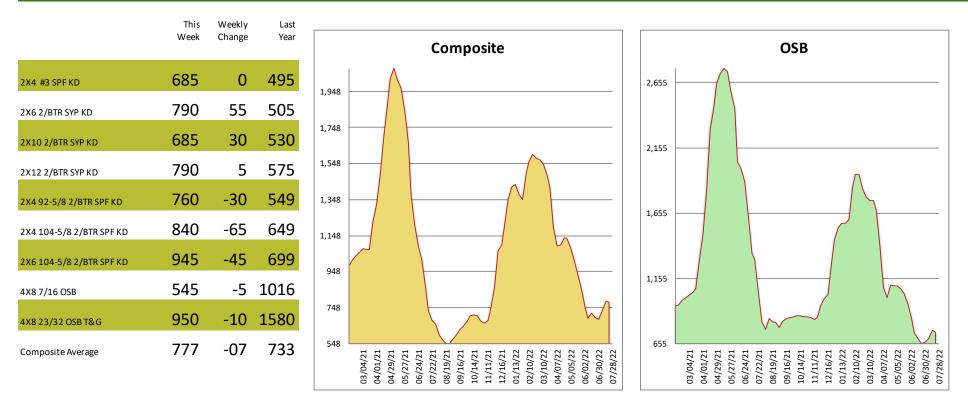


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As the week progressed it has become more and more apparent that buyers have started stepping to the sidelines. FED announced another 75bps increase in lending rates and a strong heat wave across most active framing regions stifled demand and has yards shutting down by early afternoon. SYP which has been pushing hard finally started to cool, DF and SPF studs which had been red hot cooled. Panels are still firm with mills in control for the time being, but the consensus was a softening...as buyers pull back. Futures lead the charge down as Q4/Q1 hedge funds are weary of a weakening single-family market. With all that said fire-season is officially here, summer shutdowns are in full swing, and multi-family projects continue to push forward at a brisk pace. Grab a towel... Hit the River... Or stay inside, it's a scorcher!