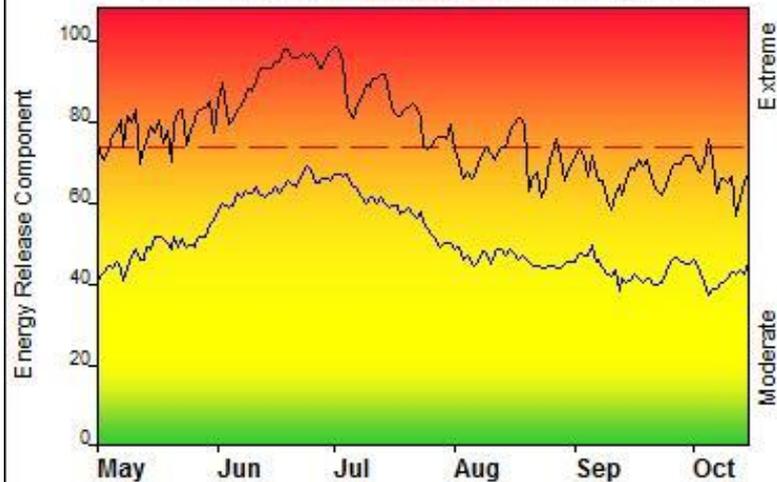


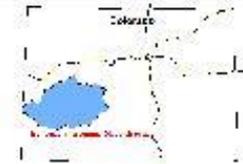
FIRE DANGER -- High Elevation

Maximum, Average, and 90th Percentile, based on 20 years data



Fire Danger Area:

- ◆ High Elevation
- ◆ Fire Wx Zones, 291 & 293
- ◆ High Elevation SIG
- * Meets NWCG Wx Station Standards



Fire Danger Interpretation:



- EXTREME** -- Use extreme caution
- (Caution)** -- Watch for change
- Moderate** -- Lower Potential, but always be aware

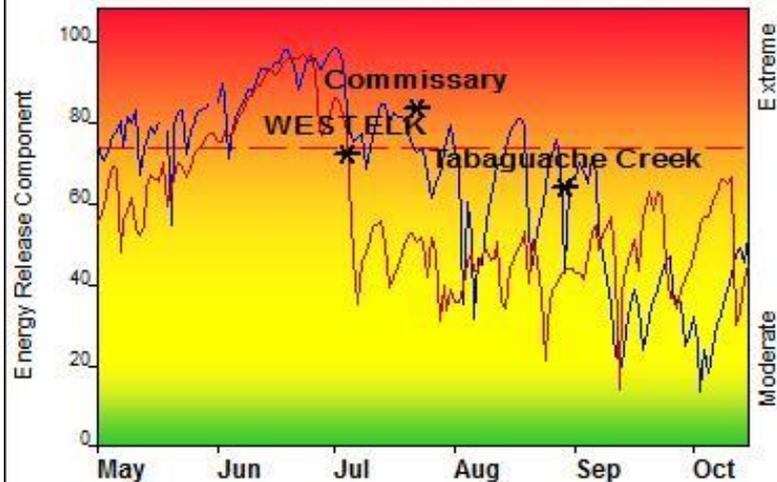
Maximum -- Highest Energy Release Component by day for 1994 - 2013

Average -- shows peak fire season over 20 years (3354 observations)

90th Percentile -- Only 10% of the 3354 days from 1994 - 2013 had an Energy Release Component above 74

Local Thresholds - Watch out: Combinations of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior:
 20' Wind Speed over 20 mph, RH less than 20%,
 Temperature over 80, 1000-Hour Fuel Moisture less than 12

Years to Remember: 2002 2012



Fuel Model: G - Short-Needle (Heavy Dead)

Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

- ✓ Energy Release Component gives seasonal trends calculated from 2 pm temperature, humidity, daily temperature & rh ranges, and precip duration.
- ✓ Wind is NOT part of ERC calculation.
- ✓ Watch local conditions and variations across the landscape -- Fuel, Weather, Topography.
- ✓ Listen to weather forecasts -- especially WIND.

Past Experience:

Fuel Model G tracks with historical large fire events best.

Watchout for mistletoe, bugkill, heavy dead and down or long range spotting during higher ERC's.

- Commissary - 304 acres
- Tabaguache - 935 acres
- West Elk - 1578 acres

Responsible Agency: Montrose Interagency Dispatch Area
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