

## Red Flag Warnings

Red Flag Warnings are issued by the National Weather Service (NWS), which predicts weather and forecasts warnings nationwide. The red flag is a warning to the firefighting community that **if there is a fire, the weather conditions can be expected to cause erratic fire behavior**. Red Flag warnings are **not** a fire danger rating and they are **not** synonymous with High, Very High or Extreme fire danger. Red Flag warnings are issued when winds will be sustained or there will be frequent gusts above a certain threshold (normally 25 mph). In addition, relative humidity needs to be below 30% and precipitation for the previous 5 days has to have been less than 1/4-inch.