



# Critical Fire Conditions This Week

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Through This Evening

## Key Messages

- Critical fire weather conditions will continue through this evening 8pm CT /7pm MT/:
  - Temps: middle to upper 70s: nearly 10 to 20 degrees above normal.
  - Humidity: as low as 13%
  - Winds: NW 15-25 gusting up to 40 mph
- Overnight recovery in the 80 to 90 percent range across much of the eastern Panhandle and Sandhills.

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## What Has Changed

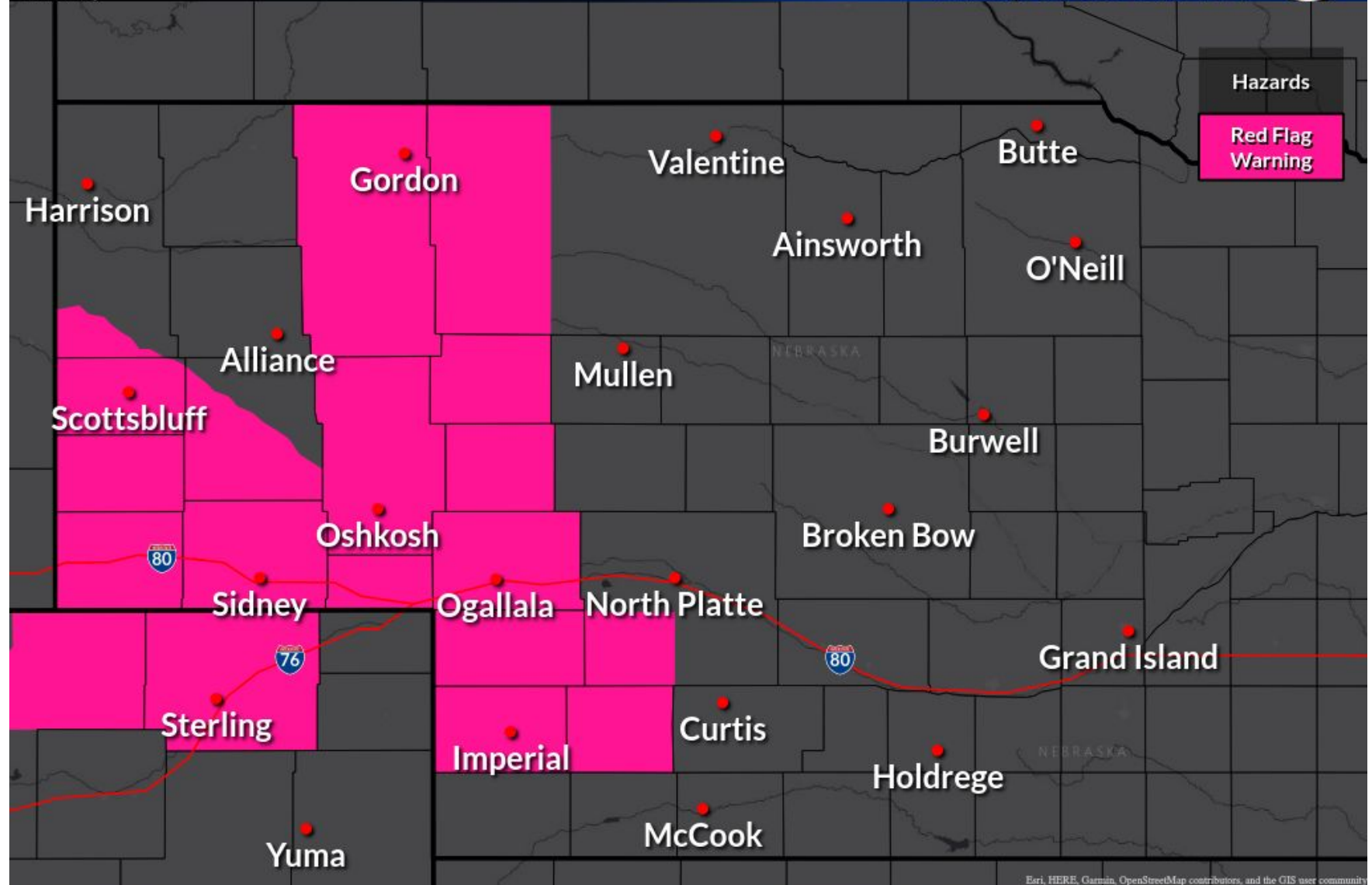
- Updated humidity and wind forecast
- A **Fire Weather Watch** has been issued for Zones 204, 206, 208, 210, and 219 Wednesday

## Red Flag Warnings

Tuesday

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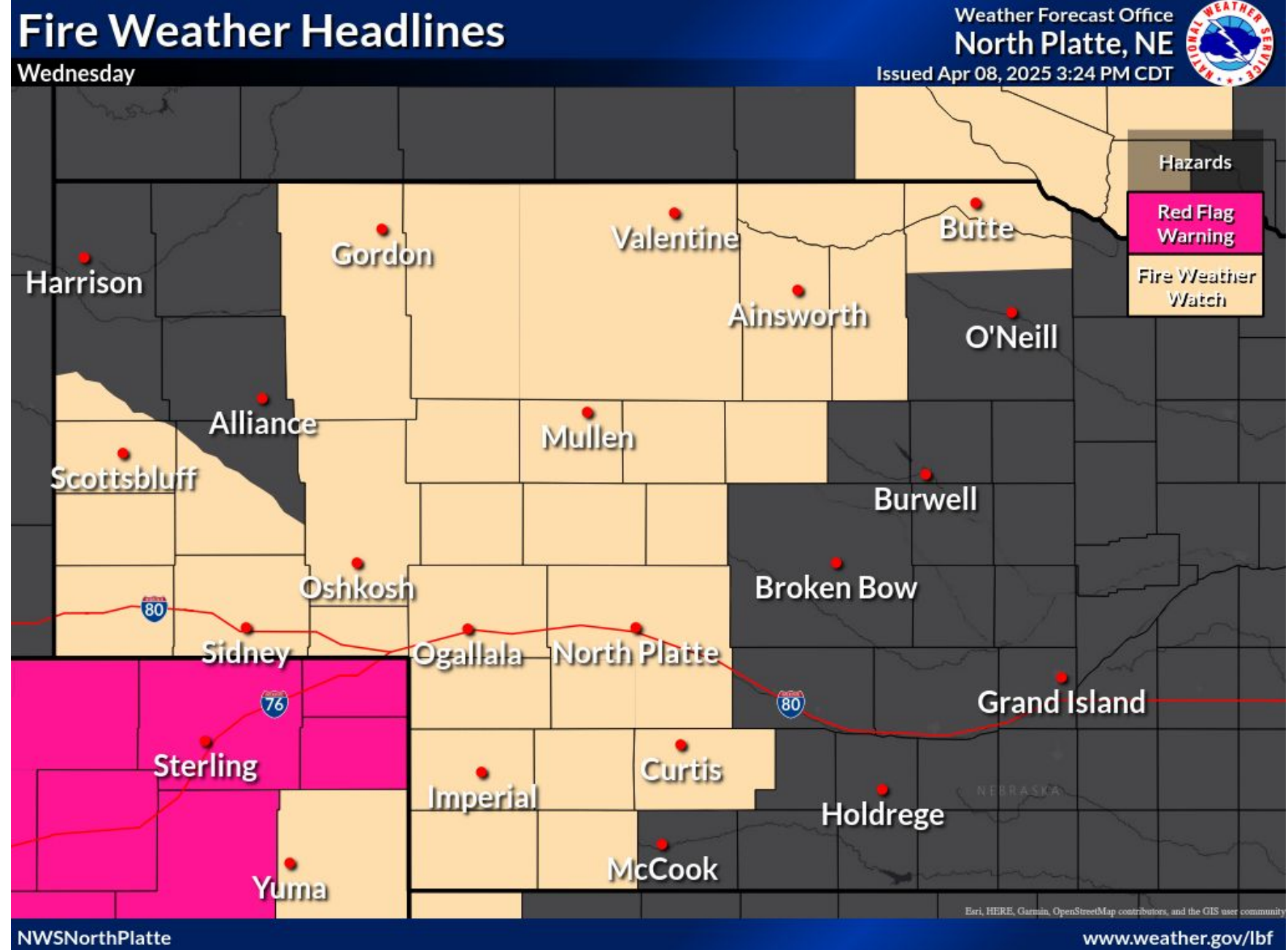
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Wednesday

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- Critical to near-critical fire weather conditions are expected to develop again on Wednesday afternoon/evening:
  - Temps: upper 60s to low 70s
  - Humidity: as low as 18%
  - Winds: NW 10-20 gusting up to 35 to 40 mph
- Increased fire weather concerns continue through the upcoming weekend as above normal temperatures and mostly dry conditions are forecast.







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## Humidity & Wind Forecast Timelines

### Minimum RH Forecast (%)

### Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (mph)

|              | 4/8<br>Tue |     | 4/9<br>Wed |     |     |     |      |     |     | 4/10<br>Thu |      |     |     |
|--------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-------------|------|-----|-----|
|              | 6pm        | 9pm | 12am       | 3am | 6am | 9am | 12pm | 3pm | 6pm | 9pm         | 12am | 3am | 6am |
|              | Ainsworth  | 22  | 40         | 54  | 63  | 73  | 39   | 25  | 20  | 24          | 38   | 49  | 51  |
| Broken Bow   | 24         | 40  | 50         | 63  | 73  | 44  | 26   | 24  | 25  | 40          | 55   | 58  | 52  |
| Burwell      | 25         | 42  | 54         | 63  | 76  | 42  | 25   | 23  | 23  | 38          | 58   | 62  | 55  |
| Gordon       | 20         | 39  | 66         | 79  | 82  | 45  | 27   | 23  | 22  | 39          | 51   | 57  | 52  |
| Imperial     | 15         | 28  | 40         | 52  | 76  | 42  | 24   | 18  | 19  | 33          | 42   | 57  | 59  |
| Mullen       | 18         | 32  | 54         | 73  | 86  | 45  | 27   | 22  | 24  | 38          | 51   | 55  | 47  |
| North Platte | 17         | 29  | 43         | 58  | 76  | 47  | 28   | 21  | 19  | 31          | 54   | 62  | 55  |
| O'Neill      | 24         | 41  | 54         | 63  | 70  | 40  | 24   | 21  | 22  | 33          | 44   | 55  | 54  |
| Ogallala     | 16         | 30  | 40         | 63  | 82  | 47  | 25   | 18  | 19  | 30          | 45   | 59  | 59  |
| Oshkosh      | 14         | 28  | 43         | 73  | 89  | 45  | 23   | 16  | 17  | 29          | 40   | 59  | 61  |
| Valentine    | 22         | 37  | 54         | 71  | 76  | 39  | 23   | 21  | 26  | 38          | 46   | 53  | 49  |

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|              | 4/8<br>Tue |     | 4/9<br>Wed |     |     |     |      |     |     | 4/10<br>Thu |      |     |     |
|--------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-------------|------|-----|-----|
|              | 6pm        | 9pm | 12am       | 3am | 6am | 9am | 12pm | 3pm | 6pm | 9pm         | 12am | 3am | 6am |
|              | Ainsworth  | 17  | 10         | 18  | 20  | 21  | 26   | 30  | 29  | 28          | 17   | 18  | 22  |
| Broken Bow   | 22         | 10  | 21         | 24  | 22  | 26  | 28   | 31  | 30  | 14          | 13   | 16  | 23  |
| Burwell      | 23         | 15  | 16         | 25  | 23  | 28  | 29   | 29  | 28  | 16          | 15   | 17  | 24  |
| Gordon       | 29         | 30  | 30         | 13  | 14  | 20  | 30   | 35  | 33  | 17          | 16   | 20  | 23  |
| Imperial     | 28         | 17  | 21         | 20  | 15  | 20  | 32   | 37  | 30  | 14          | 13   | 14  | 20  |
| Mullen       | 25         | 18  | 26         | 21  | 17  | 21  | 29   | 35  | 32  | 18          | 16   | 20  | 23  |
| North Platte | 26         | 18  | 20         | 22  | 16  | 20  | 26   | 35  | 30  | 14          | 12   | 12  | 17  |
| O'Neill      | 23         | 17  | 10         | 21  | 22  | 26  | 31   | 30  | 29  | 17          | 18   | 21  | 24  |
| Ogallala     | 29         | 20  | 20         | 18  | 14  | 20  | 32   | 36  | 32  | 14          | 10   | 13  | 17  |
| Oshkosh      | 33         | 17  | 20         | 15  | 12  | 21  | 32   | 39  | 35  | 15          | 10   | 10  | 14  |
| Valentine    | 17         | 13  | 20         | 16  | 21  | 25  | 29   | 30  | 29  | 15          | 18   | 22  | 25  |

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Warm & mostly dry conditions continue

## Minimum RH Forecast (%)

|              | 4/9<br>Wed | 4/10<br>Thu | 4/11<br>Fri | 4/12<br>Sat | 4/13<br>Sun |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ainsworth    | 20         | 24          | 24          | 27          | 21          |
| Broken Bow   | 24         | 24          | 24          | 29          | 20          |
| Burwell      | 23         | 25          | 24          | 31          | 22          |
| Gordon       | 22         | 21          | 20          | 20          | 23          |
| Imperial     | 18         | 18          | 21          | 20          | 16          |
| Mullen       | 22         | 18          | 19          | 18          | 15          |
| North Platte | 19         | 18          | 21          | 24          | 16          |
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| Ogallala     | 18         | 18          | 23          | 21          | 16          |
| Oshkosh      | 16         | 16          | 21          | 17          | 16          |
| Valentine    | 21         | 23          | 22          | 23          | 21          |

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## Maximum Wind Gust Forecast & Direction (mph)

|              | 4/9<br>Wed | 4/10<br>Thu | 4/11<br>Fri | 4/12<br>Sat | 4/13<br>Sun |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ainsworth    | 30↘        | 33↘         | 26↗         | 30↑         | 30↘         |
| Broken Bow   | 31↘        | 36↘         | 23↖         | 28↑         | 30↘         |
| Burwell      | 29↘        | 38↘         | 21↖         | 31↑         | 31↘         |
| Gordon       | 35↘        | 26↘         | 25↑         | 28↑         | 35↘         |
| Imperial     | 37↘        | 29↘         | 28↑         | 21↖         | 35↘         |
| Mullen       | 35↘        | 31↘         | 28↑         | 25↗         | 31↘         |
| North Platte | 35↘        | 29↘         | 24↑         | 22↑         | 28↘         |
| O'Neill      | 31↘        | 32↘         | 23↖         | 30↑         | 28↘         |
| Ogallala     | 36↘        | 28↘         | 25↑         | 21↑         | 29↘         |
| Oshkosh      | 39↘        | 26↘         | 24↑         | 21↗         | 33↘         |
| Valentine    | 30↘        | 33↘         | 26↑         | 26↑         | 32↘         |

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## Summary and Links

### Key Points to Take Home

- A **Red Flag Warning** remains in effect for Zones 204/210 through early evening
- A **Fire Weather Watch** has been issued for Zones 204/206/208/219/210 Tuesday afternoon and early evening
- Fire weather concerns continue into the upcoming weekend due to unseasonable warmth & dry conditions
  - Additional headlines may be necessary, especially on Thursday

### FIRE WEATHER WATCH

A Fire Weather Watch is issued when **critical fire weather conditions are possible.**

“Critical fire conditions” means warm temperatures, low humidity, and strong, gusty winds.

**Be Prepared.**



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### RED FLAG WARNING

A Red Flag Warning is issued when **critical fire weather conditions are happening or are about to happen.**

Avoid burning, be careful around open flames, safely dispose of cigarettes. Fires can spark and grow very quickly.

**Take Action!**

### Additional Resources

- [Latest Radar Imagery](#)
- [Fire Weather Webpage](#)
- [Latest Fire Weather Discussion](#)
- [Decision Support Webpage](#)

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