



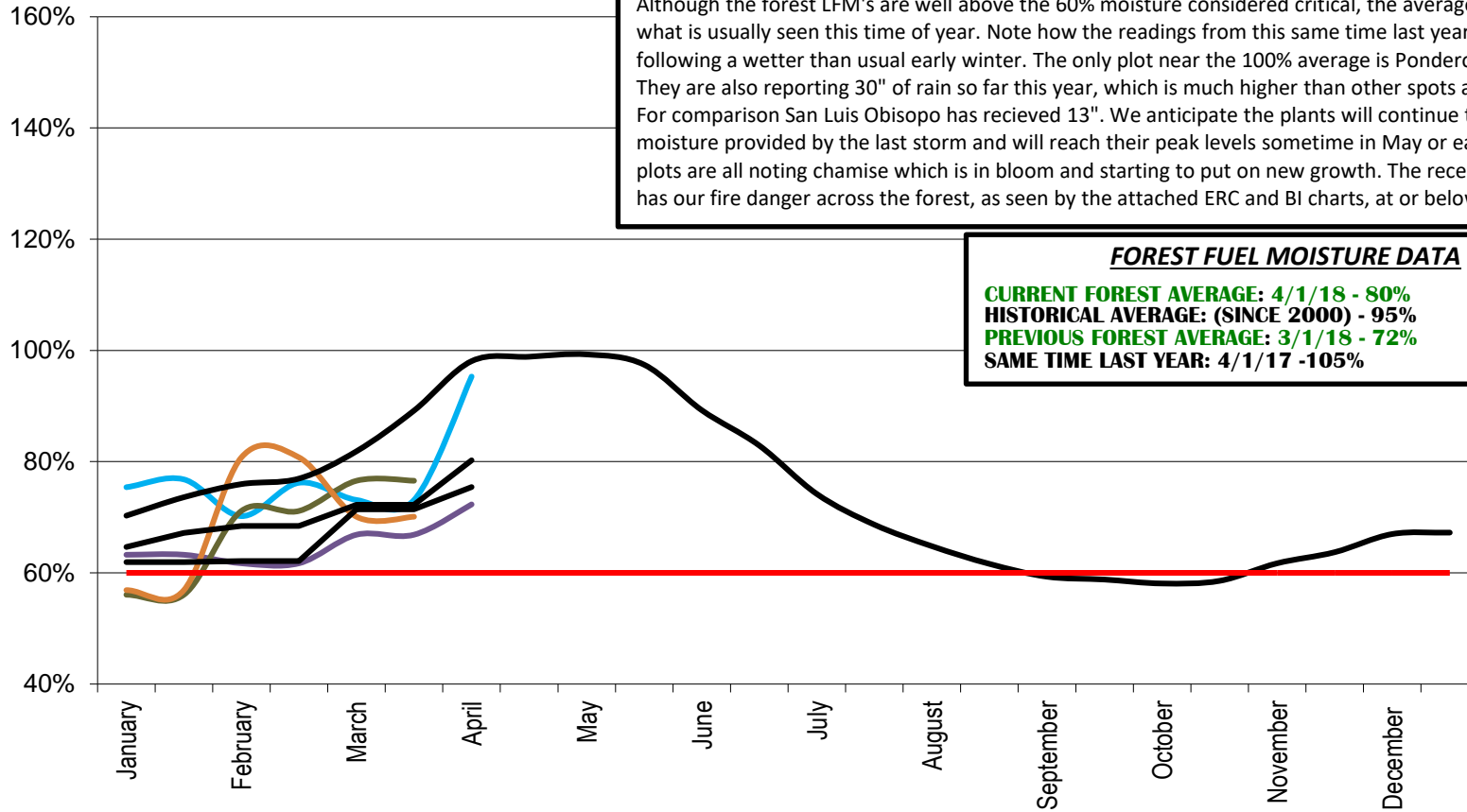
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST LIVE FUEL MOISTURE DATA 2018

Forest Fire/Fuels Discussion (April 1st):

Although the forest LFM's are well above the 60% moisture considered critical, the average is 15% below what is usually seen this time of year. Note how the readings from this same time last year were 25% higher following a wetter than usual early winter. The only plot near the 100% average is Ponderosa on the MRD. They are also reporting 30" of rain so far this year, which is much higher than other spots across the forest. For comparison San Luis Obispo has received 13". We anticipate the plants will continue to take on the moisture provided by the last storm and will reach their peak levels sometime in May or early June. The plots are all noting chamise which is in bloom and starting to put on new growth. The recent wet weather has our fire danger across the forest, as seen by the attached ERC and BI charts, at or below normal levels.

FOREST FUEL MOISTURE DATA

CURRENT FOREST AVERAGE: 4/1/18 - 80%
HISTORICAL AVERAGE: (SINCE 2000) - 95%
PREVIOUS FOREST AVERAGE: 3/1/18 - 72%
SAME TIME LAST YEAR: 4/1/17 - 105%



- Ponderosa (MRD)
- Gifford (SLRD)
- Upper Oso (SBRD)
- Oak Flat (ORD)
- Los Alamos (MPRD)
- Forest Avg %
- 10 YR Avg
- Critical Point