

# 2023 Fire Weather Summary

Fire Weather Stats // Acres Burned

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Total Large Wildfires in the ABQ CWA

First ignition February 6<sup>th</sup>

183,418

Total acres burned in New Mexico

2,198

Largest Fire by Acres Burned



Black Feather Fire  
Images courtesy InciWeb



fires 1,000 acres or larger  
across northern and  
central New Mexico:

### Notable fires:

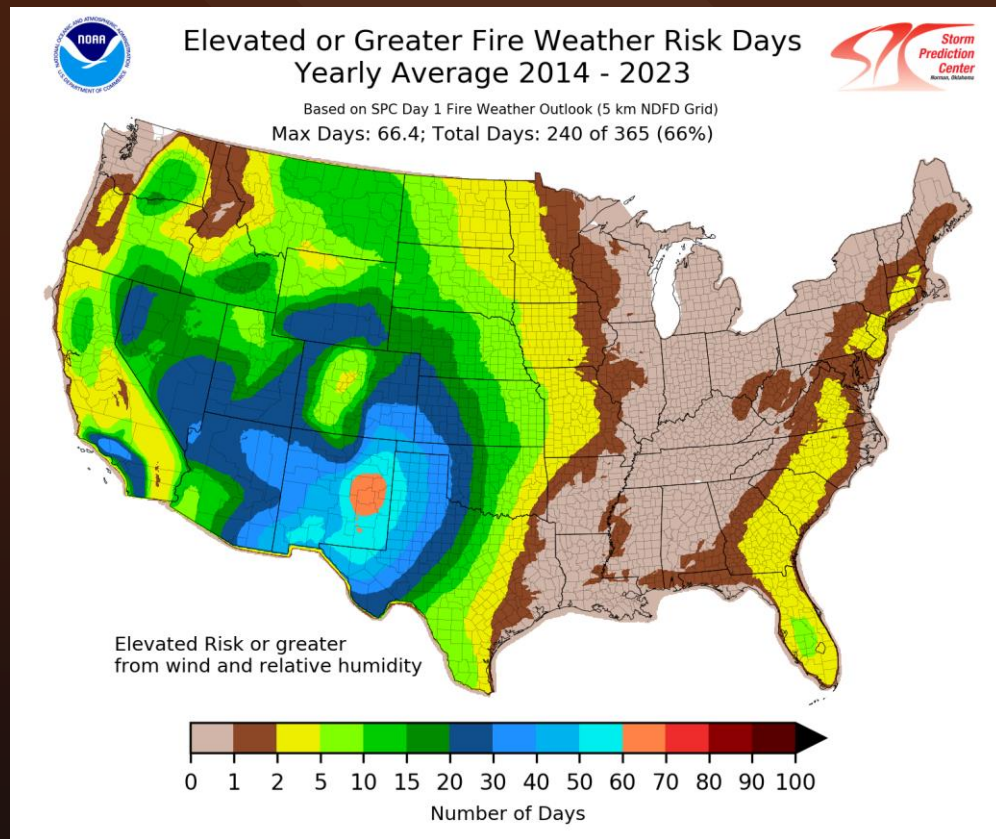
- Black Feather
- Comanche
- Hutchinson

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## Elevated or greater (basic definition):

- 20-ft wind speed  $\geq$  15 mph
- relative humidity  $<$  20%

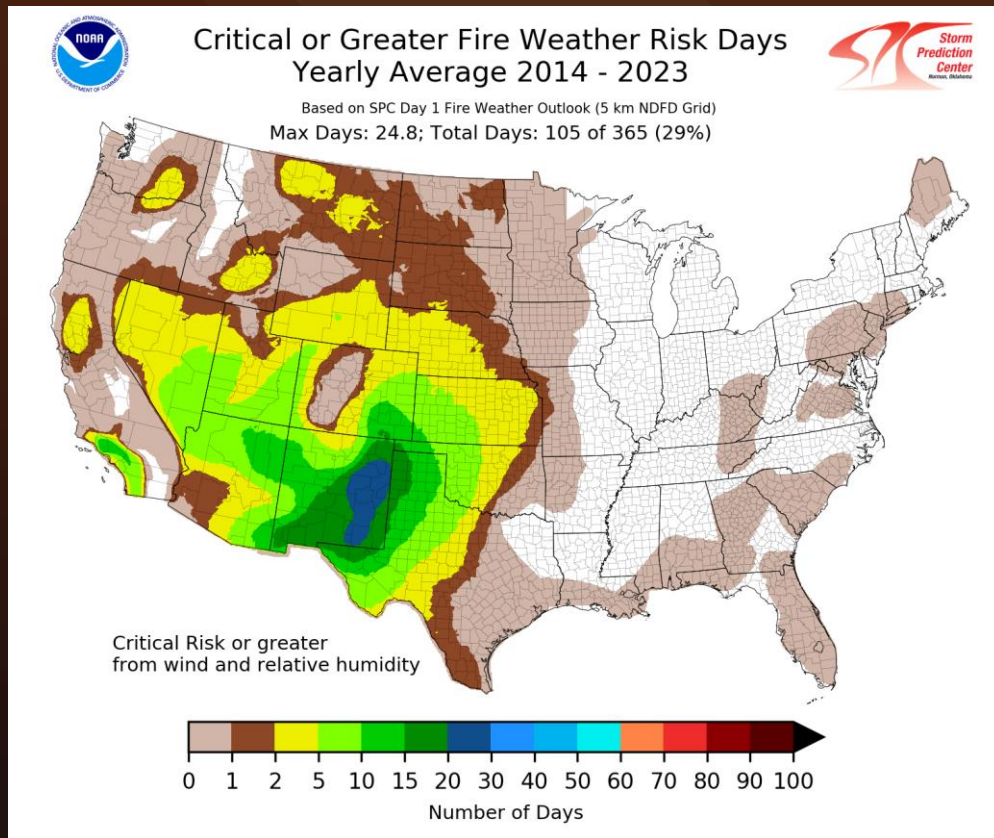
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## Critical or greater (basic definition):

- 20-ft wind speed  $\geq$  20 mph
- relative humidity  $<$  15%

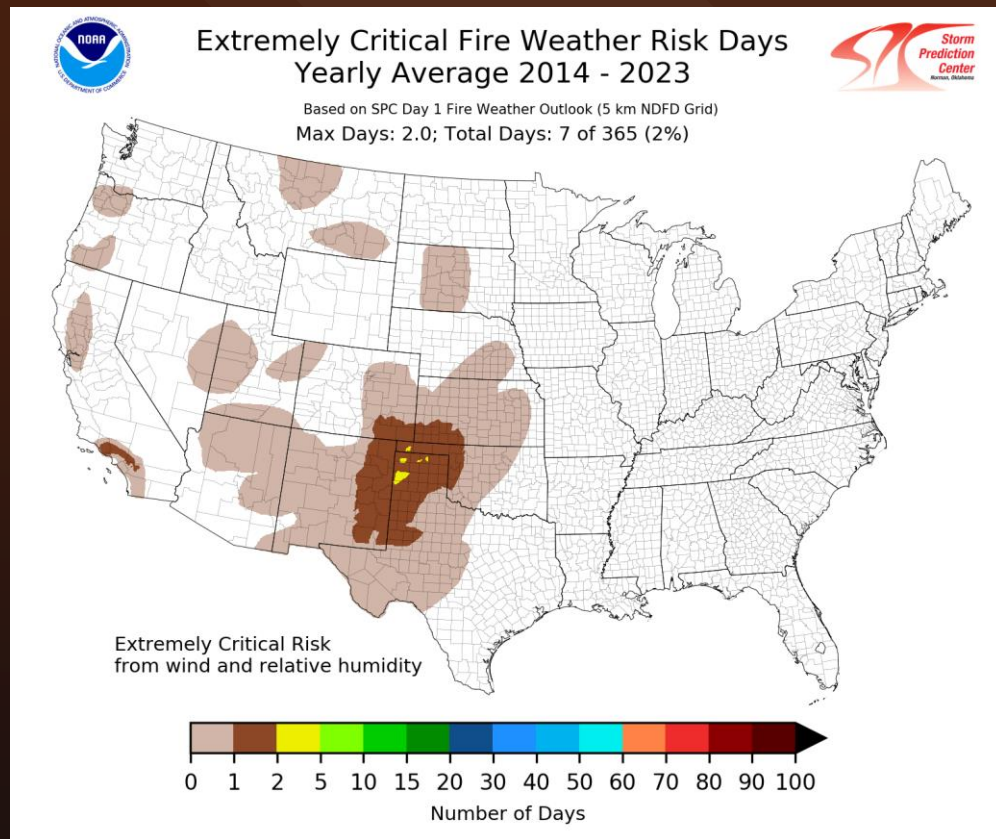
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## Extreme or greater (basic definition):

- 20-ft wind speed  $\geq$  30 mph
- relative humidity  $<$  10%

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# Resources

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