

Weekly Wildfire Update

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July 15, 2026

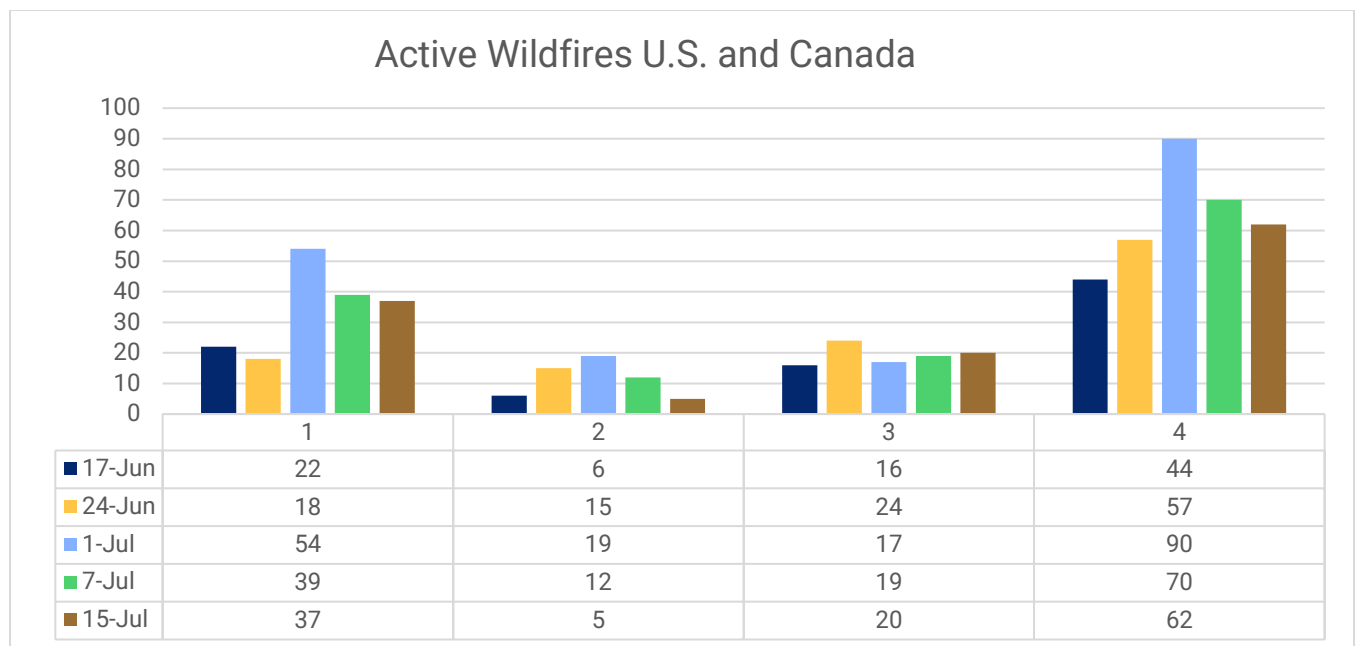
This is a high-level summary of the wildfire risk to the bulk power system. Because fires are dynamic, and circumstances may change quickly, this information is for general purposes only and should not be relied on as accurate.

Active Wildfires (U.S. and Canada)

In the United States, the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) reports 28 large fires in the west (>1,000 acres) under full suppression strategies:

The active fire list includes named fires that are 10 acres or larger and less than 100% contained. There are several dozen hot spots and wildfires that have started during the past week, all less than 10 acres. Alberta has one fire out of control, and British Columbia has two fires burning out of control.

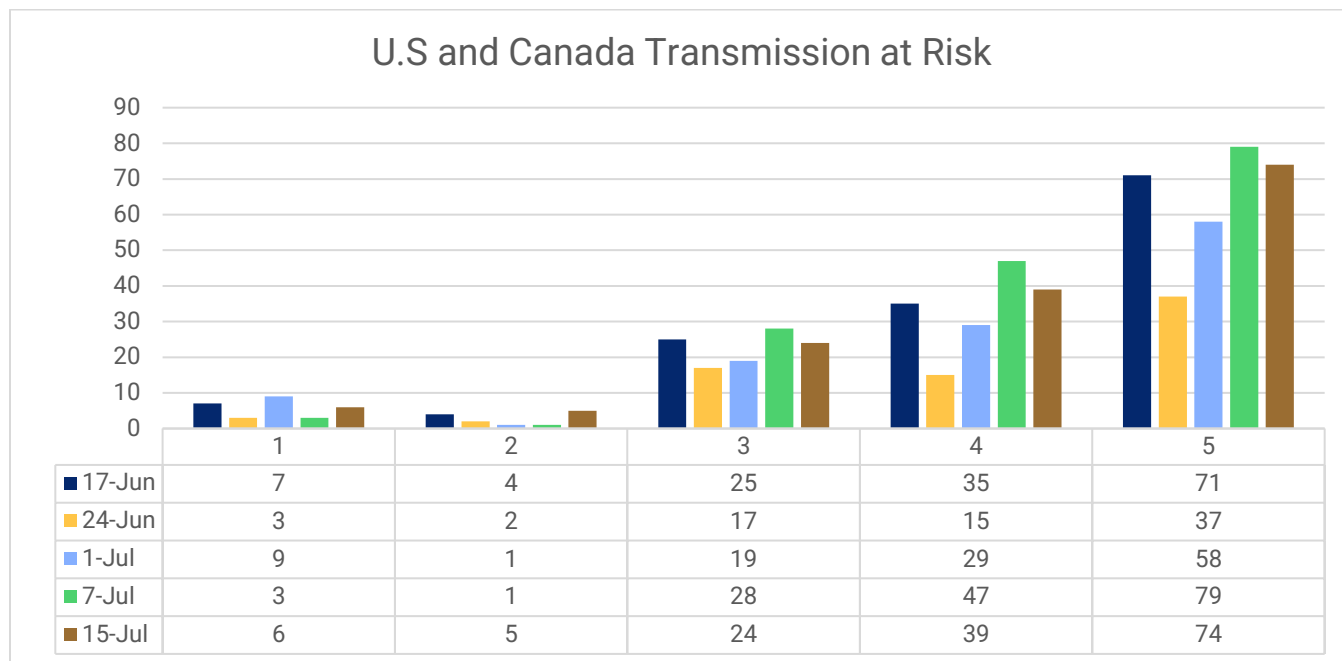
Active Wildfires in the Western Interconnection – July 15, 2026



Western Interconnection Transmission Lines at Risk (U.S.)

An at-risk transmission line is any line within two miles of an active wildfire.

Lines at Risk – July 15, 2026



Events of Note

Western US

Multiple large fires, particularly in states like Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Idaho, Oregon, and California. Examples of significant ones (from recent data) include:

- Babylon (UT): ~106k acres, 50% contained.
- Aspen Acres (CO): ~98k acres, 35% contained.
- Cottonwood (UT): ~97k acres, 77% contained.
- Others in the tens of thousands of acres across the region.

Wildfires of Note (Canada)

British Columbia

Active but regionally focused: A notable fire in the Fraser Valley (early July) led to Trans-Canada Highway closures and evacuation orders.

Warming trends in western Canada are expected to increase fire behavior in coming days/weeks.

Alberta

Low to moderate current activity: Alberta Wildfire reports 7 active wildfires (not including carryover, mutual aid, or municipal fires). Year-to-date: 551 total wildfires burning about 17,609 hectares. Most active fires are small and under control or being held.

No major "wildfires of note" highlighted in recent summaries, and mutual aid/carryover fires are at zero.



A wildfire of note is a fire determined to be of significant public interest and may pose a threat to public safety, communities, or critical infrastructure.

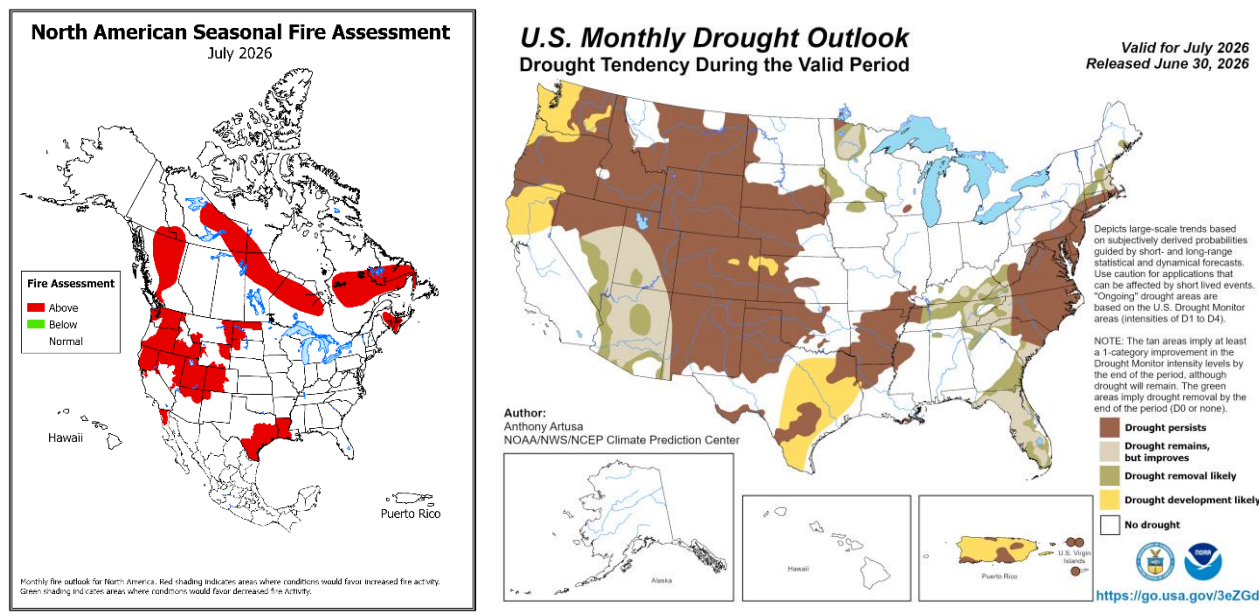
Wildfire and Drought Outlook – July

U.S.

The wildfire forecast conditions in the U.S. for July is for above-normal significant fire potential across much of the West, including most of the greater Four Corners, central Great Basin, Inland Northwest, and northern California as we approach the historical peak of wildfire season. Persistent drought and extreme heat will continue to dry fuel out. Lightning is another concern as we move into monsoon season with the increased chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms.

Canada

Underlying drought and a warmer, drier spring are contributing to the potential for vigorous fire activity in some regions. Persistent drought and low snowpacks in the Southern Interior and Coastal regions have increased the risk of wildfire activity. While current conditions indicate B.C. and Alberta are likely to see significant fire activity during July and August, the longer-term forecast depends on the amount of rain received in the weeks ahead.



Fire Weather Conditions – July

6–10 Day Outlook

U.S: Fire weather conditions are forecast to be low to moderate risk for a good portion of the interconnection into next week. Lightning will add significant risk in the Pacific Northwest and Basin regions. Temperatures will remain elevated from Northern California and Nevada to the Pacific

Northwest where above normal temperatures are expected in Washington. Precipitation will remain seasonal with scattered thunderstorms in the afternoons.

Alberta: Wildfire risk is expected to be high in the northern and southern parts of Alberta with low to moderate in Central Alberta. A gradual warming trend is forecast to move through the province over the next week.

British Columbia: Fire danger remains elevated throughout parts of BC, especially the southern third and upper northern areas. A gradual warming trend is forecast to move through the province over the next week.

