

Fire Behavior Outlook for Tues, July 26 2004

Just a note from the National Weather Service out of Duluth.

FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DULUTH MN
700 AM CDT MON JUL 26 2004

...SEVERE FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY OCCUR TUESDAY AFTERNOON...

.DISCUSSION...THE DRY AND SUNNY WEATHER WILL CONTINUE OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS...WITH HUMIDITIES AGAIN DROPPING INTO THE 30-40 PERCENT RANGE TODAY AND TUESDAY. THE MAIN CONCERN OVER THE NEXT COUPLE DAYS IS ON TUESDAY...AS TEMPERATURES RISE INTO THE 80S...WINDS INCREASE TO NEAR 20 MPH AND HUMIDITIES REMAIN IN THE 30-40 PERCENT RANGE. THIS COMBINATION MAY RESULT IN CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS... ESPECIALLY IF HUMIDITIES DROP A BIT MORE THAN EXPECTED. THE MAIN AREA OF CONCERN IS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FALLS...GRAND RAPIDS... BRAINERD AND AITKIN AREAS. THE NEXT CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION WILL ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY. NO MAJOR RAINFALL EVENTS ARE EXPECTED THROUGH WEEKS END...BUT SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ARE EXPECTED AS THE WEATHER BECOMES MORE UNSETTLED AS THE RESULT OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE MOVING IN FROM THE NORTHWEST.

So far the Grand Forks office has not issued a critical fire weather warning for the West or northwest portions of the State.

More information will follow tonight or tomorrow.