



LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST LIVE FUEL MOISTURE DATA 2018

Forest Fire/Fuels Discussion (September 1st):

All of the forest fuel moisture plots are now below the 60% levels which have historically been considered "critical". The moisture levels are also about 10% drier than they were at this same time last year. Consequently, Initial Attack has picked up over the last several weeks. We have been fortunate as the two larger fires started in relatively young fuel beds; the Front fire (1000 acres) in the 1997 Logan scar and the Ogilvy fire (170 acres) in the 1998 Ogilvy scar. We are now in the season when the fuel leg of the fire behavior triangle (Fuels, Weather, Topography) will be at a critical level until we get precipitation. Stay heads up and plan for increased fire behavior, especially when the other legs are in alignment.

FOREST FUEL MOISTURE DATA

CURRENT FOREST AVERAGE: 9/1/18 - 57%
HISTORICAL AVERAGE: (SINCE 2000) - 61%
PREVIOUS FOREST AVERAGE: 8/15/18 - 61%
SAME TIME LAST YEAR: 9/1/17 - 63%

