

Weekly Wildfire Update

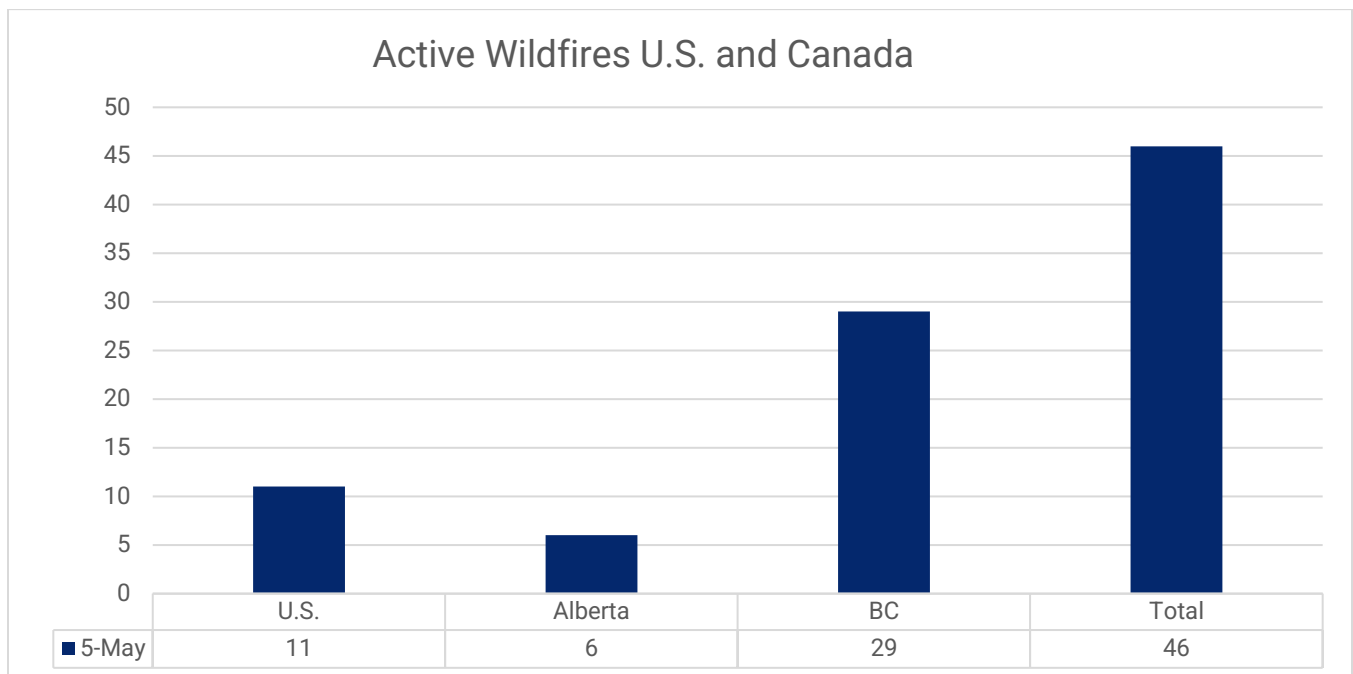
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This is a high-level summary of the wildfire risk to the bulk power system. Because fires are dynamic, and circumstances may change quickly, this information is for general purposes only and should not be relied on as accurate.

Active Wildfires (U.S. and Canada)

In the Western U.S., the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) reports three large (>1,000 acres) wildfires under full suppression strategies in three western states. California, Montana, and New Mexico are reporting one active fire each. Alberta has none, and British Columbia has two fires burning out of control. This is mainly due to favorable fire weather in the lower two-thirds of the interconnection.

Active Fires in the Western Interconnection – May 05, 2026



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

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

Lines at Risk – May 5, 2026

None to report this week.

Events of Note

None to report this week.

Wildfires of Note (Canada)

British Columbia – None to report this week.

Alberta – None to report this week.

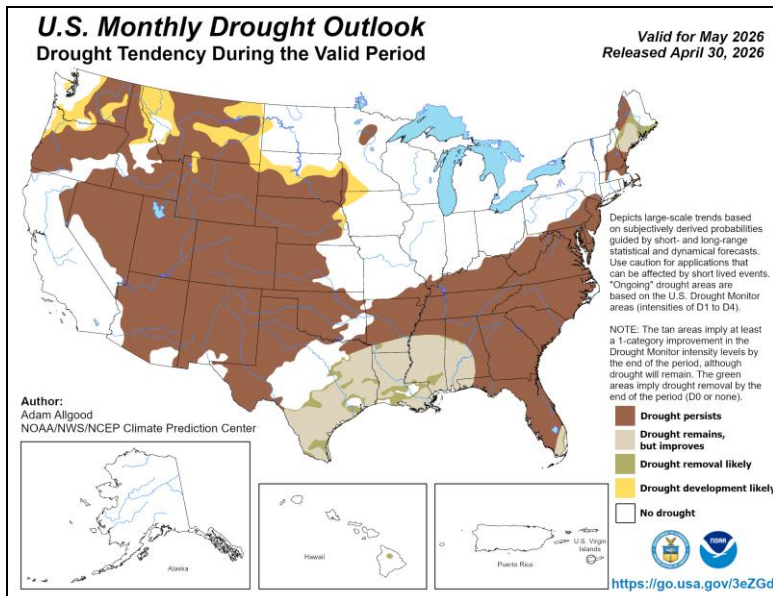
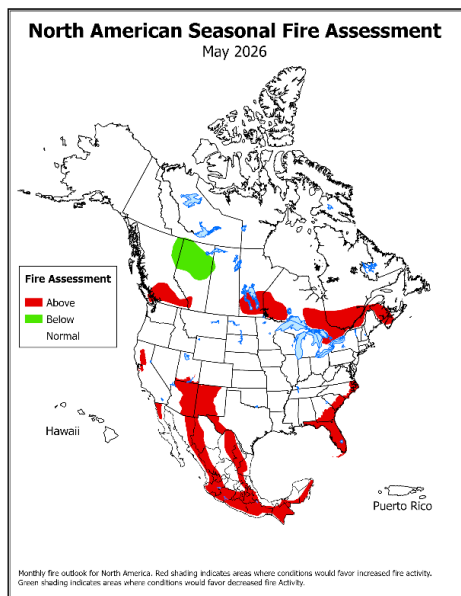
A wildfire of note is a fire determined to be of significant public interest and may pose a threat to public safety, communities, or critical infrastructure.

Wildfire and Drought Outlook – May

Canada

The forecast for May anticipates well-above-normal fire risk for the southern half of British Columbia.

There will still be an overall drying trend that will enhance fire activity. Additionally, warmer-than-average temperatures will add to the fire potential. Southern British Columbia is expected to have the greatest risk for fire activity, and the rest of the Prairie Provinces are predicted to have higher-than-normal fire weather conditions.



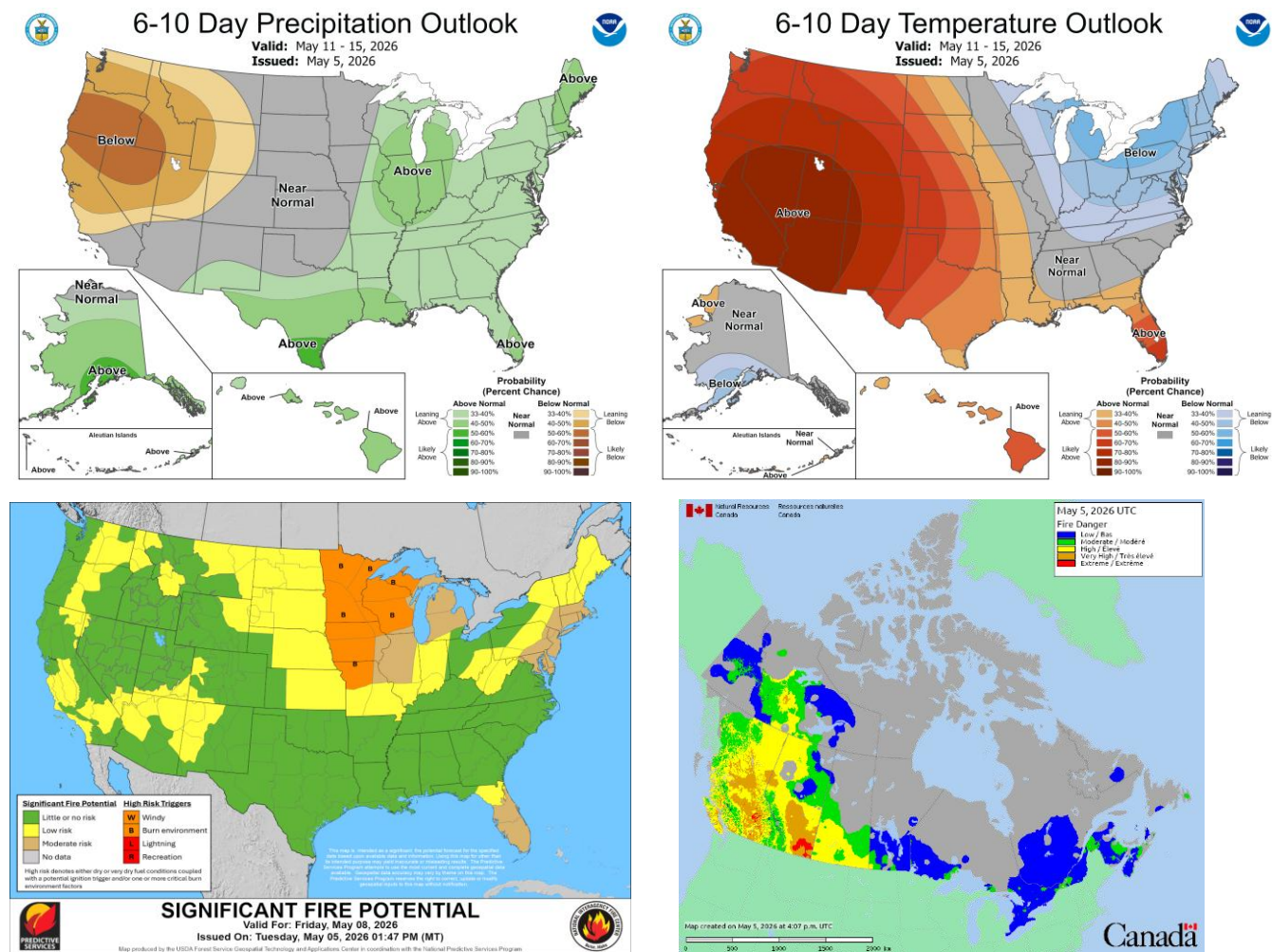
Fire Weather Conditions – May

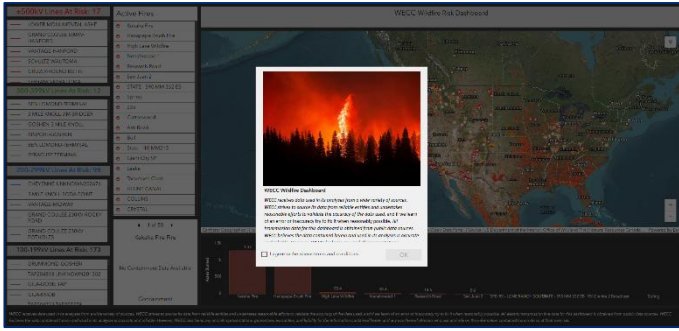
United States and Canada

Above-normal significant fire potential is forecast for Arizona and New Mexico. Drought will persist across much of the interconnection.

6–10 Day Outlook

The precipitation outlook for the next week ranges from below normal along the Pacific coastline to near normal for the eastern two-thirds of the interconnection, except for New Mexico, where normal precipitation is expected. Much of B.C. has been experiencing hot, dry, and sunny conditions over the past several days, drying out vegetation across the province. Wind is expected to increase tomorrow through the north and parts of central B.C. and across most areas Wednesday – if a wildfire starts, it could grow quickly. Alberta had seasonal temperatures with little to no precipitation.





Current Wildfire Conditions

The WECC Wildfire [Dashboard](#), posted on [wecc.org](#), shows the current wildfire conditions. Users new to [wecc.org](#) must create a user ID and password for access.