# WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS BRIEFING

***May 26, 2015***

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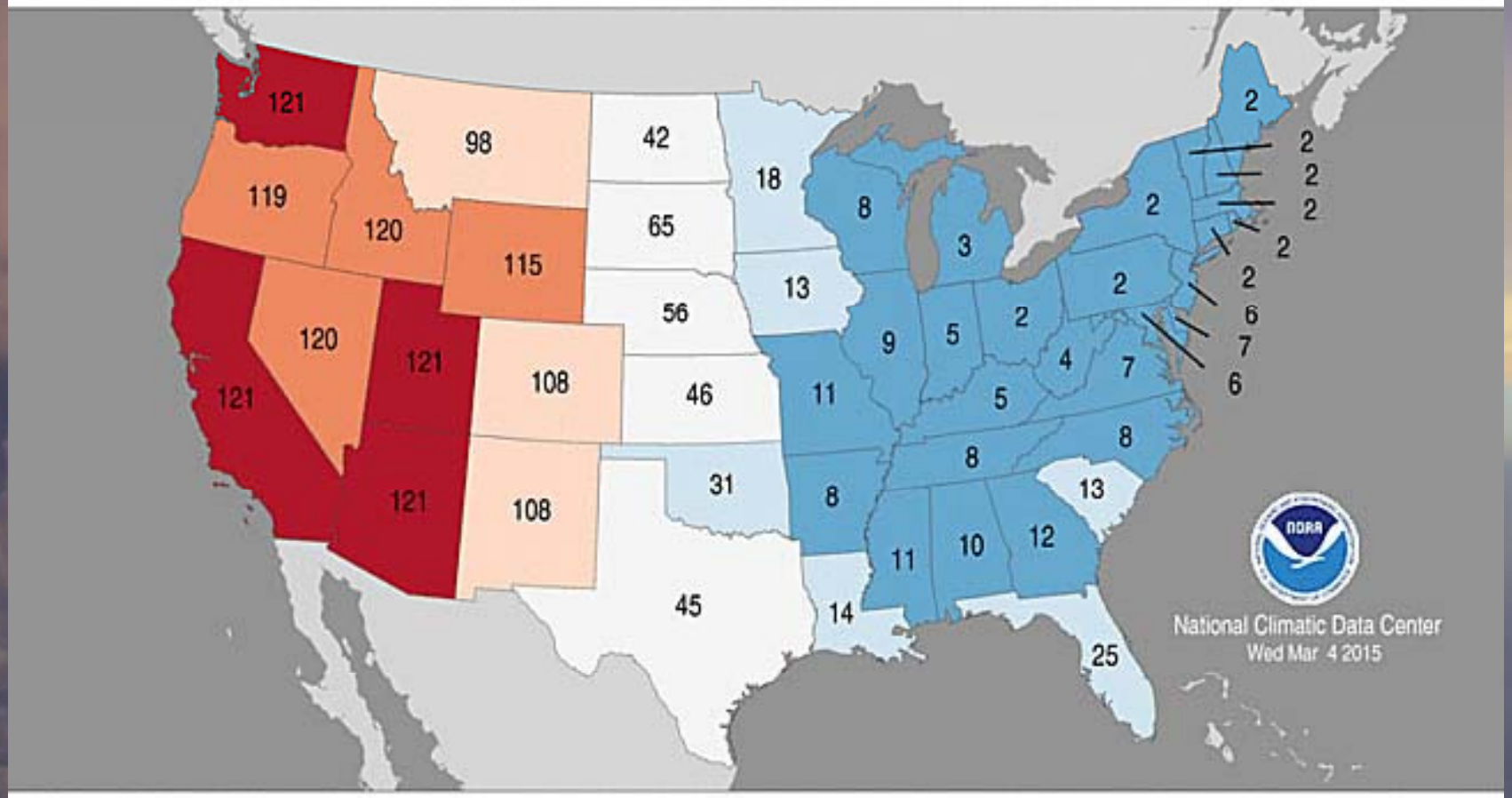
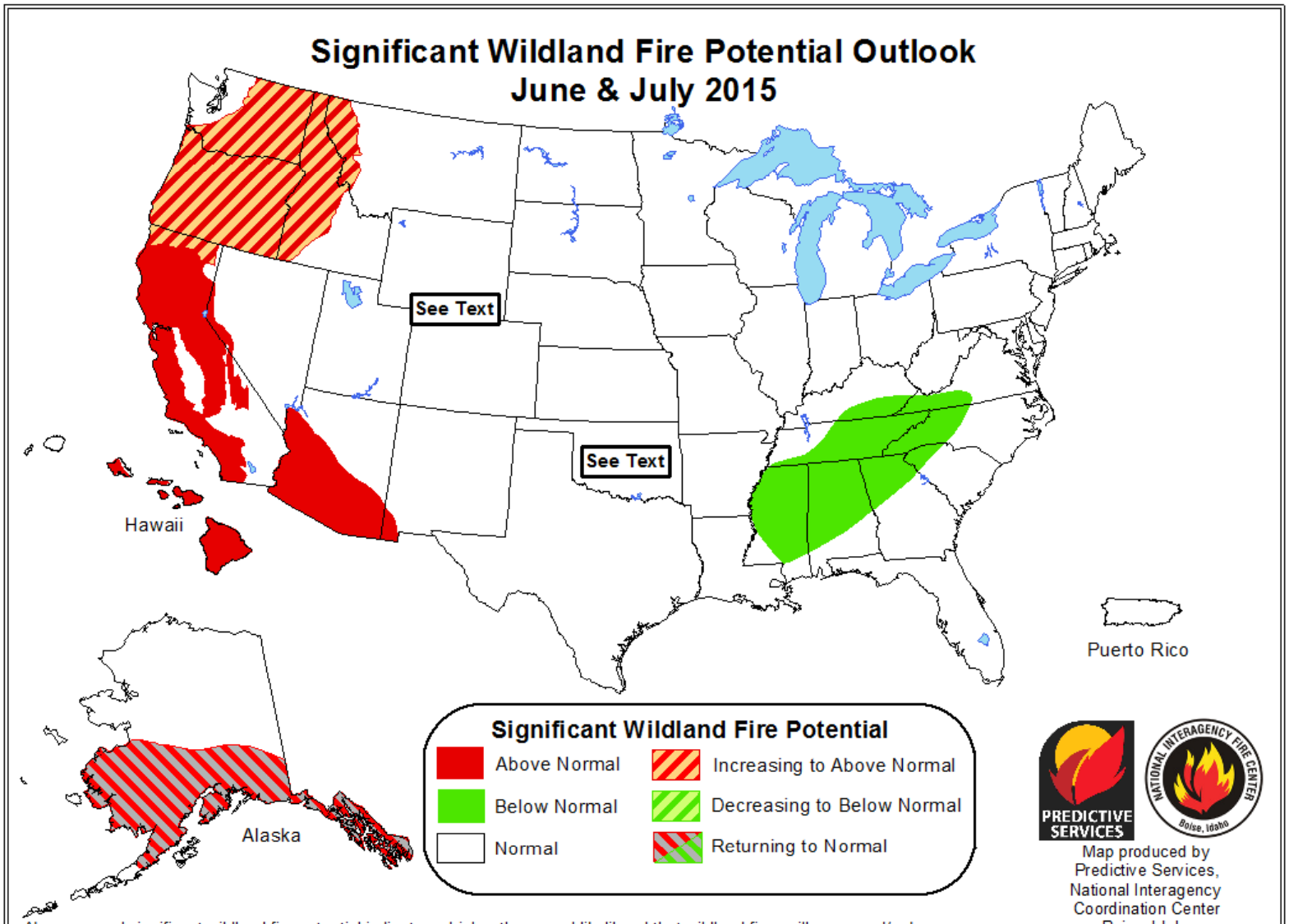
# Statewide Average Temperature Ranks

February 2015

Period: 1895–2015

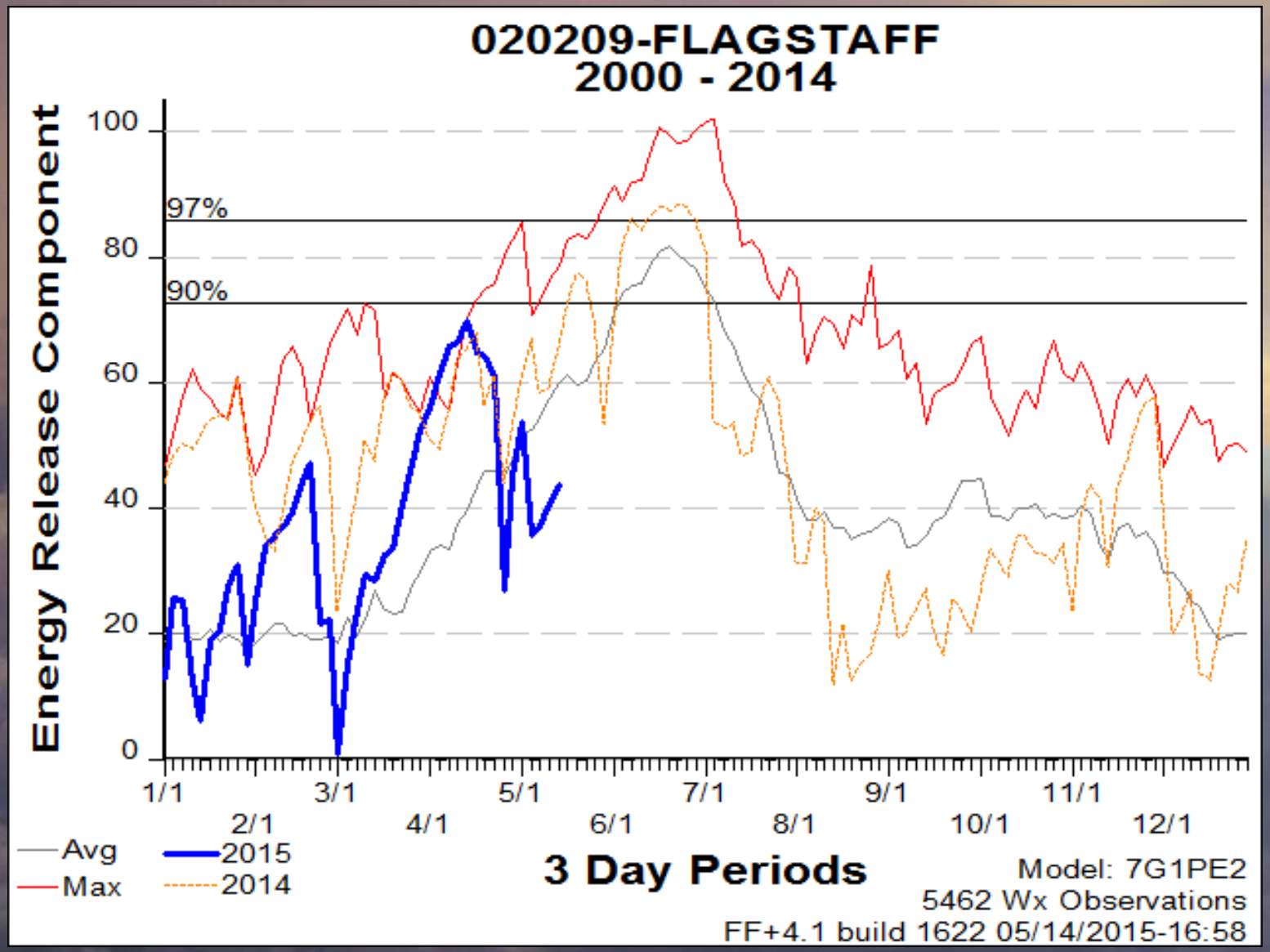


# June and July Forecast




Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a higher than usual likelihood that wildland fires will occur and/or become significant events. Wildland fires are still expected to occur during forecasted normal conditions as would usually be expected during the outlook period. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.

# Local ERC Value



# 2015 Focus Areas

- ***Prevention –***
  - ***Shelter presentations & Woods Watch***
  - ***Joint patrols w/PD***
- ***Preparedness –***
  - ***Wildfire Preparedness Day***

    ***May 2nd: State Farm Insurance award***
    ***District projects***
    ***Firewise Landscaping contest***
  - ***Restrictions & Closure Plan***
  - ***Weekly coordination calls - Preparedness Updates***

# 2015 Focus Areas

- ***Preparedness (cont)***
  - ***Training:***
    - ***AZ Wildfire Academy***
    - ***Annual Refresher***
    - ***Media Orientation***
    - ***Risk Management  Exercise***
- ***Response:***
  - ***City Crew 1***
  - ***Severity Unit(s)***
- ***Recovery:*** ***as required***

# COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS

FLAGSTAFF WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT

FOUR FOREST RESTORATION INITIATIVE

PONDEROSA FIRE P·F·A·C ADVISORY COUNCIL

GREATER FLAGSTAFF FORESTS PARTNERSHIP
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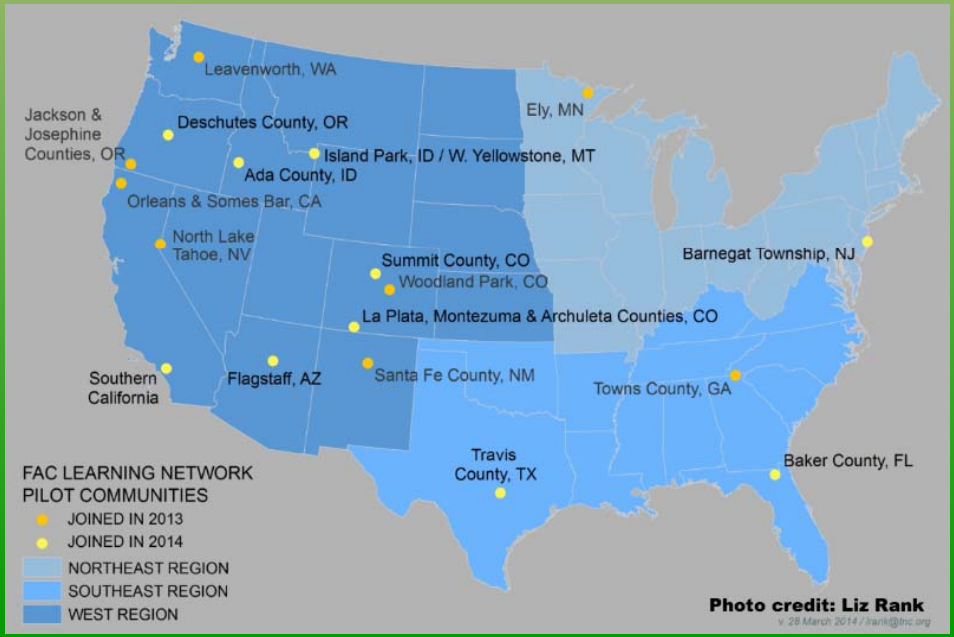
***Fire Adapted Communities →***



# Law Enforcement
# Fire Prevention Patrols

- **Proactive patrols typically start in May. This year, the PD began preparing for forest patrols in April**
- **Patrols begin when weather becomes more moderate due to a "Necessity" clause in the city camping ordinance**
  - ***Fire danger is lower during (most) winter months due to precipitation***

# Law Enforcement
# Fire Prevention Patrols

## Patrol Efforts

- **Early morning patrols in the wooded areas of Flagstaff to address illegal camping and campfires**
- **Night time flights looking for illegal campsites and campfires begin in coordination with fire restrictions**
  - ***Fire assets are directed to the area by personnel on the flight***
- **The Justice Assistance Grant will be used to pay overtime costs associated with evening flights**
  - ***1 officer daily for 2 - 3 hours***

**Evening air patrols conducted with CCSO**

# Law Enforcement
# Fire Prevention Patrols

## Woods Watch Volunteers

- **The Woods Watch program will be coordinated with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office again this year**
  - ***First class is scheduled for May 27th***
  - ***Woods Watch volunteers aid law enforcement by reporting violations of forest closure restrictions***

# Coconino County

- Participation in weekly fire restriction conference calls
- Prepared to enact county fire restrictions when appropriate
- Prepared to restrict use and sales of permissible consumer fireworks when allowed by law
- AZ Dept. of Military and Emergency Affairs briefed and prepared to assist when requested.

# Coconino County

## PFAC Full Scale Exercise

- Firefighter training
- Incident Command / Unified Command
- EOC / ICP Interface
- Evacuation Planning and Execution
- Incident Communications

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# Coconino County

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Keeping citizens informed.

- Used multiple times in 2014
- Slide Fire evacuations
- Very effective
- Almost 15,000 CNE sign-ups currently
- Adding IPAWS in 2015

# Coconino National Forest Fire and Aviation Management Program

- 2015 Chief's Letter of Intent…
  - *Success continues to be defined as safely achieving reasonable objectives with the least firefighter exposure necessary, while enhancing stakeholder support of our management efforts.*

# Coconino NF

## Restoration Efforts

- Forest Plan Revision
- Four Forest Restoration Initiative
- Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project
- C. C. Cragin Reservoir

FLAGSTAFF WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT

# Wildland Fire Dispatch

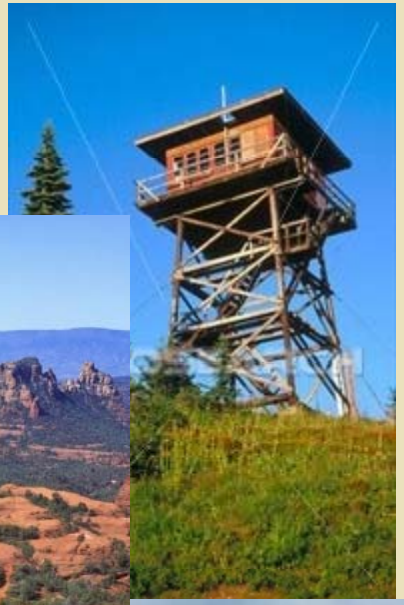
- Coconino National Forest
- Navajo and Hopi
- Flagstaff and Verde Valley Monuments
- PFAC and the Greater Flagstaff Area

# Fire Prevention Strategies

- Education
- Patrols
- Severity
- Restrictions

# Wildfire Detection

- Lookout Towers
- Aerial Detection
- Public



# Engines and Crews (USFS)

- Engines (12)
- Crews (3)
- Water Tenders (4)
- Dozers (2)
- Misc. Overhead

# National Ground Resources

- 60 Interagency IMT
- 100 Interagency Hotshot Crews
- 10,000  Firefighters
- 900 Engines
- Partners
- International

# National Air Resources

- Large Fixed-Winged Air tankers
- Single Engine Air Tankers
- Helicopters
- Fixed Winged Fleet

# Questions ?