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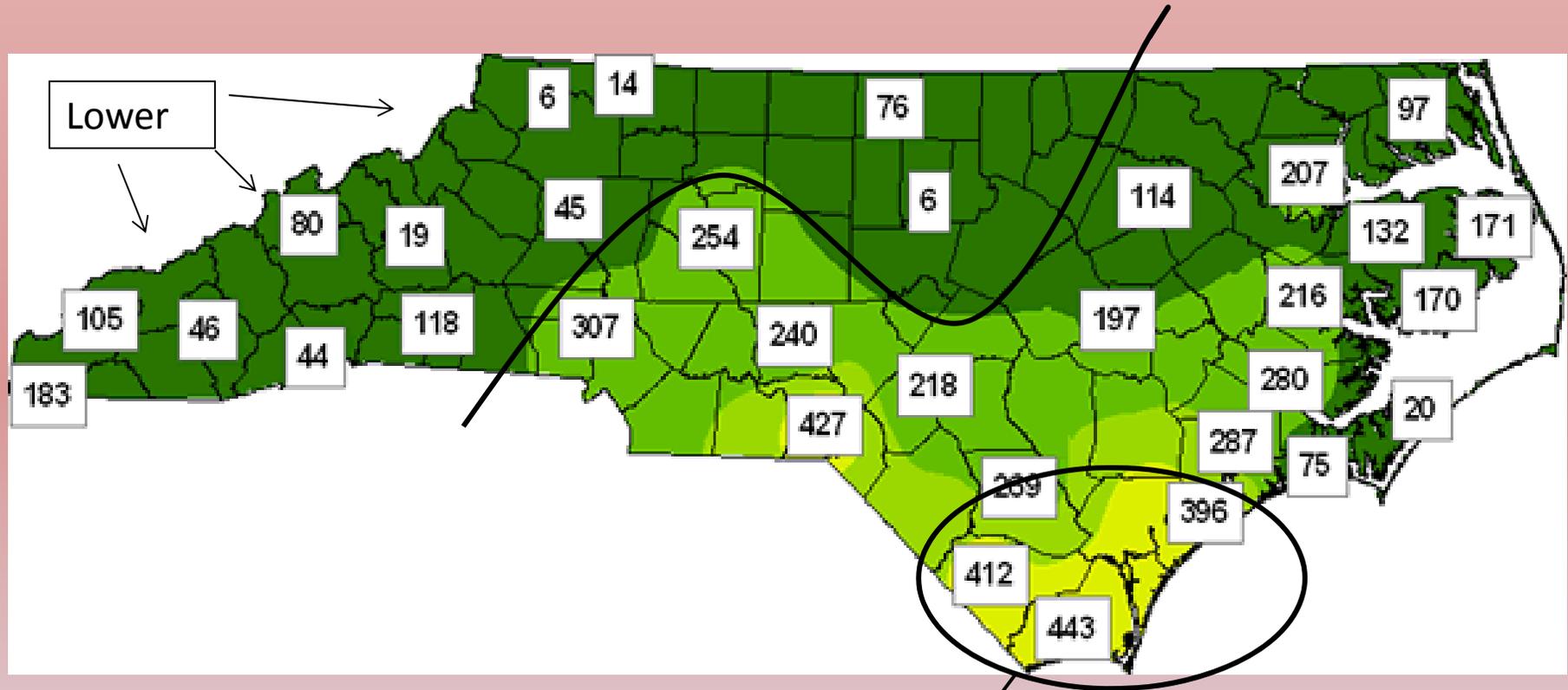


Fire Numbers Jan 1 to Apr 23, 2012

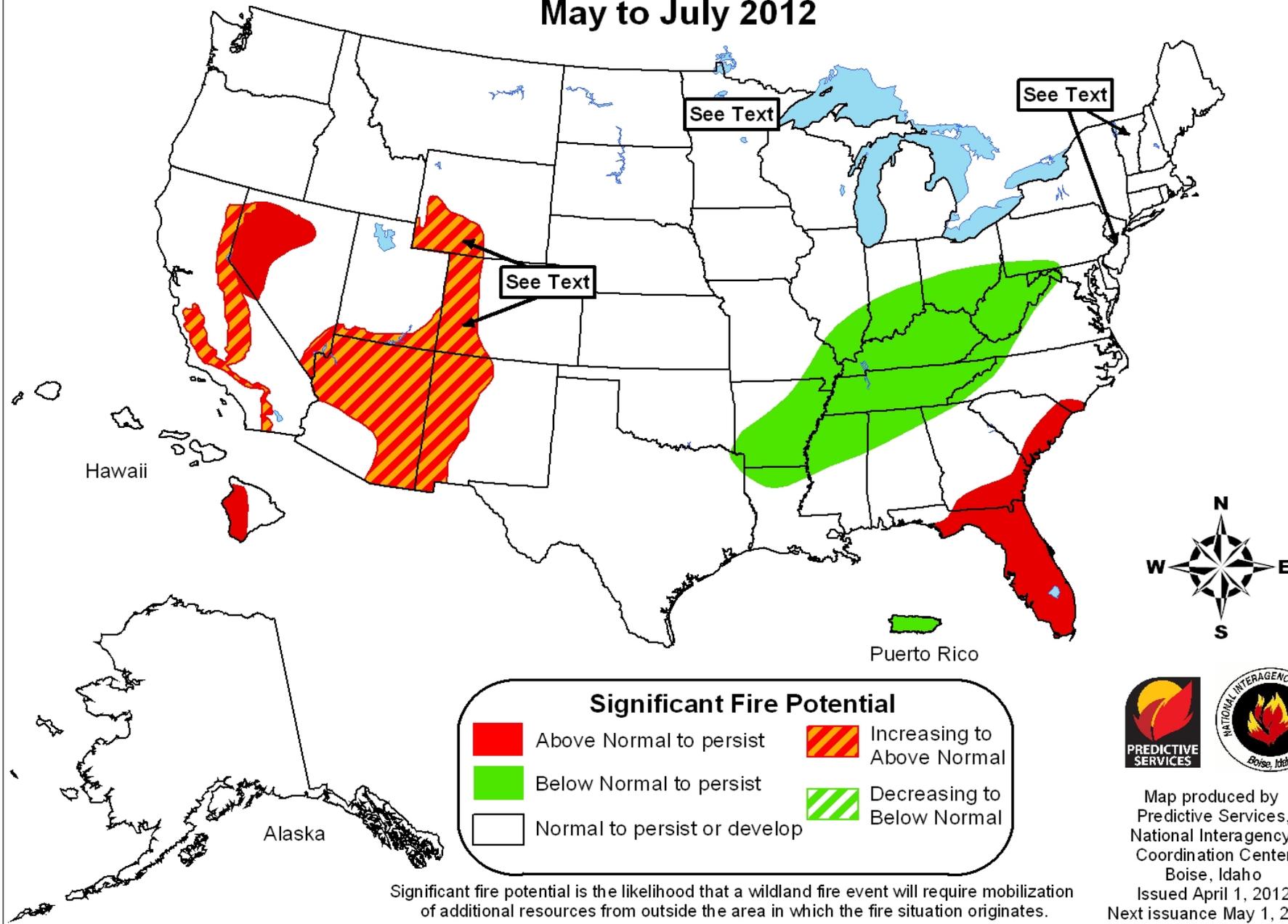
Date	Coastal Plain		Piedmont		Mountains		Statewide	
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres
Jan 1 – Apr 23	323	1,276	754	4,541	513	1,029	1,590	6,848
Jan – Apr 10 Year Average							2,740	13,995
10 Year Average (Calendar Year)							4,691	25,344

Keetch-Bryam Drought Index (KDBI)

Range 0 = no drought to 800 = extreme drought



Seasonal Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook May to July 2012



Expectations

- Fire Activity will rise and fall with the weather
 - Rain – lower activity
 - Wind – higher activity if conditions are dry
- Drought
 - Main concern is in the deep organics of the coastal plain
 - Higher activity can be expected
 - Summer months become more active (Ave. ~ 730 fires May – July)
 - Longer to contain fires and conduct mop up operations
 - Increased monitoring of contained fires