

Drought Task Force Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2013
1:30pm CDT
State Emergency Operations Center Amphitheatre

In attendance:

Jason Bauder, SDDPS-OEM
Tina Titze, SDDPS-OEM
Doug Hinkle, SDDPS-FMO
Jamie Crew, SDDA
Katie Konda, SDDA
Megan Mercer, SDDPS-OEM

Steve Hasenohrl, SDDA-WFS
Lynn Beck, SDDENR
Mark Rath, SDDENR
Dennis Todey, State
Climatologist
National Guard

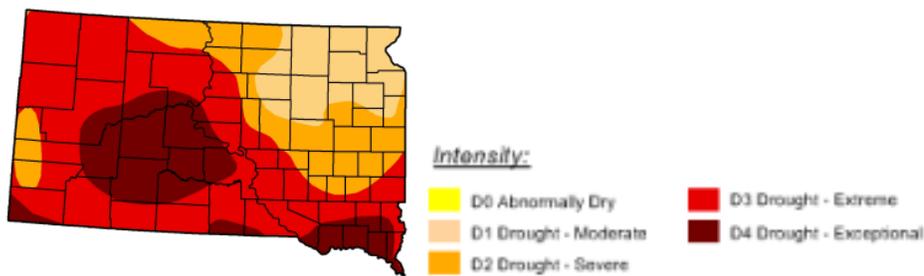
Darren Clabo, State Fire
Meteorologist
Emmitt Keyser, GFP

Drought Conditions Update:

State Climatologist Dennis Todey reported not a lot of change in the past two weeks. The outlook shows a likelihood of temperatures staying warmer than average. The 8 to 14 day outlook shows cooler temperatures, and better chances of precipitation. The three month outlook (April to June) is showing chances for above average temperatures with largely equal chances of above or below average precipitation.

South Dakota showed small improvement in the Black Hills but conditions are worsening in the northwest on the US Drought Monitor map:

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Drought Mitigation Plan Update:

Jason Bauder reported he is waiting for an approval on the RFP.

Agency drought updates:

WFS: Steve reported personnel from WFS were sent to the fire along the North Dakota and South Dakota border. WFS has had multiple, manmade fires everyday this past week. Jay Esperance has been doing media interviews to educate the public to make them aware of the dry conditions. WFS plans to be fully staff by the end of May.

SDDA: Katie Konda reported the drought website was updated and if anyone has suggestions on updates contact Katie or Jamie. The Department of Ag is tracking the fire claim process through the forest service for producers in Harding and Perkins counties. It is expected to have a million dollars in claims. Many producers located in the northeastern part of the state have an abundance of hay and the Department of Ag will help them facilitate the sale of it. The Watershed Task Force meeting will be held at the Ramada in Mitchell April 22.

DENR: Reported as of now there are no concerns for large scale flooding with the James and Big Sioux Rivers.

GFP: Nothing to report at this time.

SDNG: Reported 170 personal received basic ground training for wildland fire suppression. Aviation will be doing training on bucket drops.

FM: Doug Hinkle reported the Fire Marshal's office is working with WFS to create strike teams for structural protection.

The 2013 Western South Dakota Hydrology Meeting will be held April 18, 2013 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Those who will be there in attendance are Nicole Prince of SDOEM, Steve Hasenohrl of SDDA-WFS and Darren Clabo, State Fire Meteorologist.

Next meeting April 29, 2013 at 1:30.