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RED FLAG WARNING ISSUED FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Red Flag warning through midnight Saturday Sept. 10 for wind and low relative humidity for fire weather in Jefferson County and eleven other northwest counties.

Winds east or northwest 10 to 20 MPH gusts up to 30 MPH are possible. Temperatures are expected to be in the 80s up to 90 degrees Friday morning through Saturday evening.

A combination of moderate breezes, low relative humidity and warm temperatures can contribute to rapid rates of spread and down-wind spotting on existing fires. If a fire were to begin, air quality may diminish in the surrounding area.

Red Flag warnings are defined as critical fire weather conditions are either imminent or occurring now. Any fires that develop will likely spread quickly.

This morning's briefing from the Northwest Coordination Center cites significant fire potential remains elevated today due to the combination of high fire danger and hot, dry and unstable weather. Concerns turn to the west side Friday and Saturday with easterly winds boosting spread potential for new and existing fires.



Both East Jefferson and Port Ludlow Fire Districts have withheld mutual aid resources that normally support state mobilization in order to address the local wildfire potential. Both fire districts and adjacent fire service partners are coordinating our response efforts.