

MONTHLY FIRE WEATHER/FIRE DANGER OUTLOOK

1. REPORTING UNIT: **Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center**
2. DATE: **October 25, 2004 (Outlook for November 2004)**
3. POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS/CRITICAL FIRE PROBLEMS

THIS COMING MONTH	BELOW NORMAL		NORMAL	X	ABOVE NORMAL	
THIS SEASON	BELOW NORMAL		NORMAL	X	ABOVE NORMAL	

COMMENTS

Little, if any, wildland fire activity is expected during the month of November, which is normal for this time of year in the RMA.

4. FIRE WEATHER OUTLOOK (To address the following factors)
DROUGHT CONDITIONS

RMA: Drought categories range from a minimum of "No Drought-Moderate Drought" over eastern Colorado, Kansas, eastern Nebraska, and South Dakota, to "Moderate Drought-Extreme Drought" over Wyoming, western Colorado, with "Exceptional Drought" in northeast Wyoming.

PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK

RMA November Precipitation: Average over the RMA.

TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

RMA November Temperatures: Average over the RMA.

5. FUELS

FINE - GRASS STAGE	GREEN		CURED	X		
NEW GROWTH	SPARSE		NORMAL		ABOVE NORMAL	

LIVE FUEL MOISTURE (sage, deciduous, conifer)

As the area is in its fall season, fuels are curing or cured.

1000-HOUR DEAD FUEL MOISTURE

For most of the RMA, 1000-hour dead fuel moistures are above average and on an upward trend. The exception to this is the Front Range of Colorado where 1000-hour dead fuel moistures are average and on a downward trend.

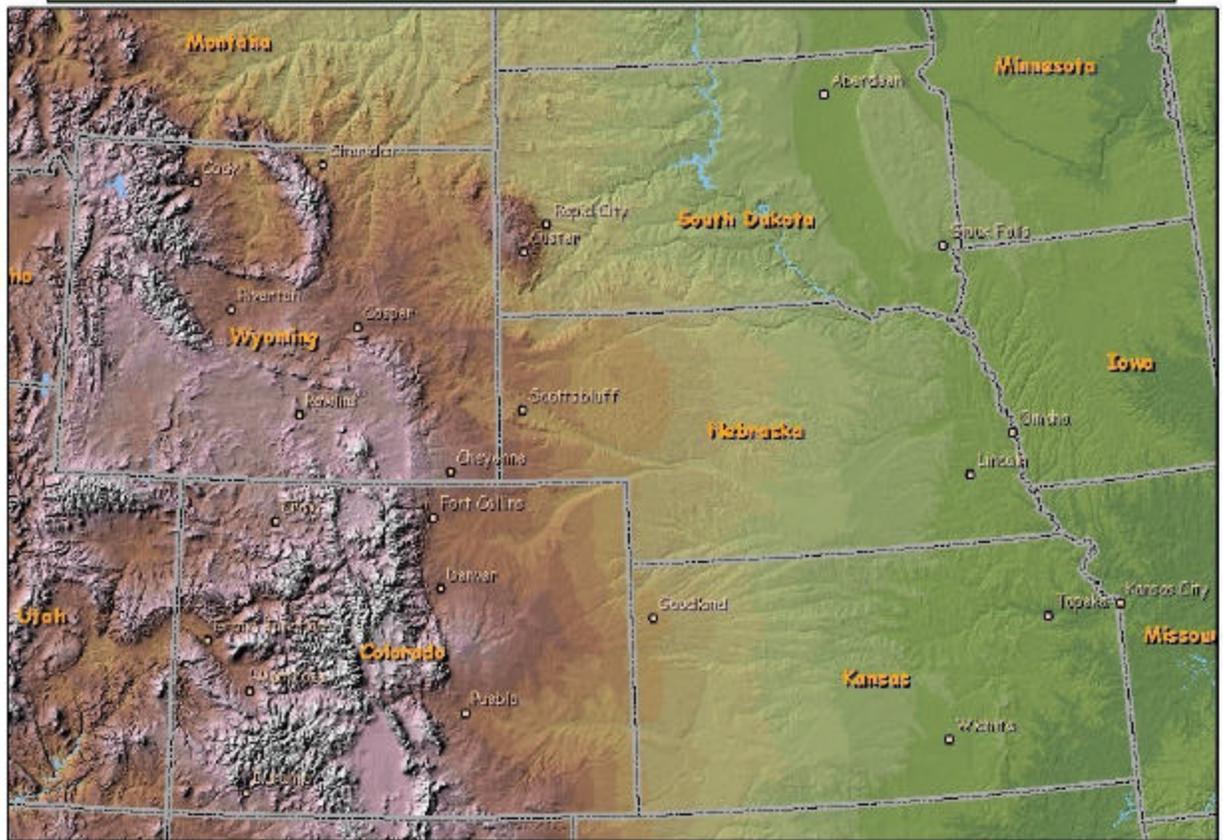
NORMAL/AVERAGE FUEL MOISTURES FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR

NDVI Departure from Average Greenness shows that fuel moistures are average for this time of year across the RMA.

6. AVERAGE FIRE OCCURRENCE/ACRES BURNED (to date 5 year average): **3,534/296,854**
7. ACTUAL OCCURRENCE/ACRES BURNED (to date this year): **1,845/44,364**
8. WRITTEN SUMMARY

November is normally one of the snowier months of the year over the RMA. By the beginning of the month much of the higher terrain is normally snow covered. Recent weather trends and long range outlooks show no significant variation from a normal November weather pattern in the RMA. Generally, fuel moistures are average for this time of year. Higher elevations already have received some snow. Fire potential is expected to be normal for this time of year across the RMA.

Rocky Mountain Area Monthly Fire Potential Outlook for **November**



Legend	
■	Areas of Above Normal Fire Potential
■	Areas of Below Normal Fire Potential
	State Boundary
	No color overlay indicates Areas of Normal Fire Potential



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