Red Flag Warning In Effect For Calaveras

A red flag warning is now in effect until 8PM tonight for the southern Mother Lode region, including both Calaveras and Tuolumne counties. According to the national weather service, the warning are also covers the northern San Joaquin Valley. A red flag warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now, or will shortly. Building high pressure will bring gusty north to easterly winds through early Thursday afternoon. Winds of ten to twenty-five MPH are expected with gusts up to thirty-five MPH. Daytime humidity will be low with minimum humidity ranging from eight to fifteen percent. Poor overnight recoveries will range from thirty to fifty percent. The combination of gusty winds and low humidity will lead to critical fire conditions. Lighter wind is expected by Thursday afternoon, but daytime relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.