



## Predictive Services Weekly Outlook Wed Oct 20 – Tue Oct 26 2004

**Northern Rockies Discussion** ...Last weekly outlook this year...Unsettled and cooler with rain/snow showers more numerous western Montana and Idaho...

**Wednesday (10/19) through Tuesday (10/26):** A broad trough of low pressure over the western U.S. will continue cool unsettled weather across the Geographic Area this week. A series of frontal systems will sweep across the Area every few days accompanied by gusty winds and showery periods more numerous in the western half of the Area. The first front is expected to enter western portions of the Area Wednesday with mixed rain and snow showers in the valleys and snow showers in the mountains. Showers will continue to move east but will be less numerous than in the west. Skies will be partly to mostly cloudy between frontal systems with temperatures near normal in the west and below normal in the east through the period. Winds will be generally less than 15 mph except for a few hours before and after frontal systems. Recent moisture across the Geographic Area has lowered fire potential to normal or below normal except in southeast Montana and portions of eastern North Dakota while 1000-hr fuels have improved. These areas are expected to drop below normal during this week as cool temperatures and showery conditions dominate the Geographic Area.

<b>Northern Rockies</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIRE DANGER</b>	<b>WEATHER</b>
Wed-Tue	10/20-10/26	Normal to below normal except above normal southeast Montana and eastern North Dakota. All areas expected to be normal to below normal by the end of this week.	Frontal system will bring rain & snow showers valleys with mountain snow showers west. Scattered rain or snow showers east. Partly to mostly cloudy between systems. Temperatures near normal west and below normal east. Winds generally less than 15 mph except gusty vicinity frontal systems.

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