



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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Fire Safety Alert

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The Fire Prevention Bureau has issued a **Fire Safety Alert** for today due to, high winds, low humidities, and high fire danger. If a Wildland fire does occur during this time period expect extreme fire behavior and small fires to become large ones.

DISCUSSION: A SLIGHT UPTICK IN WINDS WILL OCCUR MONDAY WITH SPEEDS GENERALLY RANGING BETWEEN 15 TO 25 KT OVER THE FORECAST AREA. AT LEAST TWO TO THREE HOURS OF LOCALIZED CRITICAL CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN PORTIONS OF CENTRAL AND EAST CENTRAL NEW MEXICO, THUS THE FIRE WEATHER WATCH WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT. TEMPERATURES WILL WARM UP ANOTHER 2 TO 10 DEGREES ON TUESDAY AND CRITICAL WIND CONDITIONS WILL SPREAD OVER MORE OF EAST CENTRAL NEW MEXICO. A BACK DOOR FRONT WILL INTRUDE THE EASTERN PLAINS TUESDAY NIGHT FOLLOWED BY LIGHTER WINDS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY BEFORE ANOTHER FRONT APPROACHES THE NORTHEAST THURSDAY EVENING.

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 86. West wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 5.

FIRE WEATHER WATCH

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FIRE WEATHER WATCH TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING FOR AREAS EAST OF THE SANDIA/MANZANO MOUNTAINS AND PORTIONS OF THE NORTHEAST HIGHLANDS AND EASTERN PLAINS DUE TO STRONG WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITIES.



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STRENGTHENING WESTERLY WINDS ALOFT AND ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES WILL RESULT IN BREEZY TO WINDY CONDITIONS AT THE SURFACE COMBINED WITH LOW HUMIDITY. THE POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS TO BEGIN EAST OF THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS ON MONDAY. THEN AS TEMPERATURES WARM UP MORE AND WINDS INCREASE EXPECT THESE CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS TO SPREAD FARTHER INTO PORTIONS OF THE NORTHEAST HIGHLANDS AND EASTERN PLAINS ON TUESDAY.