

Red Flag Warning this Afternoon

April 9, 2025
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1 PM to 8 PM today over central South Dakota

Key Messages

- Dry grasses, strong winds, and low relative humidity this afternoon
- ◆ Winds out of the northwest 15-30 mph with gusts 35-45 mph
- ◆ Relative humidity as low as 20%



Any fires that ignite will spread rapidly and become difficult to control or suppress



Important Updates

- Fire Weather Watch upgraded to a Red Flag Warning

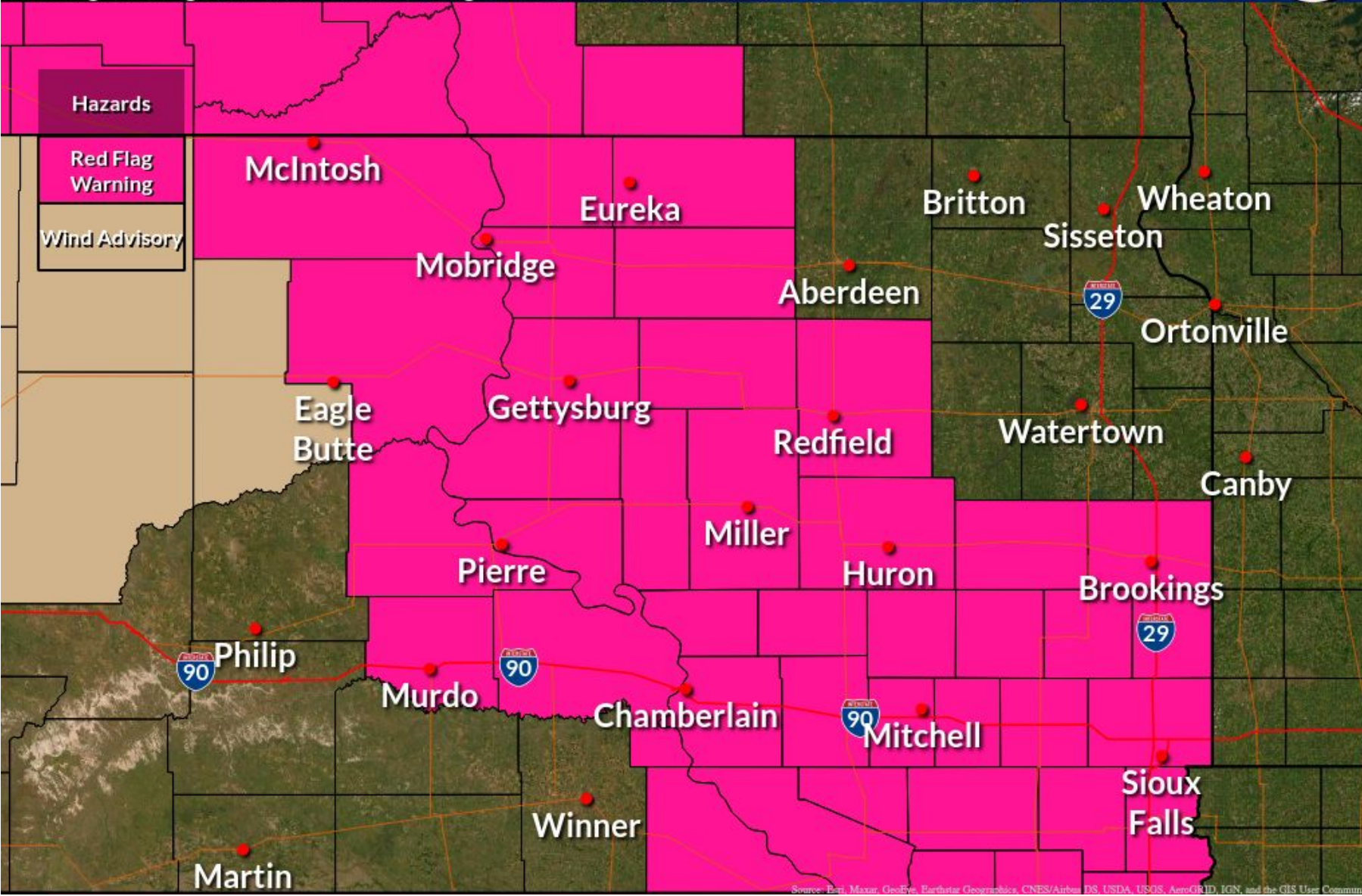
Headlines this Afternoon

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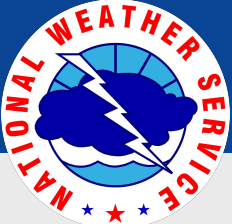
Red Flag Warnings from western ND through central SD and southeastern SD

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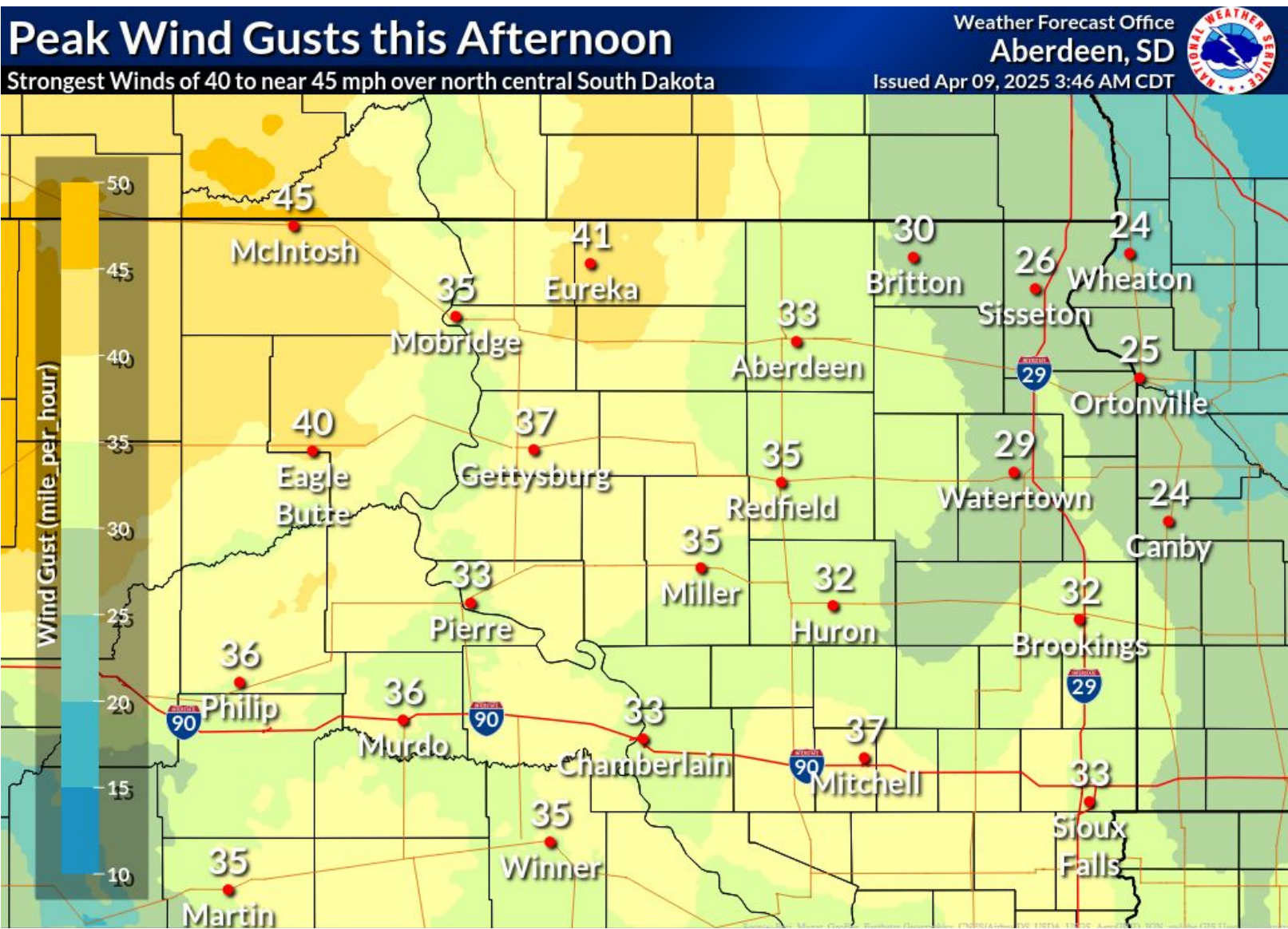
Wind Gust Forecast

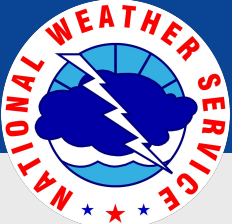
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Winds out of the northwest gusting as high as 35 to 45 mph, slowly diminishing after 5 PM, strongest over north central South Dakota

Wind Gust Forecast (mph)

	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm
Eagle Butte	39	40	40	40	40	38	36	32	29	26
Eureka	39	40	41	41	40	37	31	26	23	20
Faulkton	35	36	36	36	35	31	26	23	21	18
Gettysburg	36	36	37	36	36	32	29	25	22	21
Kennebec	33	35	36	36	35	32	28	24	21	20
Leola	35	36	36	36	33	30	25	22	18	17
McIntosh	43	44	45	44	43	40	37	32	28	24
Miller	33	35	35	35	33	30	25	23	20	18
Mobridge	32	33	35	33	32	30	28	23	21	17
Murdo	32	33	35	36	35	32	30	28	24	21
Pierre	31	32	33	33	32	30	26	23	20	16





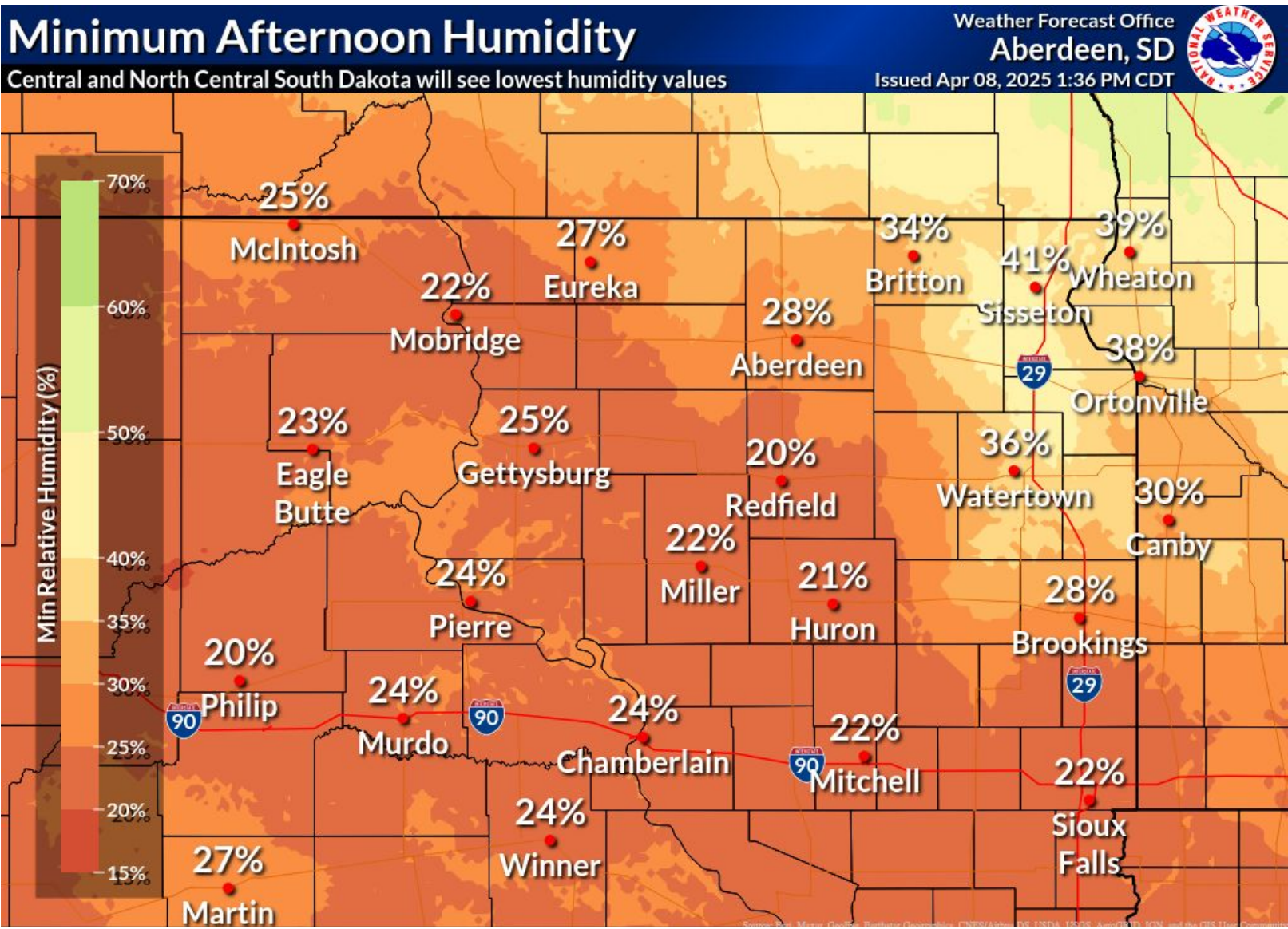
Relative Humidity Forecast

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Relative Humidity as low as 20% over central South Dakota

RH Forecast (%)

	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm
Eagle Butte	25	23	22	22	25	25	26	32	36	42
Eureka	28	26	25	26	27	30	38	45	56	65
Faulkton	26	24	23	23	24	27	31	38	48	56
Gettysburg	24	22	22	23	23	25	26	34	41	51
Kennebec	25	23	21	20	22	22	29	34	40	44
Leola	31	28	28	29	31	35	42	50	61	70
McIntosh	27	27	25	25	24	26	29	38	46	51
Miller	27	24	21	21	21	25	27	37	42	51
Mobridge	23	21	20	20	21	21	27	33	43	49
Murdo	26	23	23	23	24	24	28	33	38	39
Pierre	27	23	20	21	22	23	28	34	40	44



Everyday Wildfire Prevention



Most wildfires are caused by humans — many everyday things can create sparks. Keep ignition sources far away from dry vegetation, wood, and other fuel.



Have a clear 10 foot radius around campfires, burning brush, etc. Never leave fires unattended, and always properly extinguish.



Use grills/smokers on gravel or paved surfaces.



Never toss lit cigarettes on the ground. Put ashes in a metal container with a tight lid.



Keep water stored near campfires, fire pits, grills, smokers, burning brush, etc.



Maintain vehicle brakes & tires, and secure tow chains to avoid dragging. Don't drive on dry grass or brush.



Water your lawn & keep grass cut. Mow lawn early in the morning and when it's not windy or excessively dry.

Always follow burn bans & regulations.

Be aware of weather conditions. Low humidity, heat, drought and winds are conducive to fires.