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Subject: Discontinuation of the Rangeland/Grassland Fire Danger Statement (RFD) for North Dakota by the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Bismarck, ND: Effective July 1, 2014

Effective Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at 1000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS WFO in Bismarck, ND (BIS) will discontinue the production of the RFD for North Dakota because equivalent fire weather information is available in other fire weather products.

The Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory in Missoula, MT, will issue the North Dakota Fire Danger Statement text and associated map using the fire danger rating of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS). NWS WFO BIS will include a link on the WFO BIS website to the NFDRS fire danger issued by the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory.

<http://www.weather.gov/bis>

This change will improve services for WFO BIS fire weather partners by using the fire danger rating from the NFDRS, the national standard for fire management officers of customer and partner agencies. The NFDRS forecast information map from the Fire Lab in Missoula is online at:

<http://www.wfas.net/prod/nplains/FDBISBC.png>

A text listing of NFDRS information is online at:

<http://www.wfas.net/prod/nplains/FDBISBC.txt>

Once this change has been implemented, the following product will no longer be issued:

Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Danger Statement	FNUS63 KBIS	RFDBIS

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