

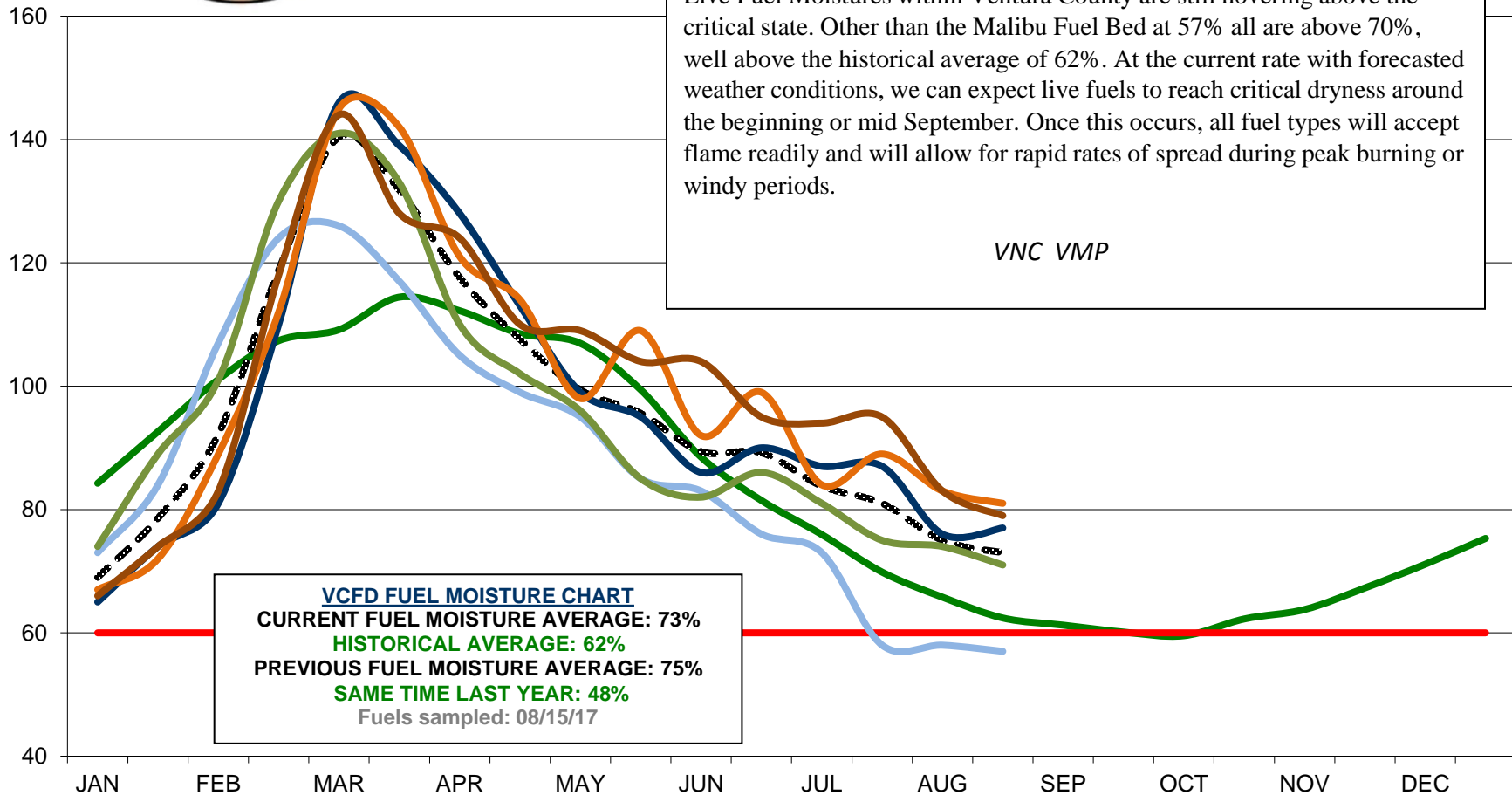


VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT LIVE FUEL MOISTURE 2017 ALL FUEL BEDS - CHAMISE

Fuels/Fire Discussion

Live Fuel Moistures within Ventura County are still hovering above the critical state. Other than the Malibu Fuel Bed at 57% all are above 70%, well above the historical average of 62%. At the current rate with forecasted weather conditions, we can expect live fuels to reach critical dryness around the beginning or mid September. Once this occurs, all fuel types will accept flame readily and will allow for rapid rates of spread during peak burning or windy periods.

VNC VMP



VCFD FUEL MOISTURE CHART
CURRENT FUEL MOISTURE AVERAGE: 73%
HISTORICAL AVERAGE: 62%
PREVIOUS FUEL MOISTURE AVERAGE: 75%
SAME TIME LAST YEAR: 48%
 Fuels sampled: 08/15/17

