


Wildfire Outlook 2021



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**So... How bad is this fire
season going to be?**

I'll tell you in December!





History
doesn't repeat itself,
but it does rhyme.

Mark Twain

National Trends

- # of fires decreasing, # of acres increasing
- 2020 - 58,950 fires (below 5yr and 10yr avg)
- 2020 - 10,122,335 acres (2015 & 2017 > 10M)
- 17,904 structures destroyed (10yr avg - 4,911)



Colorado Big Fires

- 4 of the 20 largest fires occurred in 2020 (#1-3)
- 9 of top 20 (45%) have occurred since 2018
- 15 of top 20 those (75%) have occurred since 2012
- All 20 (100%) have occurred since 2001



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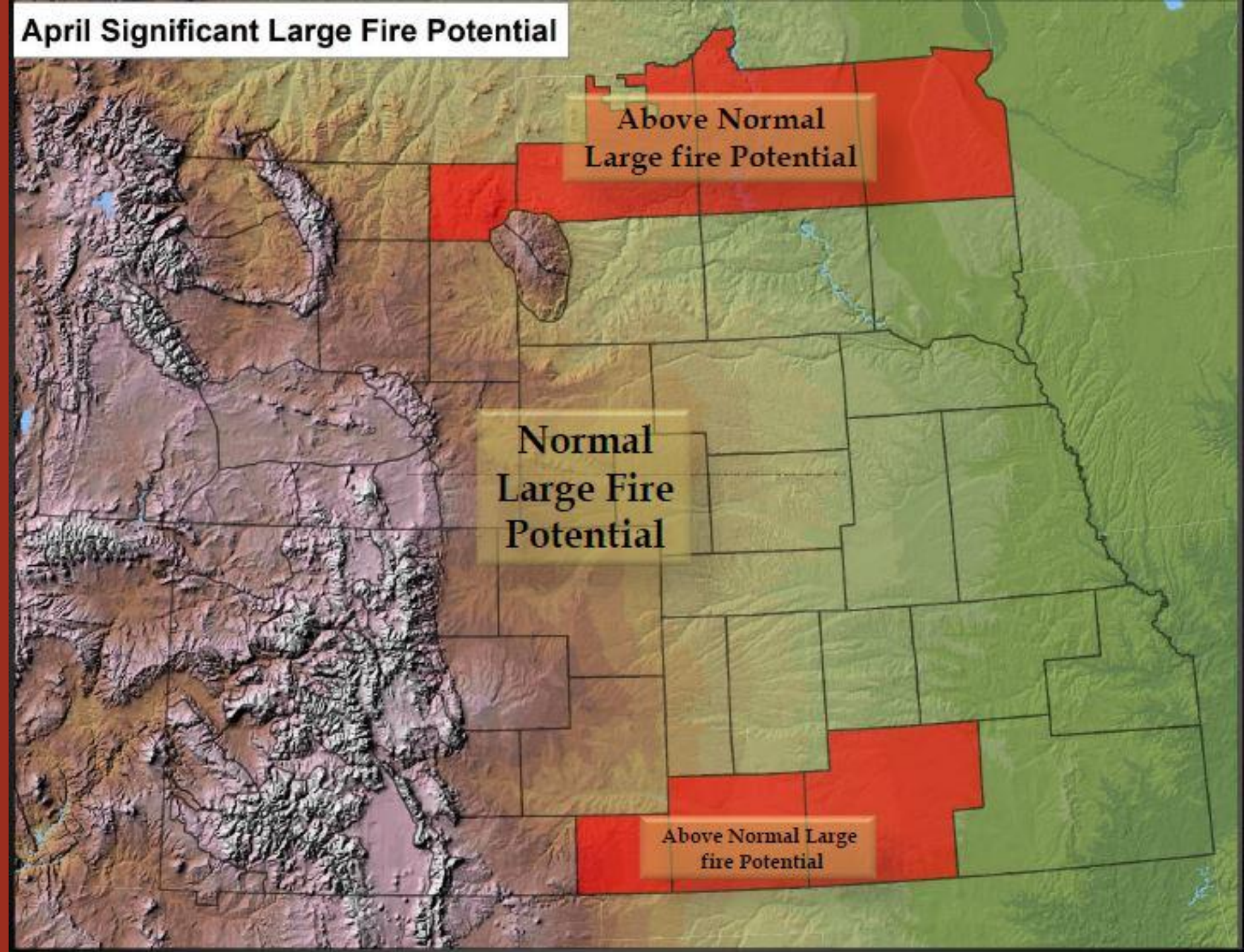
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April Significant Large Fire Potential

April

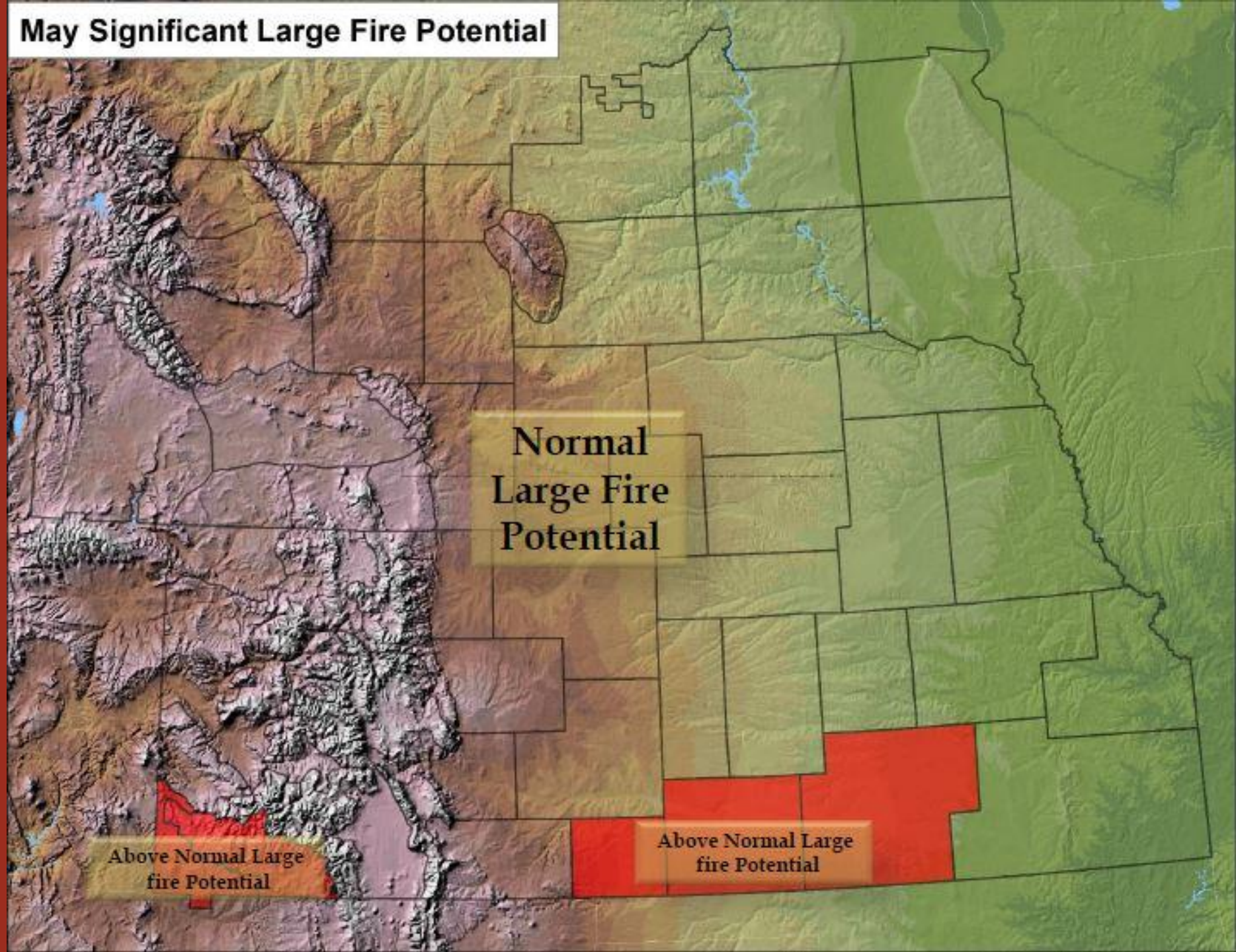
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May Significant Large Fire Potential

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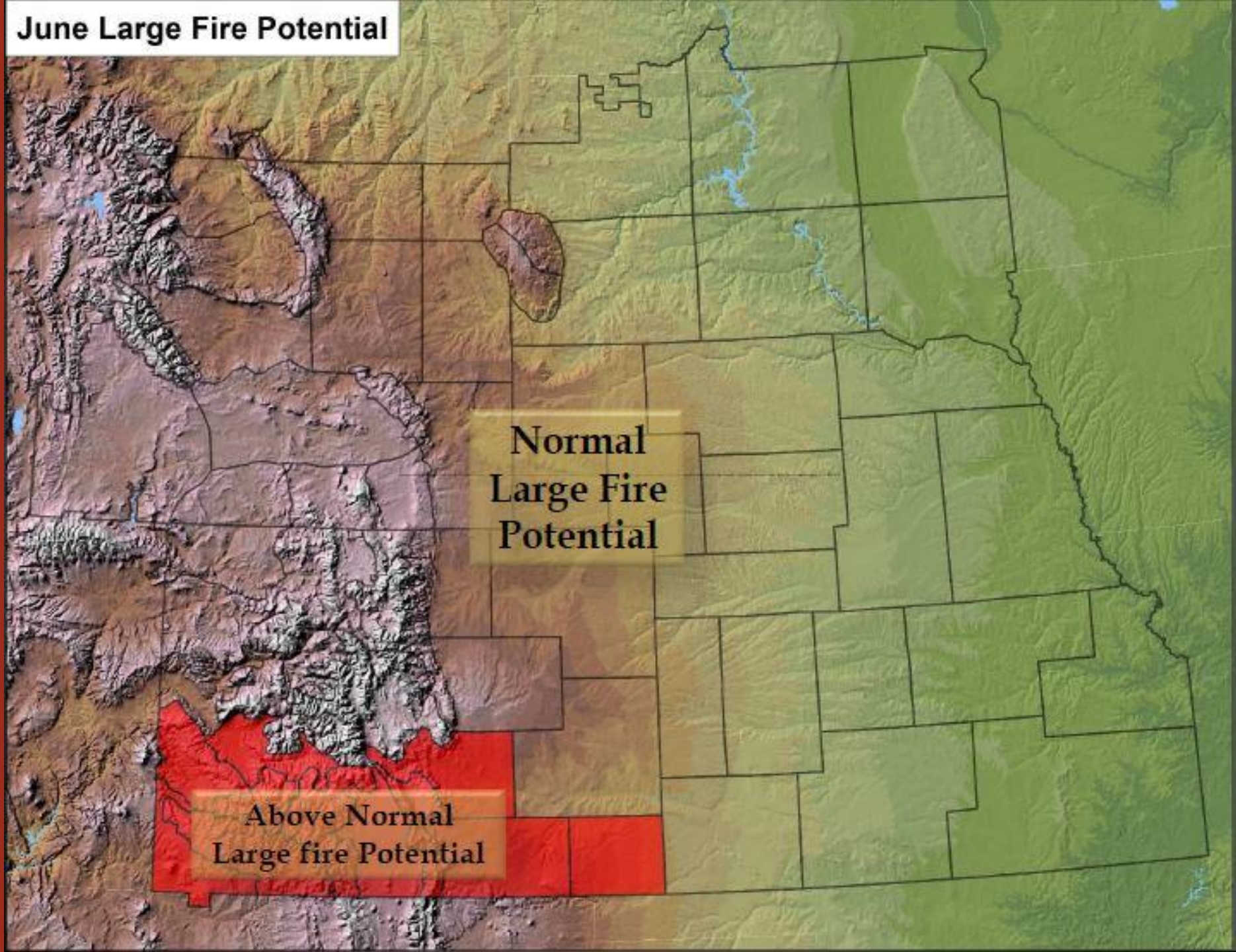
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June Large Fire Potential

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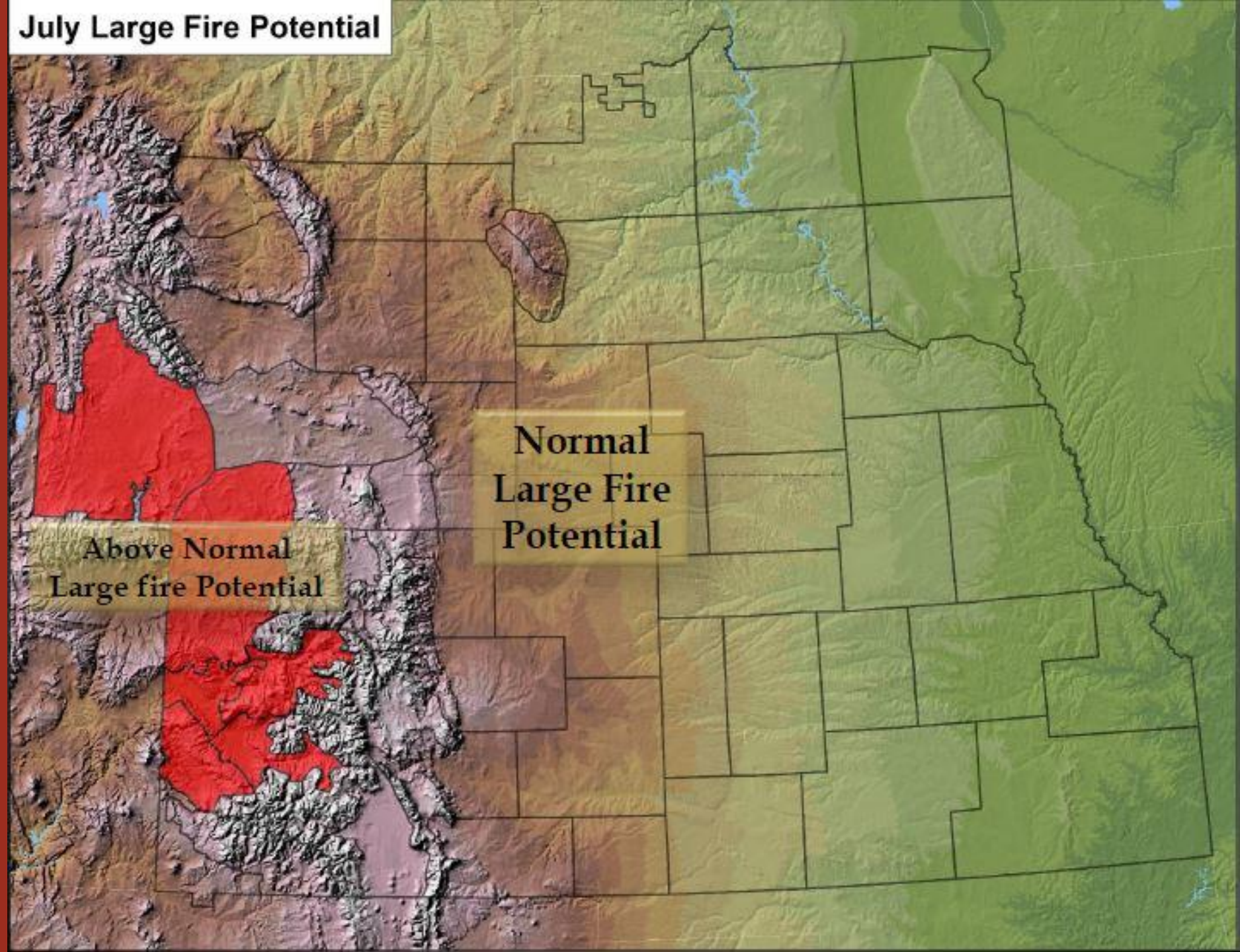
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July Large Fire Potential

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Monsoon???



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Questions?

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