

# Monthly Large Fire Potential Report for June 2007

1. REPORTING UNIT: Pacific Northwest Area
2. DATE: June 07 2007
3. PROBABILITY OF LARGE FIRES

This Coming Month	Below Normal		Normal	X	Above Normal	
This Coming Season	Below Normal		Normal	X	Above Normal	

## Discussion and summary

As of June 3 fire danger indices across the region were climbing due to the unusually dry weather in the last half of May. Precipitation amounts for May were generally below average for stations queried in Oregon and most in Washington. Warm dry weather and in the last part of the month set the stage for fire danger indices reaching near values required for project fires given sufficient numbers of ignitions. Lightning in the first few days of June brought a significant number of ignitions.

Snowpack is rapidly melting off in Oregon at faster than normal rates at high elevations and is effectively gone from lower elevations. In Washington, snowpack is generally melting off at a normal rate at higher elevations. Lower elevation snowpack is gone or nearly gone in Washington.

The outlook for June suggests warmer than average temperatures east of the Cascades for the month as a whole. Temperature forecasts for the west side show no clear signal for June so near average temperatures are assumed. No strong signal for June precipitation is suggested for the month as a whole so near average totals are assumed for June.

Dynamic predictions suggest the early part of June will be cooler and a bit wetter than average so perhaps the latter half of the month will be balanced by warmer and drier weather. Lightning outbreaks beginning later in June typically become important in boosting the potential for project fires as the region heads into the warmest part of the fire season.

### Prognosis:



