

# What is Predictive Services?



Predictive Services is a national program operating out of the Geographic Area Coordination Centers throughout the United States.

### **Predictive Services is comprised of:**

- Meteorologists
- Fire Intelligence Coordinators
- Fire Behavior Analysists

# What is Predictive Services?

Weather Fuels

Predictive Services combines weather, fuels, and resource availability to provide a comprehensive look at fire potential (where and when large fires will occur).







# PREDICTIVE SERVICES

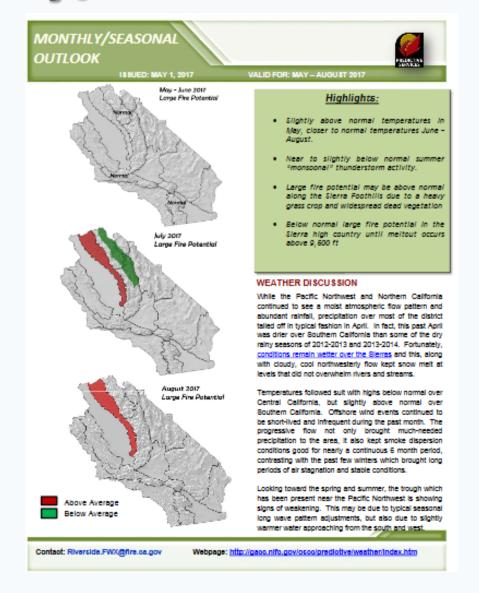
### **Predictive Services**



### **Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACCs)**



# Monthly/Seasonal Outlook



### Webcast



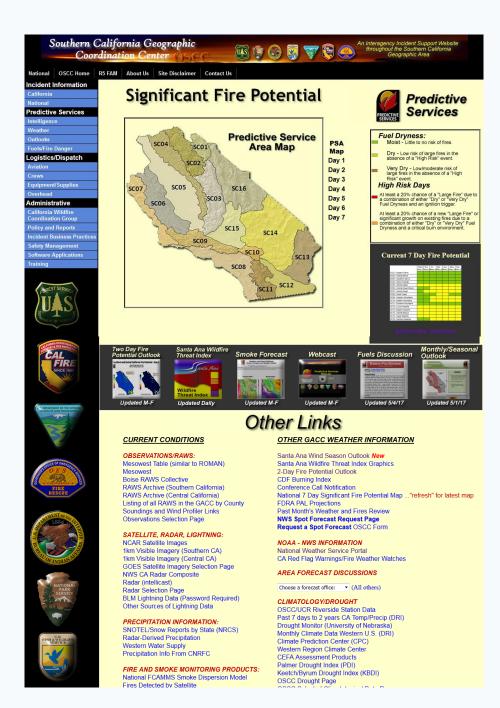
3-5 minute briefing discussing weather, fuels, and fire potential over the next 5-7 days.

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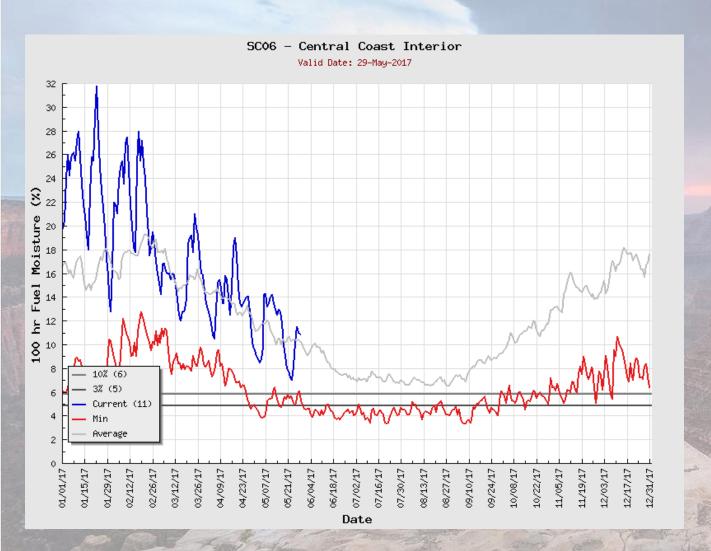
### **Predictive Services products**

- Observations
- Satellite
- Radar
- NWS forecasts
- Fuels
- Intel
- And much more

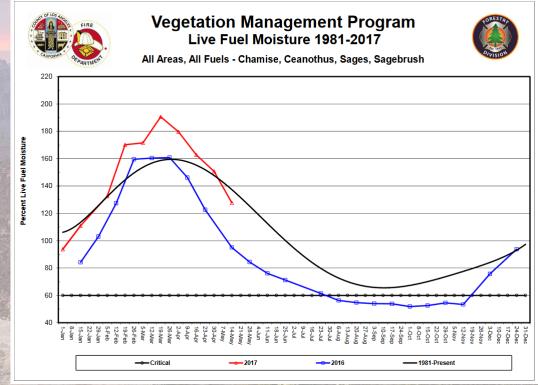
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### **Fuels**

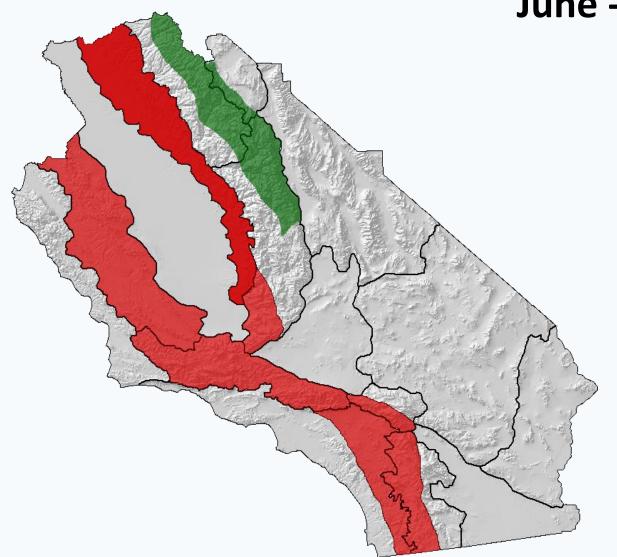






# **Large Fire Potential**

June - July









### Summary

- A significant grass crop this spring will continue to result in a burst in fire activity among the light flashy during the next couple of months. Most of these fires will not result in a significant drain on <u>regional</u> resources, but could require **high** resource demand at the <u>local level</u>. Team deployments will not likely with these incidents as most of these fires, while fast moving, should only last 1 to 2 burning periods.
- Live fuel moisture is above average for this time of year and will likely stay above average or close to average throughout much of the fire season. This means that **significant fire activity** (apart from the initial grass fire surge) **will be slow to develop**. Large fire activity within the heavier fuels may not start until later in **July or August**. However, heavier fuel loading and more decadent, dead material could result in significant fires late in the season.
- There is much uncertainty concerning the Monsoon. It is still too early to tell how strong the monsoon will be but a normal start time of early July is expected.
- Deserts may see a little more fire activity than normal due to greater fuel loading this year.
- With the combination of a robust grass crop and significant tree mortality, the Sierra Foothills in the 3-6 thousand foot elevation will be the most likely area for large fire activity this summer.

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