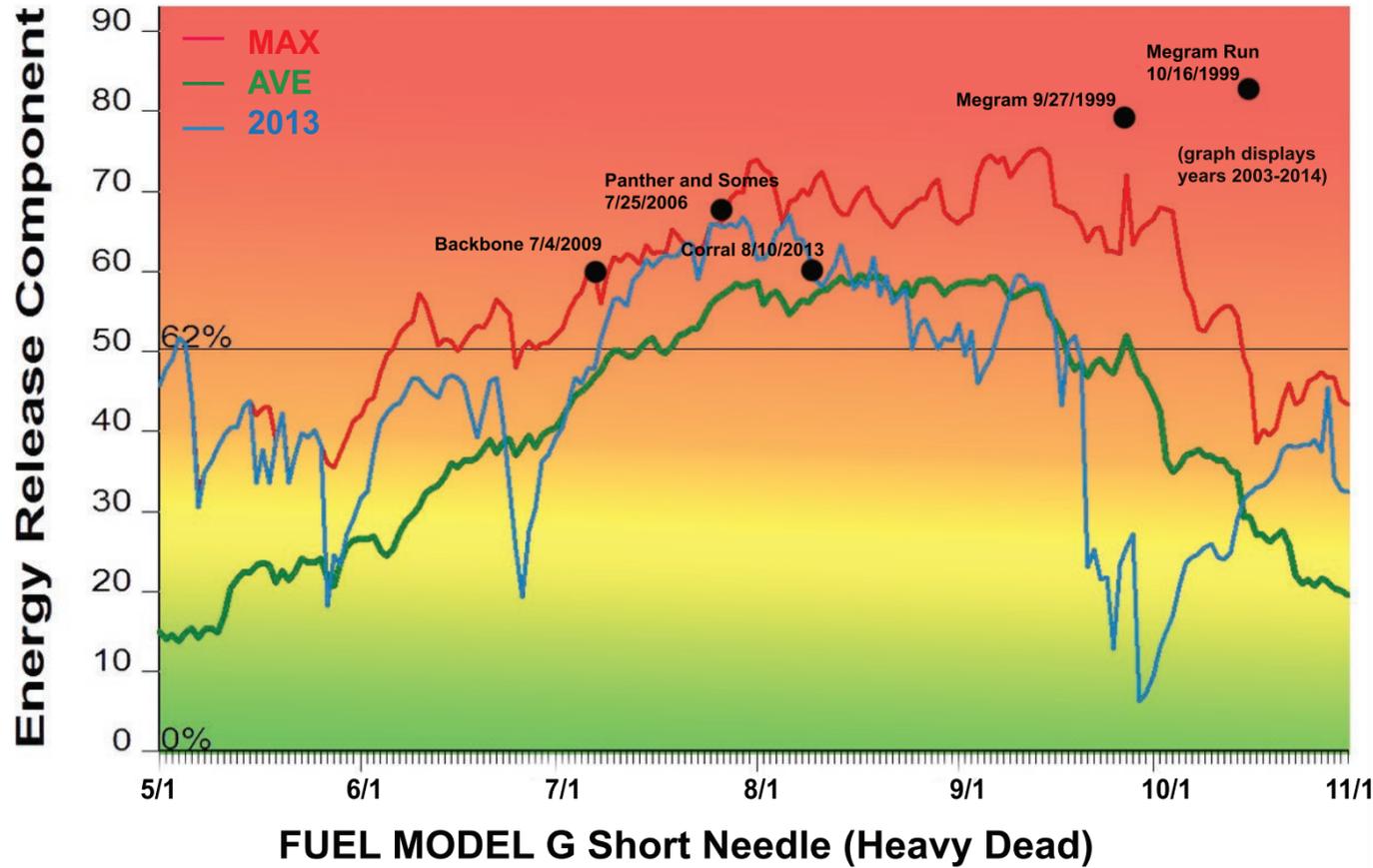
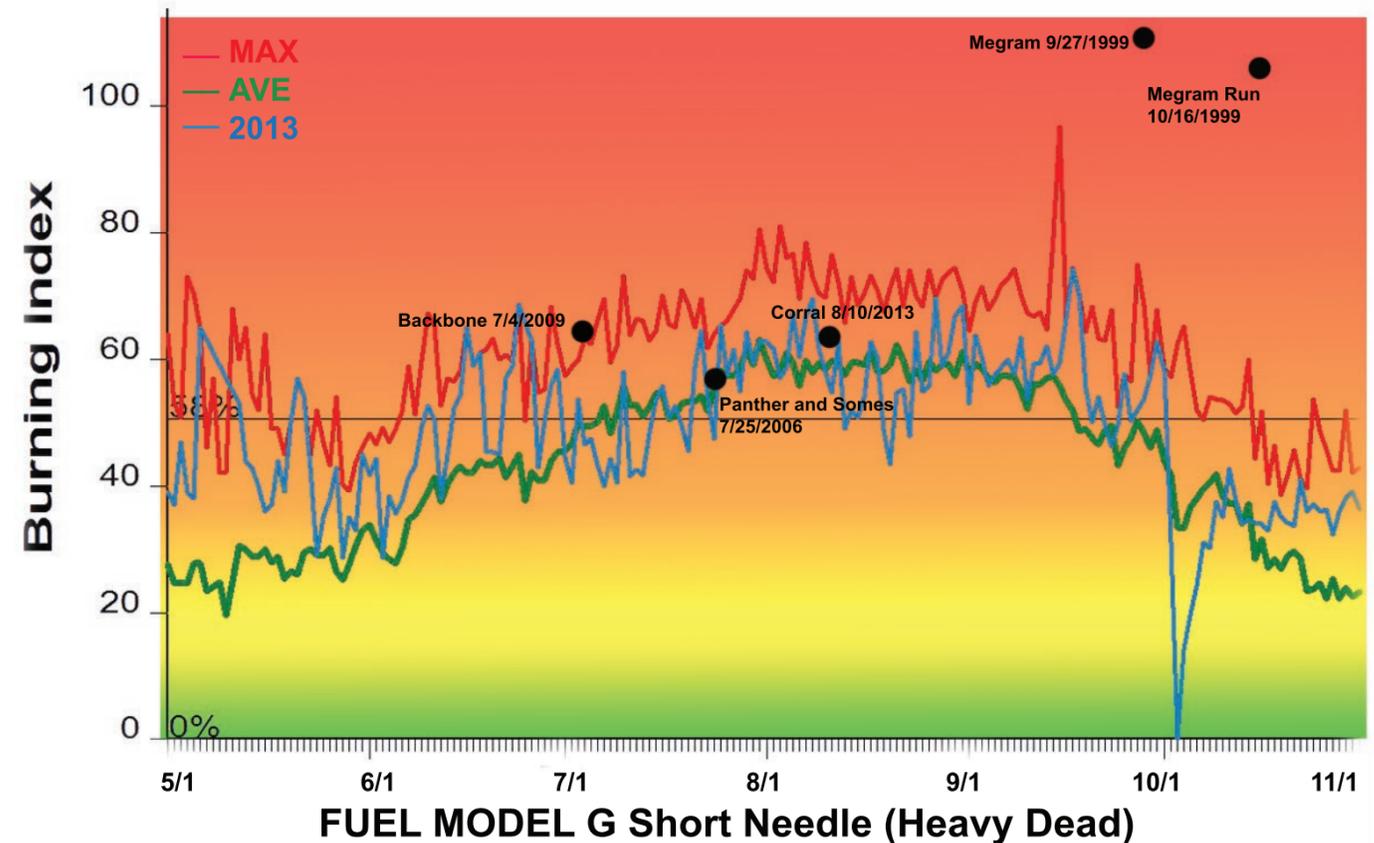


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## Fire Danger Rating Area 112/113/115 Burning Index

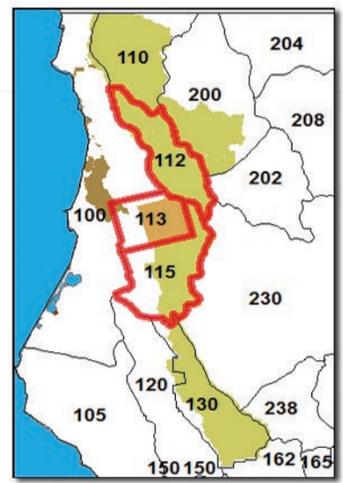


## Fire Danger Areas 112/113/115

- \* 112 - Orleans RD, Six Rivers NF
- \* 113 - Hoopa Indian Reservation
- \* 115 - Lower Trinity RD, Six Rivers NF
- \* NW CA - Region 5

## Weather Stations Used (NWCG Standards):

- \* 040404 Brush Mountain
- \* 040408 Hoopa
- \* 040519 Underwood



## Local Thresholds - WATCHOUT:

Combinations of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior: 20' Windspeed over 7 mph; RH less than 34%; Temperature over 82; 1000-hour Fuel Moisture less than 14. Large fires become more frequent when BI exceeds 50 and when ERC exceeds 50.

**Graph Interpretation, Energy Release Component:**  
 Maximum = Highest ERC by day for 2003-2014  
 Average = Shows Peak Fire Season  
 62% = 62nd Percentile means 38% of days studied had an ERC above 50.

## PAST EXPERIENCE / LOCAL KNOWLEDGE:

- Wildfires become a problem @ 50+ acres on the Six Rivers NF due to topography, fuels, and accessibility. ('Large fires'=50 acres)
- High severity, past burn areas with heavy snag, dead down and heavy brush lead to control problems. (Backbone and Corral were a result of this, as they both started in the 1999 Megram fire footprint)
- Afternoon strong up-river daily winds in the Trinity River Drainage greatly influence fire behavior.
  - Coastal fog observed from the Trinity Valley is a good indicator of strong down Slope/canyon winds in side drainages west of the Trinity River (Sims Fire 2004, downhill run of 1000 acres was result of these winds)
  - Klamath River Canyon has very strong up-river winds daily, from the border near Weitchpec to the confluence with the Salmon River. Expect strong winds in the afternoon until sundown. Potential thermal belt up to approx. 2000'.
- Watch out for hazard trees while travelling through and working in burn areas.  
 \*Strong Northeast winds in the late fall can lead to extreme fire behavior.

**Graph Interpretation, Burning Index:**  
 Maximum = Highest BI by day for 2003-2014  
 Average = Shows Peak Fire Season  
 58% = 58th Percentile means 42% of all days studied had a BI above 50