



## Critical Fire Danger Threat Wednesday | Localized Major HeatRisk Over the Weekend & Early Next Week

### KEY POINTS

- **Moderate HeatRisk** across the region will persist through Friday with localized **Major HeatRisk** by this weekend.
- **Red Flag Warning** Wednesday across the south-central AZ higher terrain areas with dry conditions and strong winds.
- **Areas of Major HeatRisk** developing across the Phoenix metro and southeastern California as early as Saturday.
- [NOAA/NWS HeatRisk Page](#) | [NOAA/NWS Phoenix Heat Page](#)

### WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

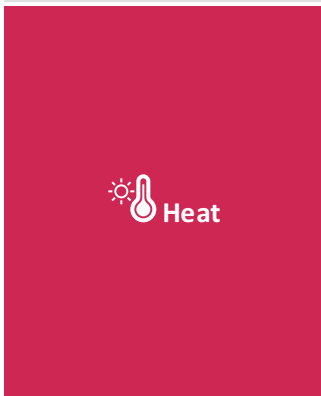
Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence. The weather hazard with the greatest risk will be listed first in the matrix.

	Wed 6/28	Thu 6/29	Fri 6/30	Sat 7/1	Sun 7/2
<b>Phoenix Metro Area</b> Including Maricopa & NW. Pinal Counties	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
<b>High Terrain SC AZ</b> S. Gila County and Tonto NF Foothills in NE Maricopa County	Red Flag Conditions Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
<b>Southwest Arizona</b> Including La Paz & Yuma Counties	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat
<b>Southeast California</b> Including Imperial & Eastern Riverside Counties	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat	Heat

<b>Risk Levels</b>	<b>Little to None</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Extreme</b>
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### DETAILS

#### Phoenix Metropolitan Area



**Impacts:**

- Moderate Risk for heat-related illnesses for pets, livestock, and those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.
- Major Risk for heat-related illnesses for pets, livestock, and much of the population, especially with extended outdoor exposure, and for those who are heat sensitive and/or without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.

**Timing:**

Moderate: Daily through Friday; Major: Starting Saturday

- Moderate HeatRisk through Friday with temperatures ranging from 104-109°F for highs
- Major HeatRisk developing as early as Saturday as high temperatures reach above 110°F (less than 10% chance of exceeding 115°F)

## Higher Terrain South Central Arizona (Southern Gila County & Tonto NF Foothills in Maricopa County)



**Impacts:**

- Extreme fire behavior and rapid fire growth.

**Timing:**

Wednesday

- The combination of wind gusts of 25-35 mph and very low relative humidity values as well as dry fuels will lead to a critical fire danger threat on Wednesday.

- **Red Flag Warning** in effect from 11 am to 8 pm MST Wednesday for southern Gila County and the Foothills north and east of Phoenix.



**Impacts:**

- Moderate Risk for heat-related illnesses for pets, livestock, and those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.

**Timing:**

Daily

- Moderate HeatRisk with temperatures ranging from 95-108°F for highs (40-80% chance of exceeding 105°F in valley locations starting Saturday)

## Southwest Arizona (La Paz & Yuma Counties)



**Impacts:**

- Moderate Risk for heat-related illnesses for pets, livestock, and those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.

**Timing:**

Daily

- Moderate HeatRisk with temperatures ranging from 103-110°F for highs through Friday and 108-114°F starting Saturday (10% chance of exceeding 115°F)

## Southeast California (Imperial and Eastern Riverside Counties)



**Impacts:**

- Moderate Risk for heat-related illnesses for pets, livestock, and those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.

- Major Risk for heat-related illnesses for pets, livestock, and much of the population, especially with extended outdoor exposure, and for those who are heat sensitive and/or without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.

**Timing:**

Moderate: Daily through Friday; Major: Starting Saturday

- Moderate HeatRisk through Friday with temperatures ranging from 100-110°F for highs
- Major HeatRisk developing as early as Saturday, as high temperatures reach above 110°F (10-30% chance of exceeding 115°F)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## GRAPHICS

# Weather Outlook

Weather Impacts through the holiday weekend

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## Hot Conditions Continue This Week

- High temperatures ranging between 105-110°F through Thursday
- Hotter temperatures on Friday (upper 100s to low 110s across lower deserts)
- Widespread **Moderate HeatRisk**

## Wednesday: Breezy to Windy Conditions

- Widespread afternoon/evening gusts 20-30 mph, locally higher across higher terrain of southcentral AZ
- Fire Weather: **Red Flag Warning** in effect for Wednesday across the south-central AZ higher terrain due to hot, dry, and windy conditions

## This Weekend thru July 4th : Dangerous Heat Likely

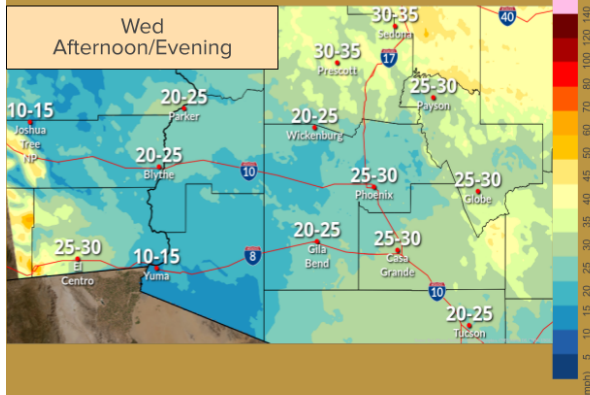
- 10-30% chance of reaching 115°F across the Phoenix metro and southeastern California as early as Saturday
- **Major HeatRisk** could persist through the 4th of July Holiday

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# Gusty Winds



## Timing

- Today

## Forecast

- **Today:** Widespread afternoon/evening gusts of 20-30 mph, locally higher across higher terrain regions of south-central Arizona

## Hazards

- ✓ Difficult driving conditions - high profile vehicles
- ✓ Loose items may become airborne



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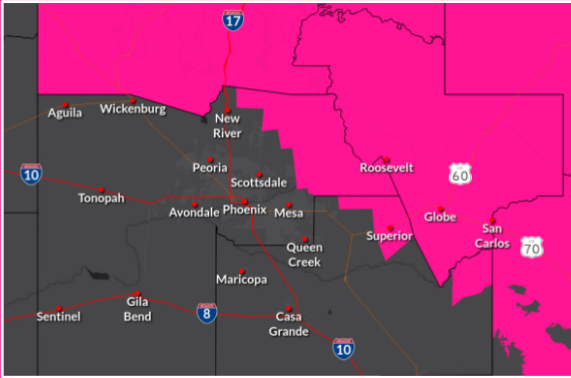
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# Critical Fire Weather

## Red Flag Warning



Areas affected: NE Maricopa & Gila Counties, Arizona



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### 🕒 Timing

- Wednesday afternoon and evening

### 🌪️ Forecast

- Wind Gusts 30-35 mph
- Relative Humidity 5-15%
- Very Dry Fuels

### ⚠️ Precautions

- ✓ Avoid open flames or sparks
- ✓ Keep vehicles off dry grass
- ✓ Properly discard cigarettes

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