

Wildfire Prevention Week April 20, 2017

Most television stations, radio stations, and newspapers deliver weather information to the public on a daily basis. The daily weather report has some things that can help you determine whether fire danger is elevated. Almost all weather reports include the predicted temperatures, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, and chances of precipitation. Key things to watch for are warm temperatures, relative humidity below 40%, and wind speeds greater than 10 miles per hour (15 km/h). Most weather reports also include sky conditions such as “Sunny” or “Partly Cloudy”. This is important to watch because as more of the sun’s radiation reaches the vegetation, the faster the vegetation dries out and is easier to ignite. On days that it rains in the morning, but it gets hot, dry and sunny afterward, the fire danger can remain high.

Check out these great public service videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6Fskq9a7uI>