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UNFAVORABLE FIRE SEASON ASSESSMENT

The 2004 Preliminary Seasonal Assessment is now posted to the Northern Rockies Coordination Center web page. It is too large to send via e-mail but can be found at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcc/PredictiveServices/Outlooks/seasonal_assment.pdf

The assessment includes a review of weather and vegetation conditions in relation to wildfire hazards in northern Idaho, Montana and North Dakota. This year's assessment includes informative maps of showcasing regional and national drought and regional tree mortality due to insect infestations. A clear summary of the situation appears at the end of the document.