danger is High! Prepare your Family Now.



READY, SET, GO! CAMPAIGN

Access and request campaign materials and graphics





2020 Summer Fire – Red Flag Warning Guidance

Red Flag Guidance/Verification Matrix

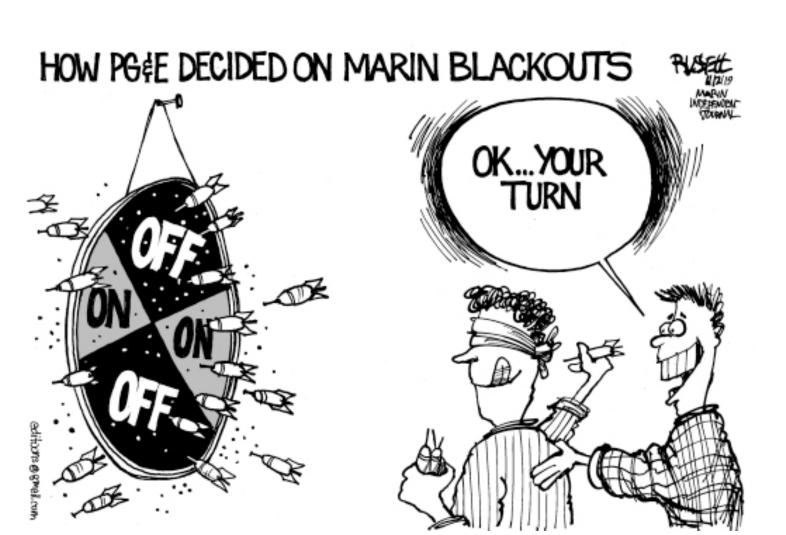
The matrix below assume 10-hour fuel moisture of less than 6%, annual grasses are cured, and no wetting rain (greater than 0.10 inch) has fallen in the past 24 hours.

Relative Humidity	Sustained 20 foot Wind Speed (Note: the wind event should be expected to last at least 8 hours)						
	Sustained Wind	Sustained Wind	Sustained Wind	Sustained Wind			
	6-11 mph	12-20 mph	21-29 mph	30+ mph			
<u>Day MIN 29-42%</u> Ngt MAX 61-80%				RED FLAG WARNING			
Day MIN 19-28% Ngt MAX 46-60%			RED FLAG WARNING	RED FLAG WARNING			
Day MIN 9-18%		RED FLAG	RED FLAG	RED FLAG			
Ngt MAX 30-45%		WARNING	WARNING	WARNING			
<u>Day MIN < 9%</u>	RED FLAG	RED FLAG	RED FLAG	RED FLAG			
<u>Ngt MAX < 30%</u>	WARNING	WARNING	WARNING	WARNING			

To help verifiy Red Flag Warnings the links above will show you what RAWS sites have met the RFW criteria during the last 24 hours. After clicking on the Day MAX or Ngt MAX RH link double check the times on the observations. Both day and night observations will show up.



2020 Summer Fire – PSPS





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While no single factor will drive a Public Safety Power Shutoff, some factors include:



declared by the National Weather Service



LOW HUMIDITY LEVELS

generally 20% and below





FORECASTED SUSTAINED WINDS GENERALLY ABOVE 25 MPH AND WIND GUSTS IN EXCESS OF APPROXIMATELY 45 MPH, depending on

location and site-specific conditions such as temperature, terrain and local climate





CONDITION OF DRY FUEL

on the ground and live vegetation (moisture content)



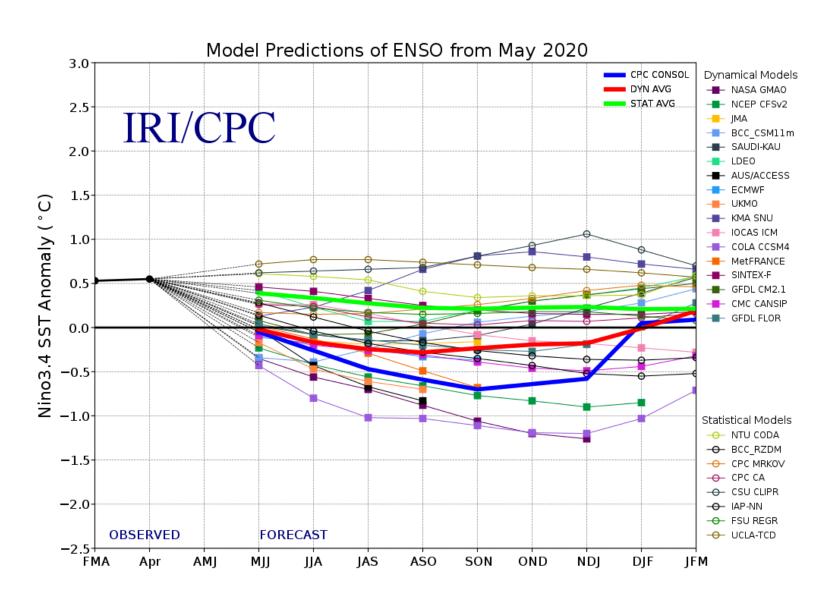
ON-THE-GROUND, REAL-TIME OBSERVATIONS

from PG&E's WSOC and field observations from PG&E crews

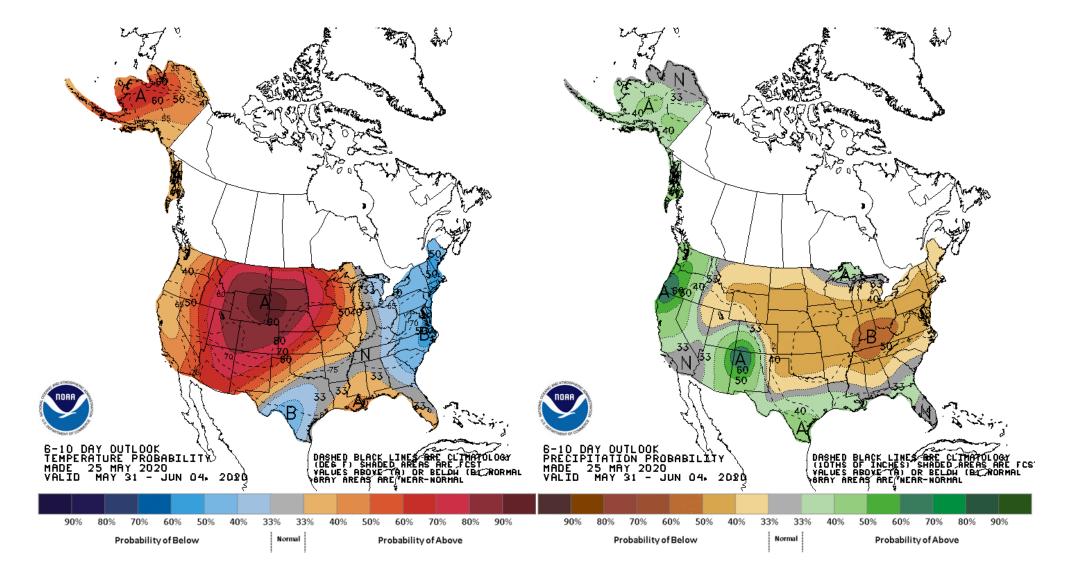
For more information contact your utility provider



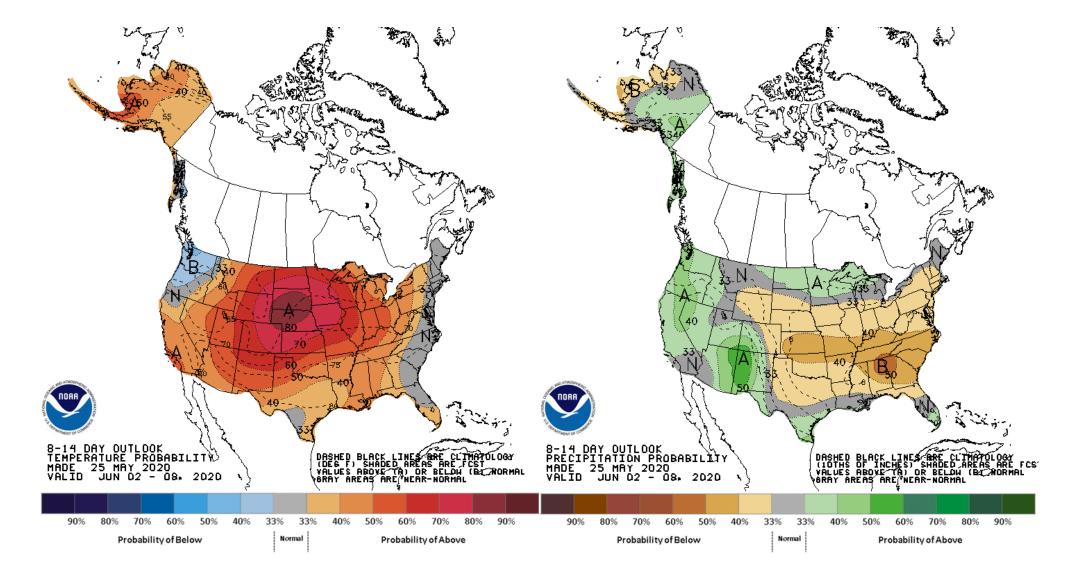
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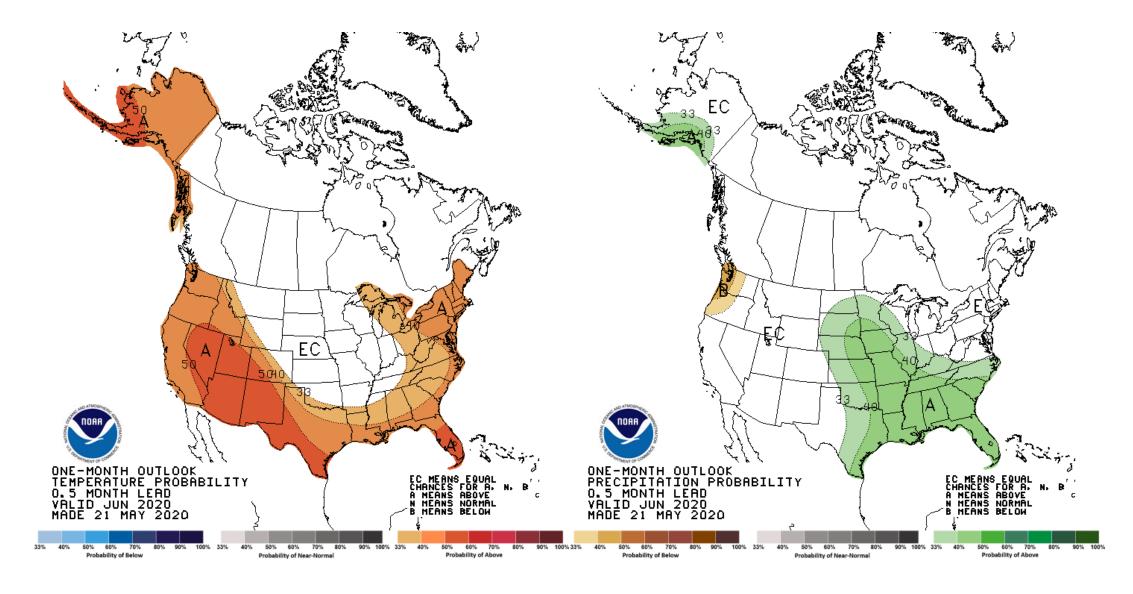




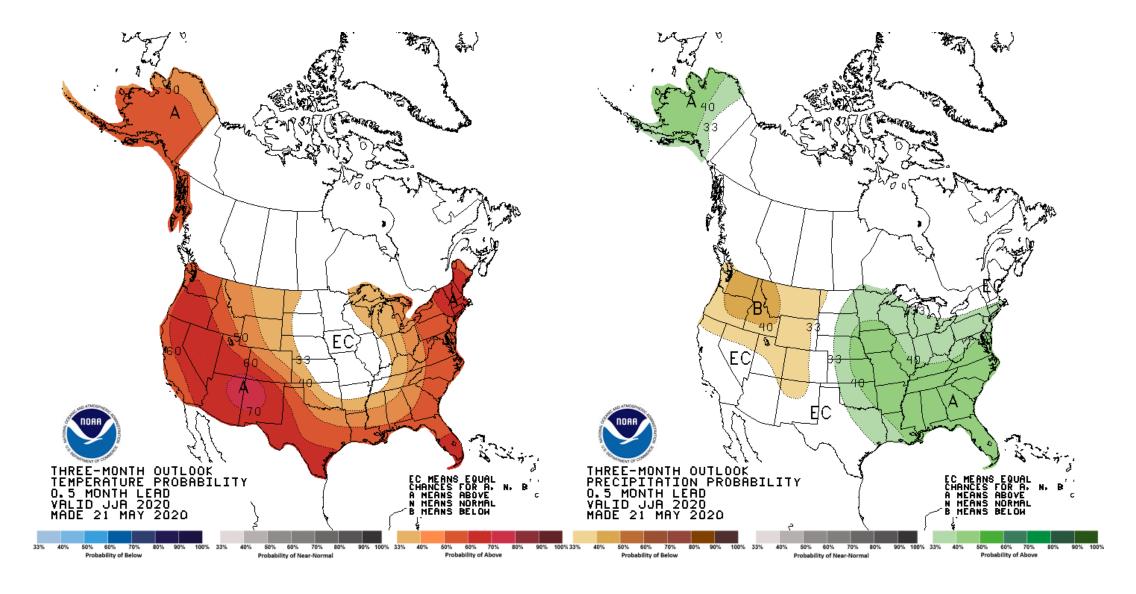




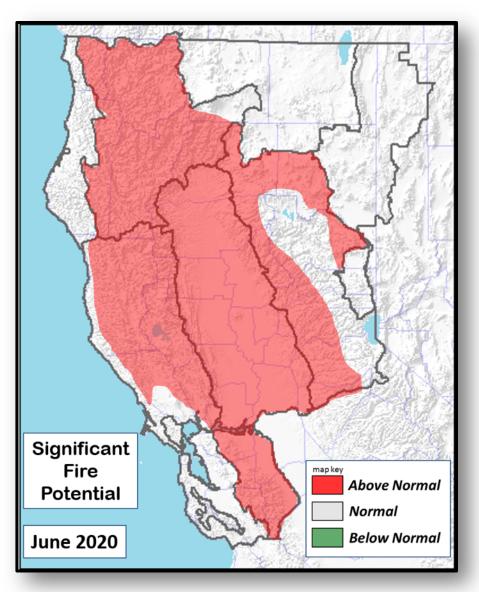












Above Normal Significant Fire Potential most areas west of the Cascade-Sierra crest

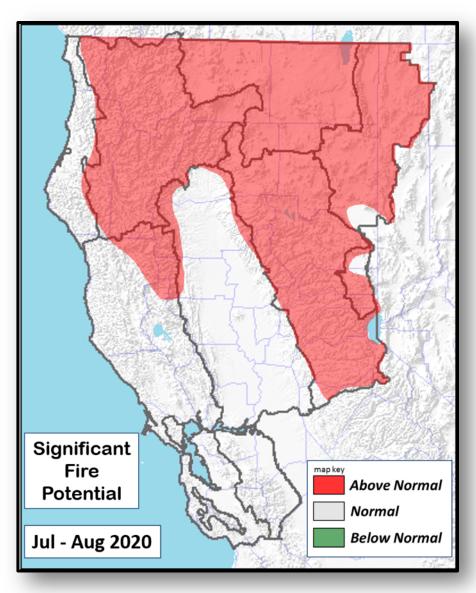
Normal elsewhere

Warmer and drier than avg. with more offshore wind than normal

Occasional weather systems producing lightning

Snow Pack melting off by early June. Little runoff





Above Normal Significant Fire Potential above 3000 ft

Normal elsewhere

Warmer and drier than average

Below normal amount of lightning, but very dry fuels vulnerable to any strikes



SOUTHERN OPERATIONS

MONTHLY/SEASONAL OUTLOOK
ISSUED MAY 1, 2020 VALID MAY - AUGUST 2020



SIGNIFICANT FIRE POTENTIAL



May - August 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Temperatures a little below normal through August.
- Near normal rainfall through June.
- Deeper marine layer than normal through August.
- Less monsoonal thunderstorms than normal July and August.



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