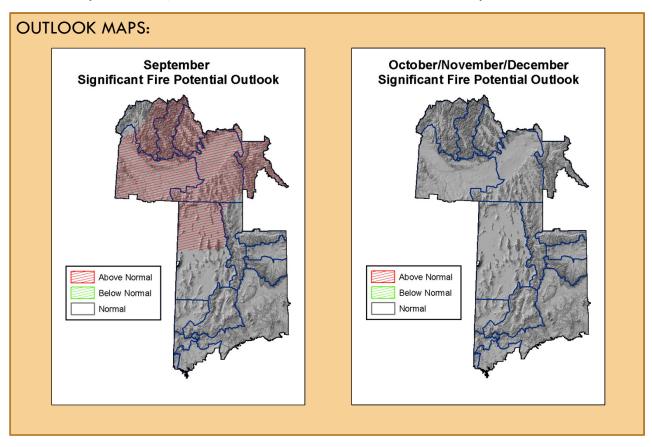
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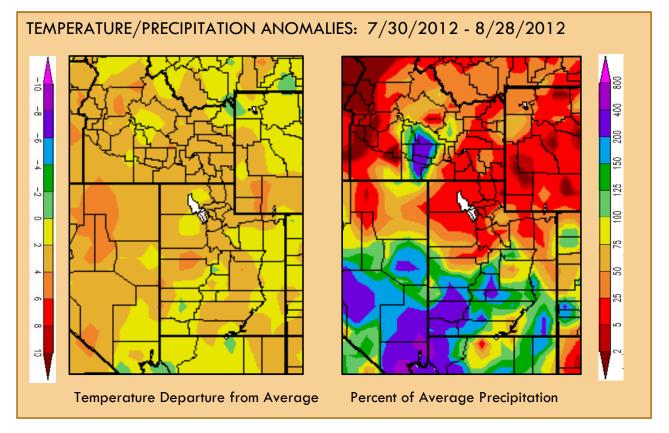


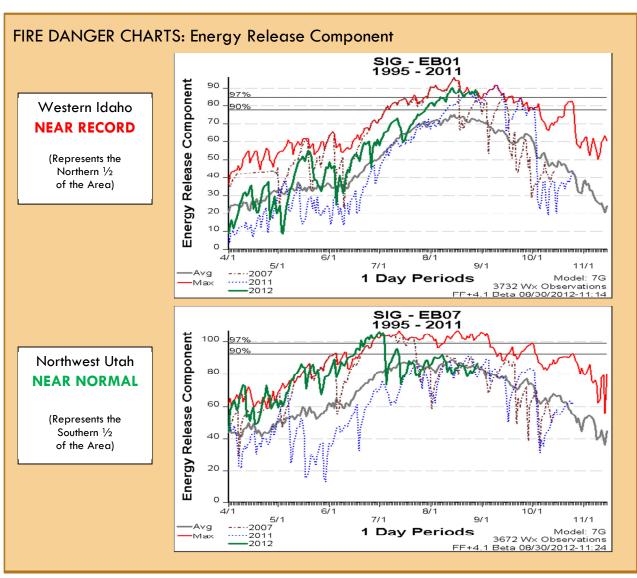
DISCUSSION:

Fire Danger indices are near record levels (97th percentile) across Idaho and western Wyoming going into the first of September caused by the hot and dry August weather. Large fires remain very active and although new fire activity is somewhat light, it's consistent and requires heavy IA resources to reach containment.

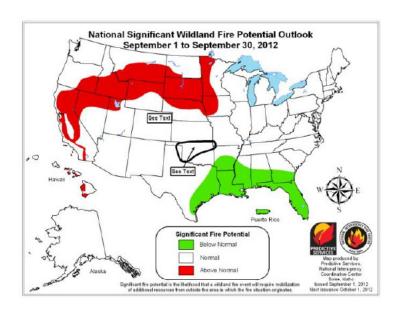
No significant relief to the current warm and dry situation across the north is expected through at least the first half of September. A series of dry cold fronts will sweep through the area during the second and third weeks of the month and will likely generate critical fire weather conditions with gusty winds and low RH. The bulk of moisture with each of these systems appears to remain north of the area. If a cold, wet system makes it into the Great Basin during September, it likely won't be until at least the third week. Shorter day length and better overnight RH recovery will aid IA efforts as the month wears on, except when hampered by high winds.

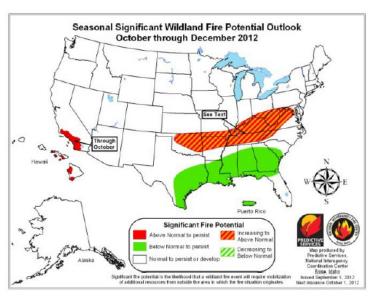
Live fuel moistures seem to have leveled off at seasonal lows with values near to below normal for this time of year across Idaho. Live and dead fuel moistures have come up slightly across much of Utah due to the frequent moisture surges during July and August. http://72.32.186.224/nfmd/public/gacc_map.php?gacc=EGBC





National Outlooks:





Additional Information:

See the Climate Prediction Center Outlooks for more up to date info on 8-14 and 30 day Temperature and Precipitation trends: http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/