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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:

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