

Wildfire Risk Reduction

Hello everyone,

For those of you who are on our regular mailing list you know that our Spring/Summer Newsletter released in early June contained information on the projected high-risk wildfire season this year. This has certainly come to pass so far for our area, and the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise is projecting these conditions to continue through September according to their July 1 Wildland Fire Potential Outlook.

The National Weather Service is also predicting hotter and drier than normal conditions for the rest of the summer, and the national Drought Monitor and Outlook indicates continuing severe drought for our area, all of which elevate wildfire risk.

I want to urge everyone to take precautions to reduce wildland fire risk to your home and outbuildings and have an evacuation plan.

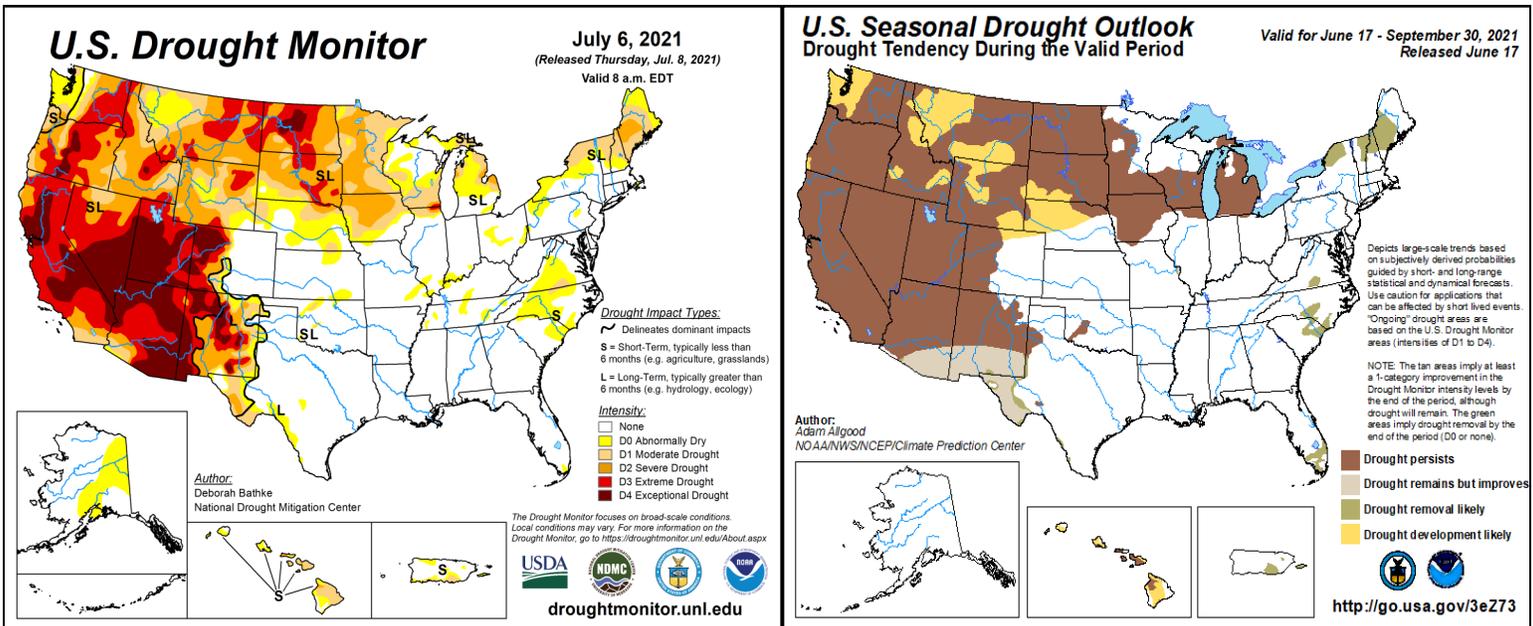
The basics of reducing the risk of wildfire to your home and outbuildings are to remove flammable material away from your structures and protect your home from embers by screening vents, keeping decks and porches clear of flammable material (including deck chairs and other flammable furniture), and making sure that gutters and window wells are free of debris.

For additional information on protecting your home see the publication "Living with Fire" at the following link: uidaho.edu/clearwater. This publication will give you the specifics on how to reduce the risk of wildfire to your home based on its location and other factors.

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You can also visit our Extension web site at uidaho.edu/clearwater and view a video of a wildland fire risk reduction Zoom workshop that was delivered June 29 that includes a couple of embedded videos on the risk of embers and wildland fire.

In addition, the following web sites provide up-to-date information on current wildfires burning in our area including fire perimeters, fire spotting, daily growth, etc.

- <http://www.idahofireinfo.com/>
- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>
- <https://maps.nwcg.gov>
- <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-news-feed/>

For additional information contact UI Extension, Clearwater County, clearwater@uidaho.edu, 208-476-4434

Be safe this summer!

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