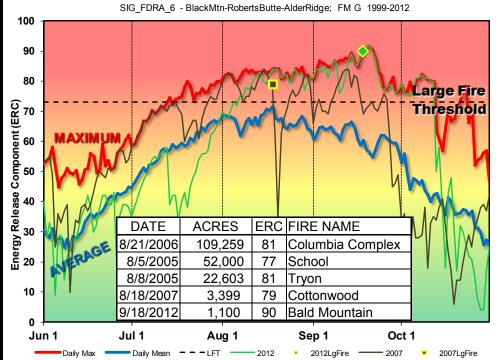


2013 Blue Mountain Adjective Level - FDRA 6: Northern Blues





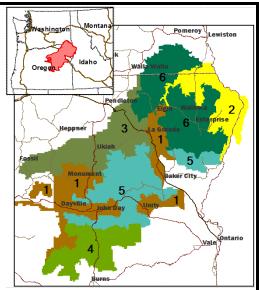






Blue Mountain Interagency Fire Danger PocketCard 2013

- National Forests: Malheur, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman
- ODF Units: John Day, LaGrande, Pendleton, Wallowa
- Wa DNR: portions of SE Region
- 6 Fire Danger Rating Areas (FDRA)
- All 17 weather stations (RAWS) utilized meet NWCG Standards.



Interpretation of Charts:

- ⇒ Title—Describes the Fire Danger Rating Area (FDRA) the chart applies to.
- ⇒ <u>Subtitle</u>—Identifies weather stations (RAWS) utilized, NFDRS fuel model, and years analyzed for that particular FDRA.
- ⇒ MAXIMUM—Highest ERC recorded for that day during the analysis period.
- ⇒ AVERAGE—Average ERC recorded for that day during the analysis period.
- ⇒ <u>Large Fire Threshold</u>—The majority of past fires >300 acres occurred above this ERC value.
- \Rightarrow Year (2007 and 2012) are the ERC values recorded for that season.
- ⇒ Large Fire Symbol—Day fire discovered that resulted in a fire >1,000 ac.
- ⇒ Fuel Model G—Short Needle Conifer with Heavy Dead Down (FM10)

Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

- Energy Release Component (ERC) Indicates fire season severity trends.
 Calculated from 2pm and 24hr min/max temperature and humidity, and 24hr precipitation duration. (Wind is NOT part of calculation)
- PAY ATTENTION to local conditions and variations across the landscape: Fuel, Weather, and Topography.
- ☑ LISTEN to weather forecasts and local weather readings—especially **WIND**.

Critical Thresholds:

- Winds >12 MPH
- Temperature > 90
- RH < 20%
- 1000 hr fuels < 11%
- Live Woody FMC < 80%
- Haines Index 5 or 6

<u>Watchouts</u>: Red Flag Warnings or Very Dry Fuels combined with one of the following:

- Lightning with little or no precipitation.
- Strong Winds combined with Low Humidity, including Dry Cold Front passage.
- Dry Unstable Air Mass—Haines Index 5 or 6, including Surface Thermal Trough Passage.

