



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- RED FLAG WARNING -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. July 23, 2018 – The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for the Santa Barbara County South Coast and Mountains (zones CAZ252, CAZ239) in effect from 3 pm Tuesday July 24, 2018 to 10 am Thursday July 26, 2018.

A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can create extreme fire behavior.

- * Winds...Areas of northwest to north winds 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 55 mph. Winds will be strongest around the Santa Ynez Range, from the San Marcos Pass and westward, during the late afternoon and overnight hours.
- * Relative Humidity...Minimum humidity's between 10 and 20 percent in foothills and wind prone areas, with poor overnight recovery.
- * Temperatures...Maximum temperatures between 95 and 105 degrees inland of the beaches, with warm overnight conditions.
- * Impacts...If fire ignition occurs, there could be rapid wildfire spread that would lead to a threat to life and property. Use extreme caution with any potential ignition sources.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are expected. A combination of strong winds, hot temperatures, very low relative humidity and dry fuels could contribute to extreme fire danger and/or fire behavior. Use extreme caution with potential ignition sources.

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