

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, CAMDEN COUNTY, MISSOURI

Tuesday 03/18/2025

The Camden County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Ike Skelton, First District Commissioner James Gohagan and Second District Commissioner Steve Dougan.

Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Skelton amended the agenda to include discussion of a county-wide burn ban requested by the county's EMA Director and Mid-County Fire Chief. Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve today's amended agenda. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye). Session opened at 10:01 A.M.

Prior Minutes

Commissioner Dougan made a motion to approve March 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Gohagan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Dougan (aye) and Commissioner Gohagan (aye).

New Business

Discuss Ordering County-wide Burn Ban- EMA Director John Scheper and Mid-County Fire Chief Scott Frandsen were present to discuss the recent fire events that destroyed many homes, structures, and property around Camden County on Friday, March 14, 2025. Wind speed is expected to be a continuous problem in the area for the predictable future, grass and fields are very dry due to snow and ice creating more nitrogen, and a fire moving at the speed of the wind is impossible to get in front of or chase down—per Chief Frandsen. Both parties requested the commission consider ordering a county-wide burn ban until at least April 1, 2025. Commissioner Skelton made a motion to create a burn ban order effective immediately through April 1, 2025 when the Commission will review;

the burn ban will be county-wide and, upon conviction, carry the penalty of a class A misdemeanor. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

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CAMDENTON, MISSOURI 65020
573-317-3850

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF CAMDEN
COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Camden County, Missouri, is authorized to enact Orders to promote and enhance the public health, safety and general welfare of individuals within Camden County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Revised Statute Section 49.266 authorizes the enactment of a County-wide ban of open fires pursuant to the provisions of that Statute;

1. It shall be unlawful to knowingly start, initiate, cause, permit, or conduct a fire on property located in Camden County, Missouri, excluding outdoor grills utilized for cooking purposes.
2. Violation of this Order shall be a Class A misdemeanor as defined by State Law. Each violation of an open burning ban imposed under this Order shall be considered a separate offense for each day or part of the day in which the violation is committed.
3. State agencies responsible for fire management or fire suppression activities shall not be subject to the provisions of this Order.
4. This Order shall not affect the ability of an individual, organization, or corporation to sell fireworks during the period of a burn ban, but it does prohibit the usage of all missile and skyrocket devices.
5. The burn ban imposed under this Order shall remain in effect until **5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025**. However, the Camden County Commission may extend or rescind the ban if necessary.
6. This Order and any burn ban when enacted shall be applicable to all unincorporated areas of Camden County, Missouri, and all incorporated areas within Camden County that do not have a municipal ordinance banning open burning.

*Presiding Commissioner
Ike Skelton*

*Commission Clerk
Rowland Todd*

*1st District Commissioner
James Gohagan*

*2nd District Commissioner
Steve Dougan*

7. Burn ban violators will be subject to a minimum fine of \$250.00 up to the maximum allowed by a class A misdemeanor. Additionally, restitution for services provided will be awarded to the responding fire department(s).

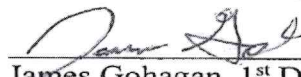
This Order shall be in full force and in effect from and after its passage and adoption. Should any provision within the Order be adjudged invalid, said determination shall not affect the validity of the balance of this Order.

THIS ORDER WAS PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS **18th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.**

SO ORDERED:



Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner



James Gohagan, 1st District Commissioner



Steve Dougan, 2nd District Commissioner

****Fire/Wind Ongoing Situation Report provided by Camden County EMA begins after the adjournment page****

Budget Amendment for Purchasing Dept. - \$53.70- (reimbursement from MU Extension for supplies)- Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to approve the budget amendment for \$53.70 received by MU Extension for supply purchases from the county purchasing department. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Review/adopt changes to Purchase Order (PO) policy in Accounting Policies/Procedures Manual- The Auditor wishes to implement a new policy requiring Purchase Orders to be submitted and approved before any purchases over \$3,000.00 can be made in the BS&A Accounting Software. This discussion led

to discussion over many policies stated in the manual that some question the validity of or whether the offices enforce the policy. Jenny Wall provided the commission with a red-line version of the policy that she and another person worked on together and requested the commission read over it and consider adopting the changes. The Auditor submitted the following revisions to the policy:

1-102 Application.

This Policy applies to contracts for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services entered into by the County after the effective date of this Policy, unless existing contracts were entered into prior to the effective date. It shall apply to every expenditure of public funds by all Administrative Authorities and the Purchasing Department irrespective of the source of the funds. When the procurement involves the expenditure of federal assistance or contract funds, the procurement shall be conducted in accordance with any mandatory applicable federal law and regulations. Nothing in this Policy shall prevent any public agency from complying with terms and conditions of any grant, gift, or bequest that is otherwise consistent with law. All purchases in excess of \$12,000.00 shall comply with state statute as defined in this policy. A Purchase Order (PO) will be required on any item or project that is projected to exceed \$3,000.00. A PO is *required before* the purchase is made (including purchases on credit cards) or the project start date.

Exceptions to PO requirements: utilities (phone, electric, propane, etc.), Road and Bridge regular expenditures (fuel, rock/chat, salt asphalt, etc.).

Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to adopt the changes to the Purchase Order Policy proposed by the Camden County Auditor. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Read/review/edit- Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual- The County Auditor was out of the office today. Commissioner Skelton motioned to table this item on the agenda. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Skelton (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye).

Adjourn: With no further official business on the agenda, Commissioner Gohagan made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Dougan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Commissioner Gohagan (aye) and Commissioner Dougan (aye). Session closed at 11:37 A.M.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until further notice.

Ike Skelton, Presiding Commissioner

Jordan Stanton, Admin. Assistant

FIRE/WIND EVENT
MARCH 14 – ONGOING
SITUATION REPORT



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2. Operational Period (# 1) Mar 14, 10am - ONGOING

HICS 201

Preliminary Statistics as of Monday at 0800.

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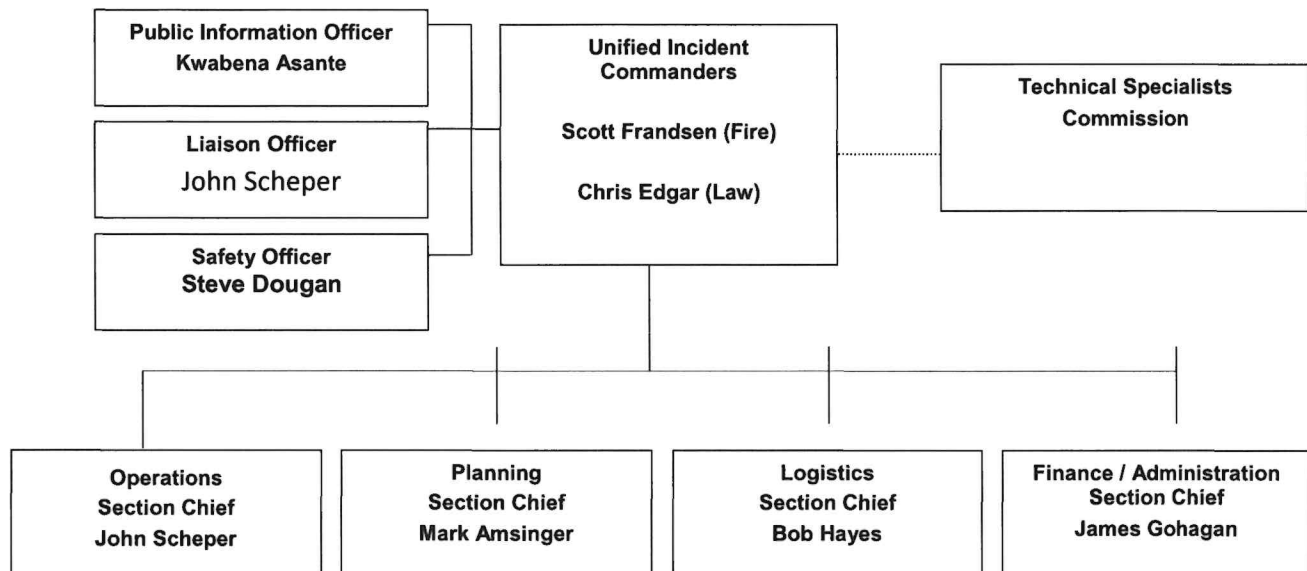


HICS INCIDENT ACTION PLAN (IAP) QUICK START

COMBINED HICS 201—202—203—204—215A

4. Current Hospital Incident Management Team (fill in additional positions as appropriate)

— HICS 201, 203



5. Health and Safety Briefing Identify potential incident health and safety hazards and develop necessary measures (remove hazard, provide personal protective equipment, warn people of the hazard) to protect responders from those hazards.

— HICS 202, 215A

During the ongoing wildfires in Camden County, Missouri, which led to significant property damage and evacuations already, it is crucial for wildland firefighting teams to adhere to established safety protocols. Firefighters should remain vigilant about current fire weather conditions, ensuring they are informed of forecasts and any active burn bans. When engaging in outdoor burning, always check local weather conditions, avoid low humidity and windy days, and consult with local fire departments regarding burn bans.

Additionally, the Ten Standard Firefighting Orders provide a foundational framework for safe firefighting practices. These orders emphasize the importance of understanding fire behavior, establishing clear communication, and identifying escape routes and safety zones. They also highlight the necessity of maintaining control over firefighting forces and making safety the top priority. By incorporating these guidelines into daily operations, firefighting teams can enhance their safety and effectiveness in wildfire suppression efforts.



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6. Incident Objectives

— HICS 202, 204

- **Ensure firefighter safety:** Prioritize the well-being of all personnel by maintaining situational awareness, adhering to safety protocols, and establishing escape routes and safety zones.
- **Contain and control the fire:** Strategically deploy firefighting resources to control the fire's spread, minimize damage to property and natural resources, and protect critical infrastructure.
- **Provide public information and coordination:** Communicate effectively with the public, local authorities, and support teams to keep communities informed about evacuation orders, fire status, and safety precautions.

6a. OBJECTIVES	6b. STRATEGIES / TACTICS	6c. RESOURCES REQUIRED	6d. ASSIGNED TO
Fire Suppression	Aggressive Offensive/Defensive Fire Attack	Mutual Aid In/Out County	Fire
Communications	In/Out County Comms	Radio Cache & 911 Center	EMA/911
Logistics	As needed	Food, Water, Fuel and other Commodities as required	EMA/Commission
Wildland Support	Fire Line Construction	Earth Moving Equipment & Personnel	Road & Bridge
Security & Intel	Scene Security & Fire- Start Notification	Sheriff's Department Mobile Units	CCSD





Strong Winds and High Fire Danger

March 18, 2025
4:41 AM

Today through Friday

Key Messages

- **Red Flag Warning** today due to strong winds and dry conditions.
- Elevated to significant fire danger possible Wednesday (mainly east), then again Thursday and especially Friday.
- Strong winds today and especially Wednesday.

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Important Updates

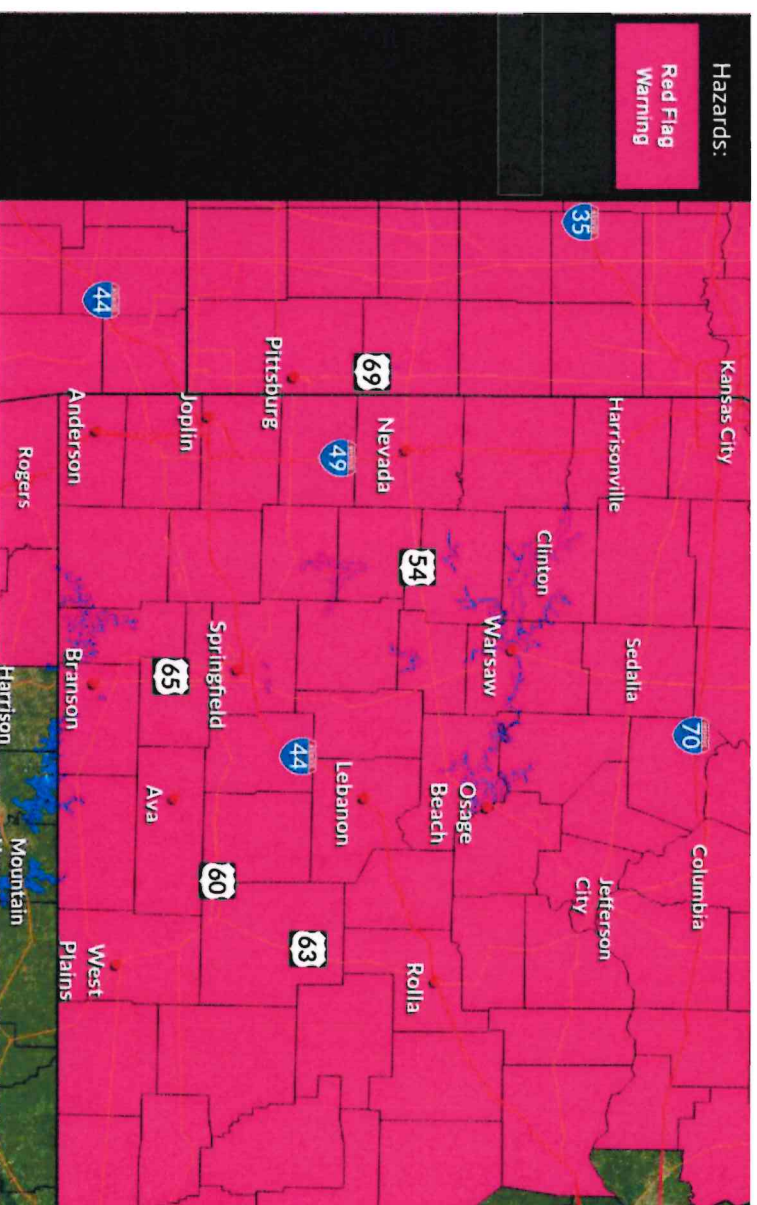
- Issued a Wind Advisory for today.

Next Scheduled Briefing

- This afternoon



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Red Flag Warning (Today 12 - 8 PM)

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Springfield, MO

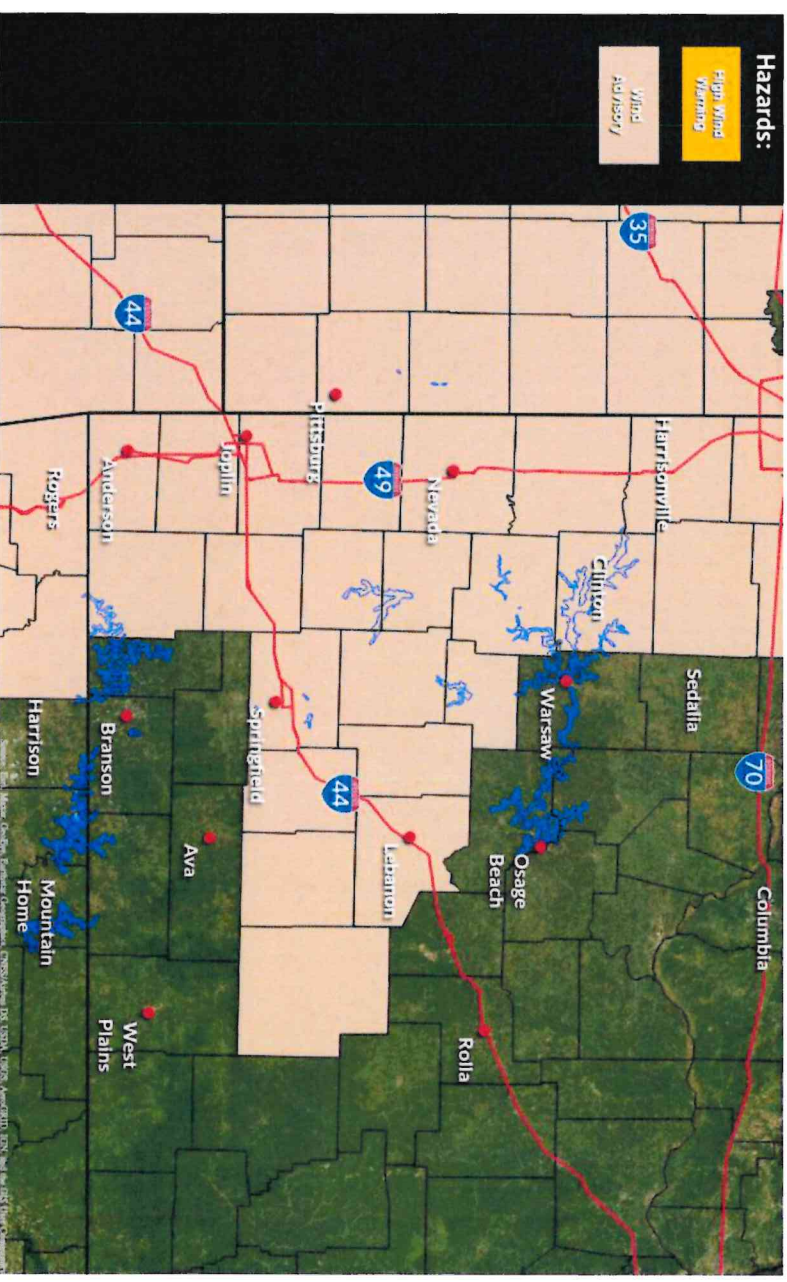


Wind Advisory Today

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Wind Advisory

- In effect from 9am to 8pm today
- Maximum gusts 40-50 mph



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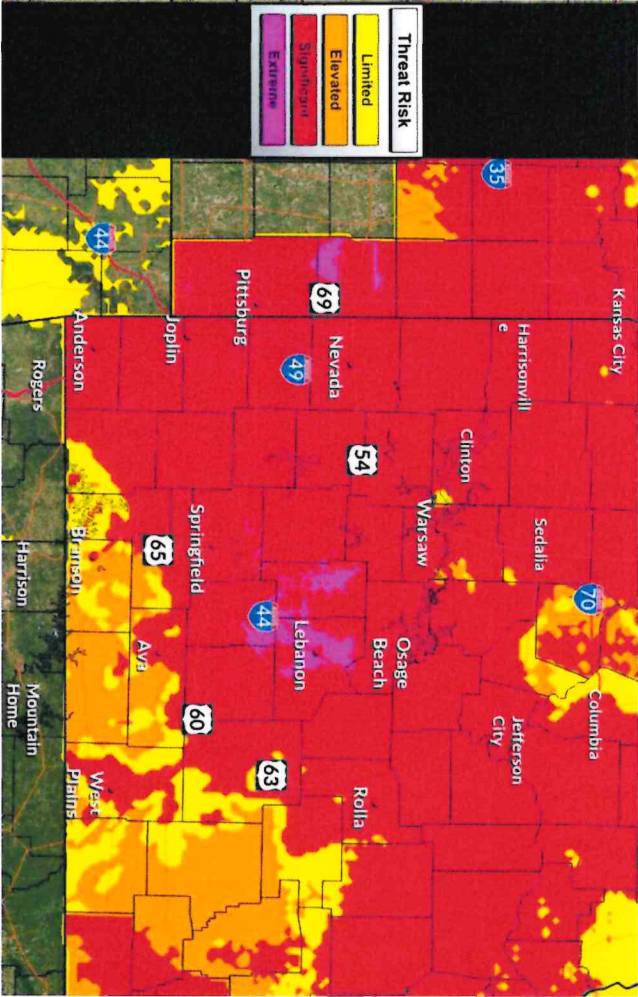


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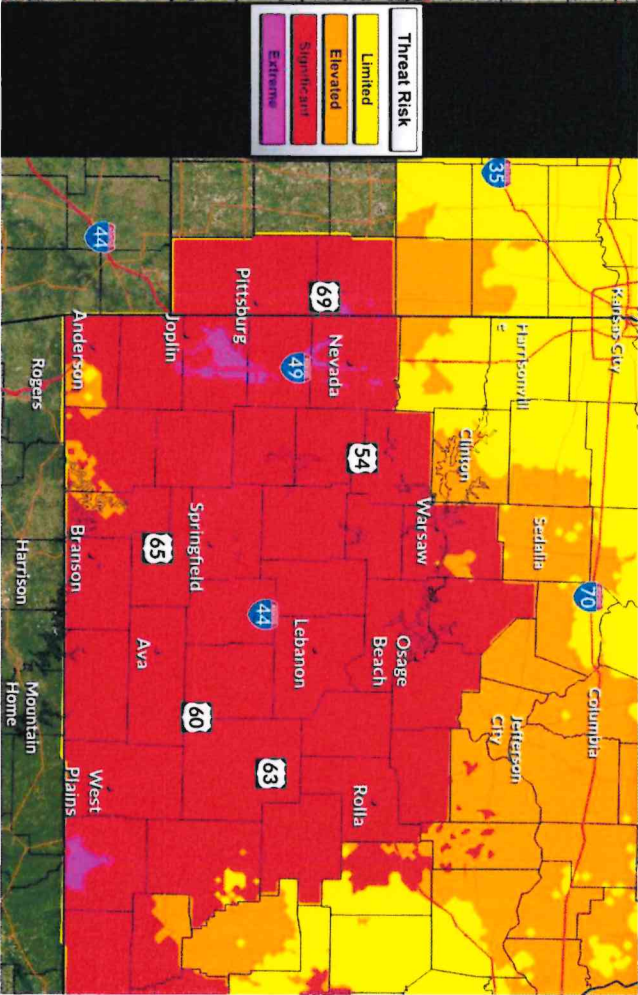
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Today and Wednesday

Note for Wednesday: Over most areas, significant conditions will not last more than 1-2 hours. However, areas roughly along and east of Highway 63 in Missouri may see a few hours of significant fire weather concerns.



Today



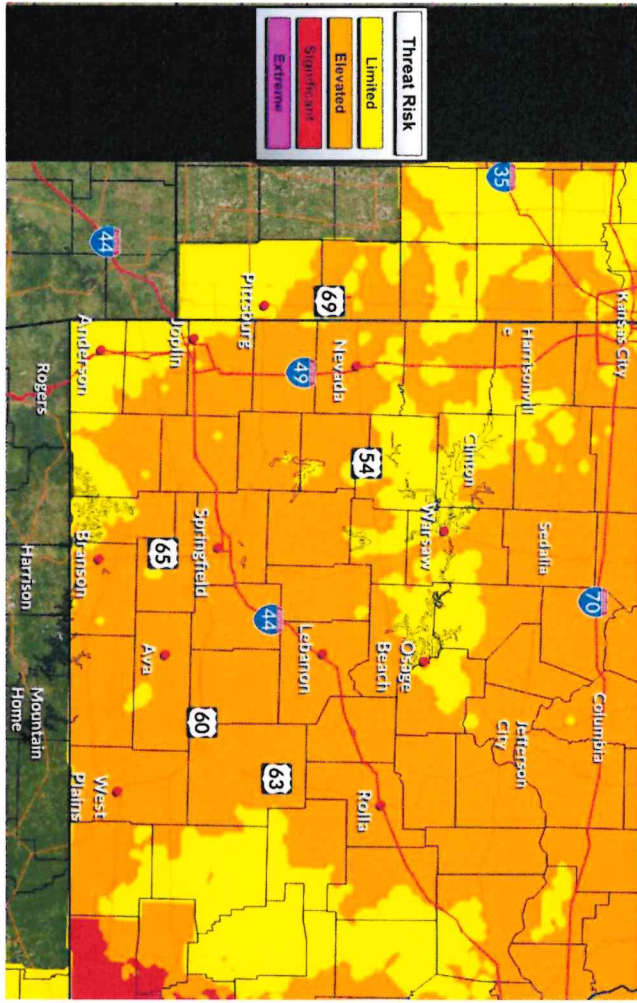
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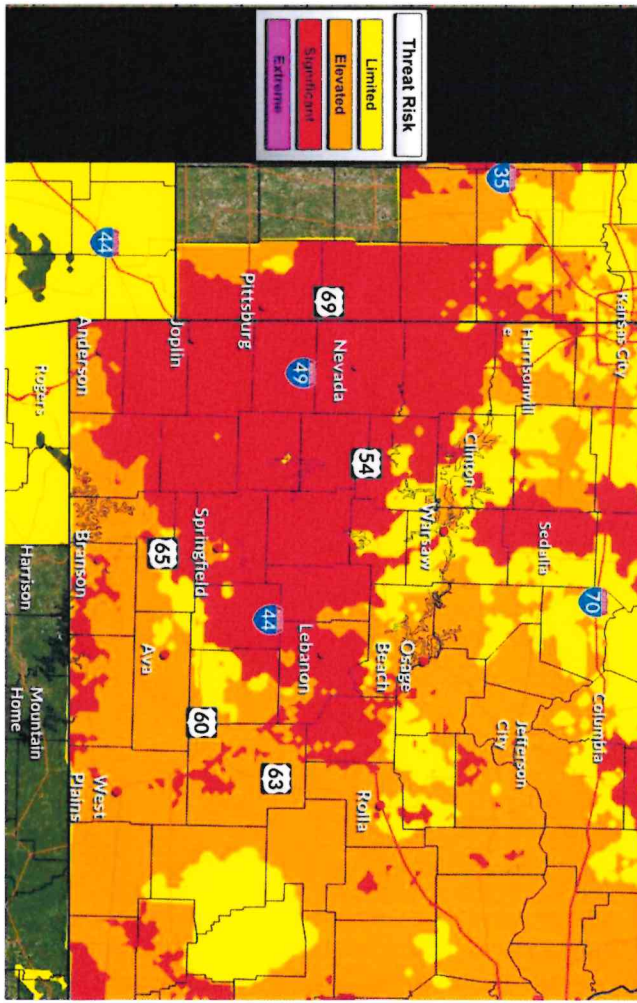
Fire Weather Risk

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Thursday and Friday



Thursday



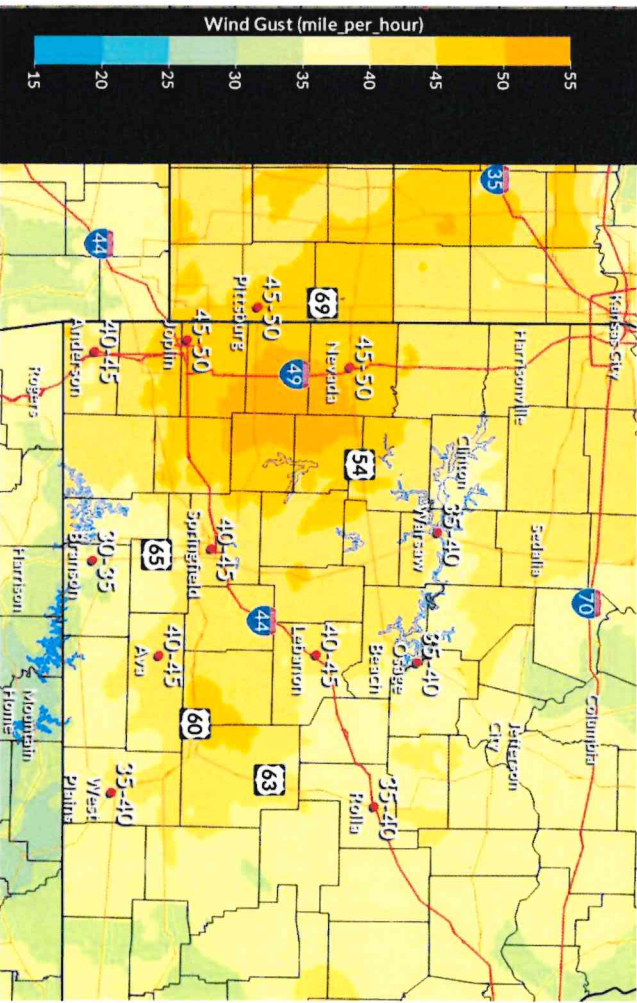
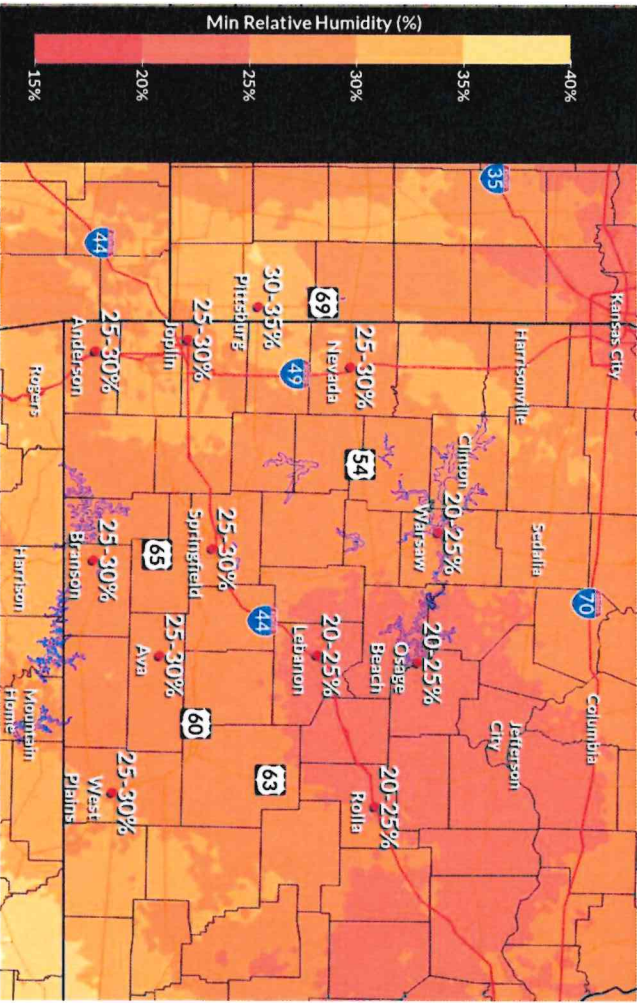
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RH and Wind Gust Today

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Today



Relative Humidity

Wind Gust



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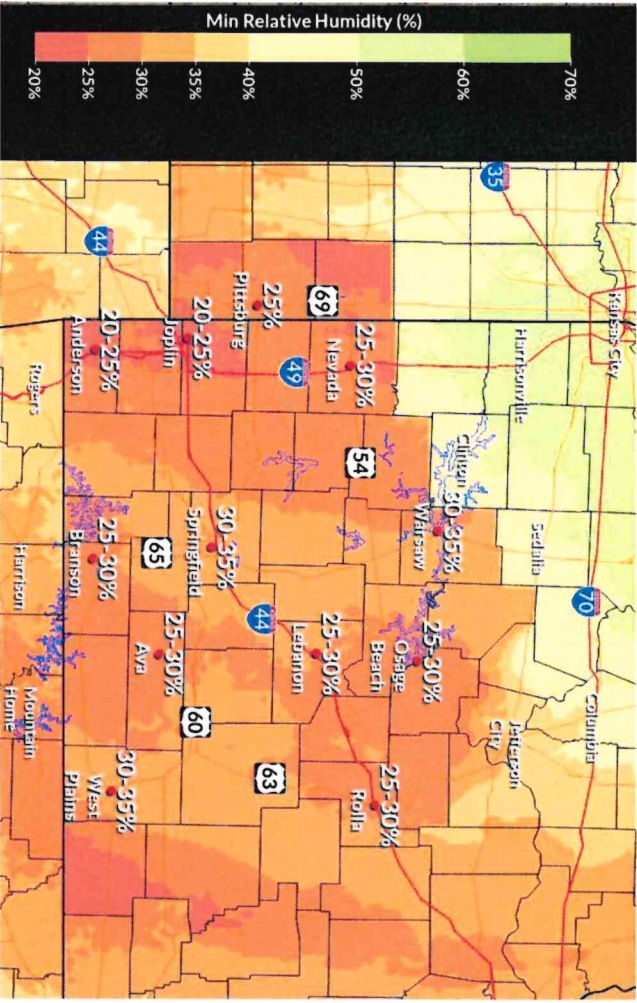
RH and Wind Gust Wednesday

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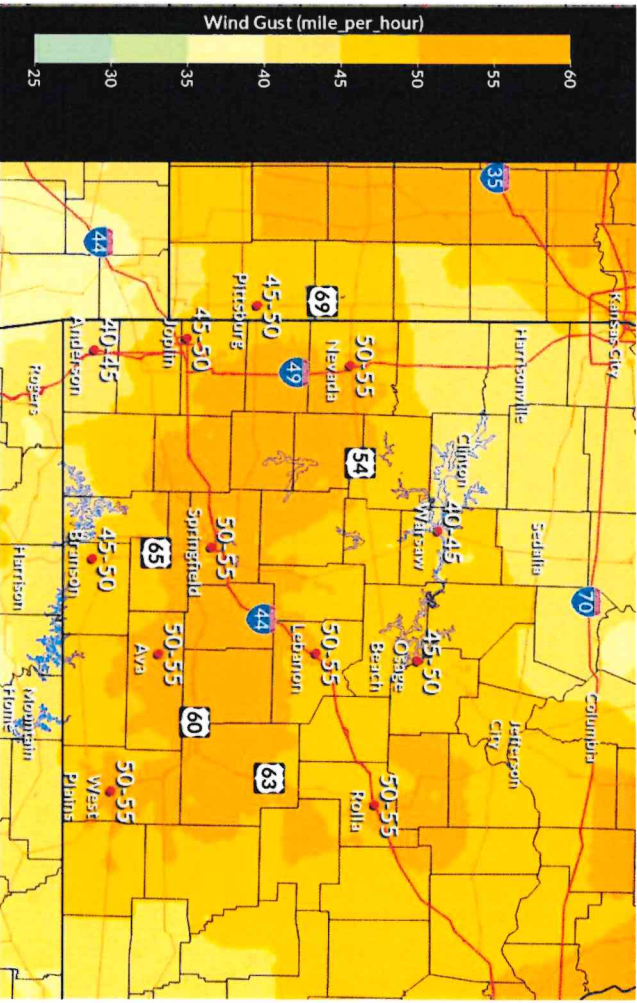
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Note for Wednesday: Over most areas, these lowered RH values will not last more than 1-2 hours. However, areas roughly along and east of Highway 63 in Missouri may see a few hours of RH values of 25-35%.

Relative Humidity



Wind Gust





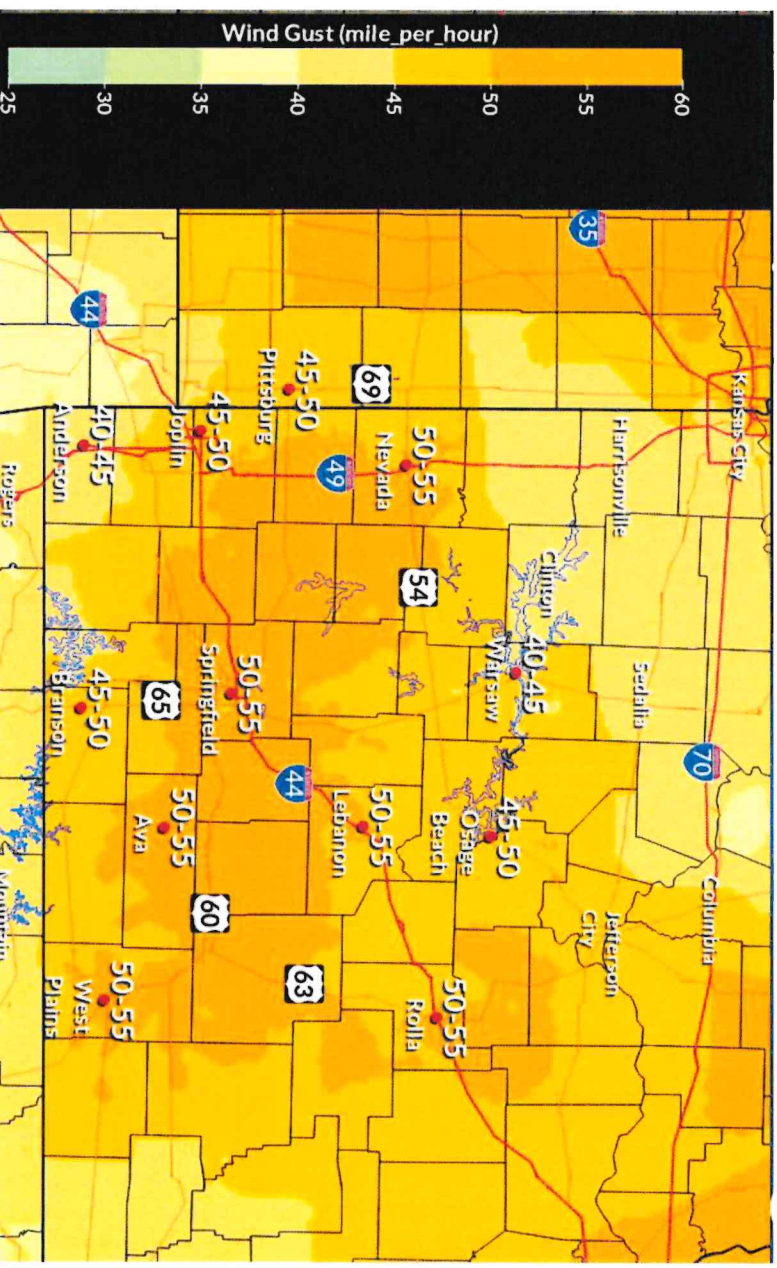
Additional Wind Information

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Wednesday

Strong Winds Wednesday

- Maximum gust forecast of 45-55 mph
- < 30% chance of gusts over 60 mph
- Impacts
 - ◆ Difficulty travelling in high profile vehicles and tree damage possible
 - ◆ If higher end gusts over 60 mph are observed, damage to trees and powerlines, along with minor structural damage



Maximum Wind Gust Forecast Wednesday



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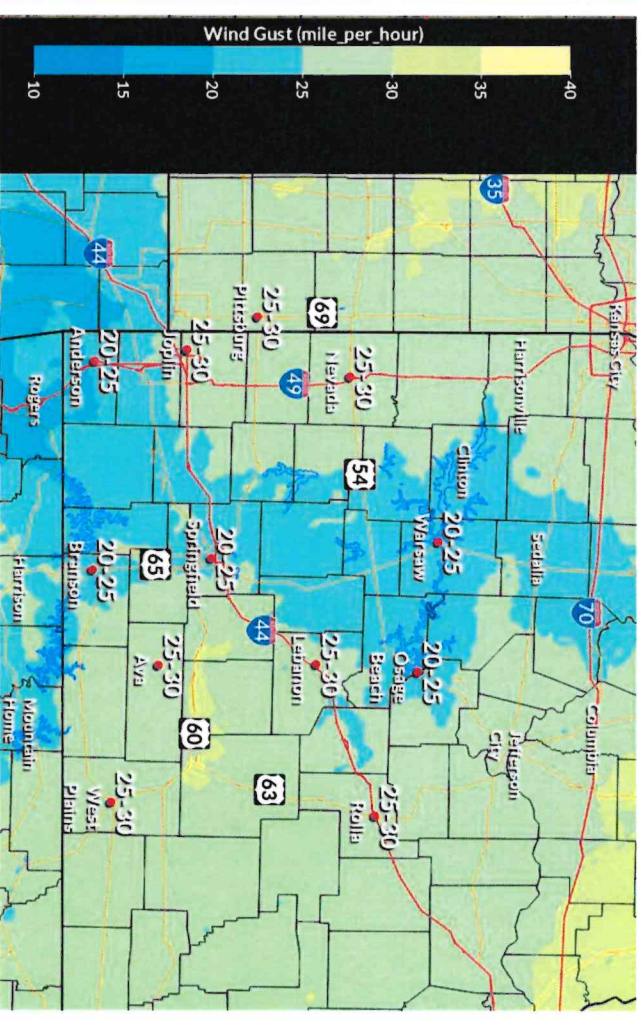
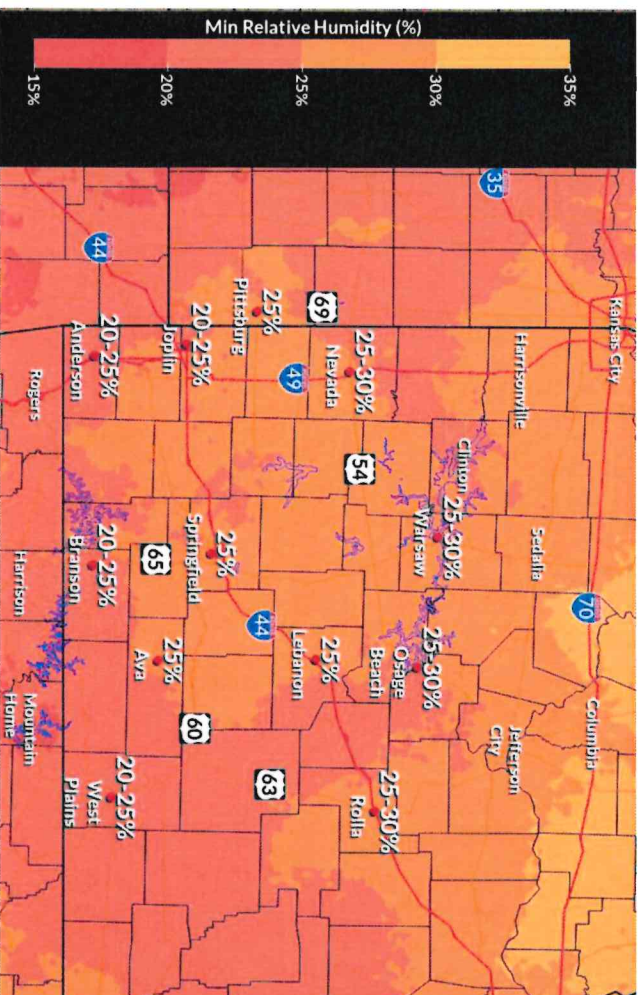
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RH and Wind Gust Thursday

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Thursday



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Friday



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