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<td>- Fire Weather Forecast</td>
<td><strong>Purpose:</strong> Gain experience translating fire weather forecast into a usable briefing.</td>
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<td>- Rick Ochoa</td>
<td><strong>Method:</strong> Students will watch fire weather forecast video segment, listen to a fire weather forecast and then give a briefing.</td>
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<td><strong>Facilitator Note:</strong> The fire weather forecast segment contains information that will be used in the following exercise. The forecast is also included in the FG and SW.</td>
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<td><strong>Facilitator Note:</strong> For the exercise portion of this module one student will be needed to role play as a “dispatcher”. Their role will be reading the fire weather forecast to the entire class.</td>
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<td>Prior to the fire weather forecast briefing, small groups of 3-5 should be formed. Groups should be assigned to one of the two forecast zones; either the <strong>Payette/Boise Zone</strong> or the <strong>Burns/Vale Zone</strong>.</td>
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Have Student Dispatcher read the Fire Weather Forecast:

FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST FOR SW IDAHO AND SE OREGON
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BOISE ID
452 PM MDT SUN AUG 5 2007
...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 8 PM MDT THIS EVENING FOR GUSTY WINDS AND
LOW HUMIDITY FOR THE BOISE AND PAYETTE FOREST WHICH INCLUDES ZONES 401
THROUGH 404...
...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT FOR SCATTERED MAINLY DRY THUNDERSTORMS
THROUGH 8:00 PM MDT AND 7:00 PM PDT FOR THE VALE AND BURNS BLM. THIS INCLUDES
FIRE WEATHER ZONES 636 AND 637...

.DISCUSSION...
UPPER LOW OVER NORTHWEST NEVADA HAS PRODUCED SCATTERED DRY LIGHTNING
OVER THE BURNS AND VALE BLM TODAY BUT CONDITIONS SHOULD STABILIZE EARLY
THIS EVENING. THREAT OF DRY THUNDERSTORMS WILL CONTINUE OVER THE WEST
CENTRAL MOUNTAINS UNTIL DARK. IN ADDITION… GUSTY WINDS TO 20-30 MPH OVER
THE RIDGES SHOULD SUBSIDE BY SUNSET.

IDZ401>404-060015-
WESTERN PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST-EASTERN PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST-
NORTHERN BOISE NATIONAL FOREST-SOUTHERN BOISE NATIONAL FOREST-
452 PM MDT SUN AUG 5 2007

...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 8 PM MDT THIS EVENING FOR GUSTY WINDS AND
LOW RH...
.REST OF TODAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED DRY THUNDERSTORMS.
THUNDERSTORMS MAY PRODUCE GUSTY WINDS OF 40 TO 50 MPH.
MAX TEMPERATURE.....70 TO 85.
24 HR TREND........ON AVERAGE...2 DEGREES COOLER.
MIN HUMIDITY.....13 TO 22 PERCENT.
24 HR TREND........ON AVERAGE...UNCHANGED.
20-FOOT WINDS.......
VALLEYS............SOUTHWEST 8 TO 11 MPH.
RIDGES................SOUTHWEST 8 TO 14 MPH...WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 25 MPH.
HAINES INDEX.....5 MODERATE.
LAI....................2.
CWR /0.10 INCH/....10 PERCENT.
SMOKE DISPERSAL:
MIXING HEIGHT......8500-10500 FT AGL.
TRANSPORT WINDS....SOUTHWEST 10 TO 20 MPH.

ORZ636-637-060015-
BURNS BLM-VALE BLM-
452 PM MDT SUN AUG 5 2007 /352 PM PDT SUN AUG 5 2007/

...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 8 PM MDT /7 PM PDT/ THIS
EVENING FOR SCATTERED DRY THUNDERSTORMS...
REST OF TODAY...
SKY/WEATHER........PARTLY CLOUDY. SCATTERED DRY THUNDERSTORMS. THUNDERSTORMS MAY PRODUCE GUSTY WINDS.
MAX TEMPERATURE.....80 TO 90.
24 HR TREND......ON AVERAGE...2 DEGREES COOLER.
MIN HUMIDITY......7 TO 14 PERCENT.
24 HR TREND......ON AVERAGE...UNCHANGED.
20-FOOT WINDS......
VALLEYS............SOUTHWEST 9 TO 15 MPH.
RIDGES...............SOUTHWEST 11 TO 17 MPH...WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 30 MPH.
HAINES INDEX.....5 MODERATE.
LAL...............2.
CWR /0.10 INCH/.....0 PERCENT.

FORECAST DAYS 3 THROUGH 7...
.TUESDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS 45 TO 60. HIGHS 75 TO 90. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.
.WEDNESDAY...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 45 TO 60. HIGHS 75 TO 90. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.
.THURSDAY...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 50 TO 60. HIGHS 75 TO 95. WEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH.
.FRIDAY...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 50 TO 65. HIGHS 80 TO 95.
.SATURDAY...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 50 TO 65. HIGHS 80 TO 95.

End of Fire Weather Forecast

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<td><strong>Facilitator Note:</strong> Groups should now prepare to give a briefing based on the fire weather forecast they just received. Exercise instructions from the SW have been included below:</td>
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<td><strong>Group Exercise:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Scenario:</strong> It is August 5th at 1652. Your group is a squad on a 20 person hand crew. Your individual task will be listening to the day’s afternoon fire weather forecast and prepare to give a briefing to the rest of your crew which will soon be starting a burnout operation. The facilitator will determine which forecast zone you are working in.</td>
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<td><strong>Task:</strong> As a group, determine the following:</td>
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<td>• What information from the forecast would be useful for your briefing?</td>
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• What information would you leave out and why?
• Based on the forecast for your zone, are there any safety concerns that you would emphasize or focus on?

(Suggested time: 10 minutes)

Facilitator Note:
After the groups have answered the questions in the SW, facilitate a class discussion.

Class Discussion:
• Have groups give examples of what information they included and left out of their briefings.
• What were the similarities and differences between the two forecast zones?
• What are the safety concerns to be aware of?

(Suggested time: 5 minutes)