

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Increased initial attack activity and new large fires were reported in the Northern California, Northwest, and Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized engines, radio equipment, a caterer, a shower unit, air tankers, a lead plane, infrared aircraft, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. An Area Command Team was mobilized to Northern California. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, and Texas. On the Big Bar fire yesterday, a camp crew member suffered a fatal heart attack during evacuation of camp on the southwest side of the fire. The fire community wishes to extend condolences to the family.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) are assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned and will be transitioning with Dubois on Thursday. The complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of the Megram and Onion fires. Hot spots near the fireline and reburns continue to test control lines on the Onion Fire. Spot fires and slopovers in the Grizzly Camp and Red Cap Creek areas of the Megram Fire resulted in the loss of control lines and an increase in acreage. The fire made two major runs toward the southwest yesterday, with spotting up to one mile ahead of the fire front. A new camp is being established in Hoopa. Structures, key watershed, and fisheries continue to be threatened.

GUN 2, Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A CDF Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. The fire is 20 miles east of Redding, CA. The fire is burning in heavy timber and brush, pushed by northeast winds of 35 to 45 miles per hour. Structures in the Mill Creek drainage are threatened.

RUMSEY, Lake Napa Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. The fire is near Highway 16, about five miles north of Rumsey. The fire is moving south towards Blue Ridge through dense brush in steep terrain. Highway 16 is closed to the public north of Rumsey.

LODOGA, Lake Napa Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. The fire is burning near the community of Lodoga, near Stonyford. High winds are driving the fire toward structures.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	77204	52	UNK	2071	54	38	13	0	NR	27.1M

GUN 2	CA	RCC	3000	10	UNK	NR	25	45	3	0	NR	NR
RUMSEY	CA	RCC	600	0	UNK	61	6	5	0	0	NR	NR
LODOGA	CA	RCC	200	10	UNK	NR	2	7	2	0	NR	NR

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RCC = Coast Cascade Region, California Department of Forestry

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

KIRK COMPLEX, Los Padres National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to the Kirk Complex North, which includes the Tassajara, Five and Mountain fires. Very little spread occurred yesterday on the north side of the fire. Some additional burnout operations were completed in Division B. The South Fork of the Big Sur River and Willow Creek continue to hold. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned to the Kirk Complex South, which includes the Hare and Kirk fires. Control problems continue due to poor humidity recovery over the fire. Predicted easterly winds did not materialize, allowing suppression forces to accomplish burn out operations along the southwest and southeast portions of the fire. The fire continues to burn actively on all flanks, posing a threat to numerous structures along the coast and inland on the eastern flank. Structure protection measures remain in place in those areas.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	49443	27	UNK	2876	90	137	28	0	NR	32.8M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

REPEATER, Siskiyou National Forest. The fire is six miles northeast of Gold Beach, OR. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The fire is burning in a timber reproduction unit located half a mile north of the Wheeler Creel Research Natural Area. Control problems include gusting winds and extremely low relative humidity.

AUSTA, Oregon Department of Forestry. The fire is 25 miles west of Eugene, OR. The fire is burning in slash, decked logs, and standing timber. East winds have caused spotting up to one mile ahead of the fire.

OH BROTHER, Olympic National Forest. This fire is 20 miles southwest of Quilcene, WA. Containment is expected today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
REPEATER	OR	SIF	150	0	UNK	20	0	4	1	0	NR	NR
AUSTA	OR	ORS	250	0	UNK	50	3	6	0	0	NR	NR
OH BROTHER	WA	OLF	203	70	9/29	3	0	0	0	0	NR	389K
MALLOT	WA	NES	2608	100	---	522	23	34	2	0	NR	425K

NES = Northeast Washington State Forestry

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TELLICO COMPLEX, Cherokee National Forest. The complex consists of the Tellico #1, #2, #3, and #4, the Goforth Creek, the Natty #1, #2, and #3, the Snowball, the Middle Ridge, the Sulfur Springs, and the Baby fires. These fires are 45 miles south of Knoxville, TN. No other information was received.

H. R. RANCH, West Texas Counties, Texas State Forestry. This fire is 13 miles north of Marble Falls, Texas. Wind pushed the fire across Highway 281 yesterday, resulting in closure of the highway for a period of time. Low fuel moisture is contributing to control problems. Structures are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TELLICO COMPLEX	TN	CNF	200	75	9/30	NR	5	4	1	0	NR	165K
H. R. RANCH	TX	WTS	100	10	UNK	19	0	5	2	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

MEADOW CREEK, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is 41 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Air patrol of the fire yesterday revealed only a few small smokes showing in a 15 to 20 acre area. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MEADOW CREEK	ID	NPF	100	0	NR	23	1	0	0	0	NR	2K

NPF = Nez Perce National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. These lightning ignited wildland fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The Redtail fire, which started in August, currently shows little activity. The Boundary fire, which started 9/20 and the Camelot fire, which started 9/21,, are both still active and growing. Suppression action may be taken on the Boundary fire to prevent it from crossing onto Kaibab National Forest lands. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
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NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
BOUNDARY COMPLE	AZ	GCP	101	0	---	14	0	1	1	0	NR	NR

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR MOST OF INTERIOR CALIFORNIA FOR GUSTY EAST OR NORTHEAST WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY\*\*\*

\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR INTERIOR WESTERN OREGON INCLUDING THE CASCADE RANGE FOR GUSTY EAST OR SOUTHEAST WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY\*\*\*

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR THE SOUTHERN TIP OF NEVADA AND THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER IN ARIZONA FOR VERY LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND WINDS\*\*\*

A strong high pressure system centered over Colorado will continue to affect the entire western United States today, producing dry, gusty east winds throughout the Pacific states, Intermountain region, and Great Basin. The weather will be clearing and warmer east of the Continental Divide. There is a chance of showers along the Washington coast.

High temperatures will be in the 40's to 60's in the Rocky Mountains and in the 50's to lower 70's in the northern Intermountain region. The Great Basin region temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's, while California will have temperatures ranging from the 70's to the 90's. Interior Oregon will be in the 70's and 80's, with temperatures in the 70's in Washington. The Southwest desert temperatures will range from the 80's to 103. Relative humidities between 5 and 15 percent will be occurring in eastern California, Arizona, and western Nevada.

A cold front moving southeast through the Gulf states will bring showers and thunderstorms, followed by clearing, breezy and cool conditions in the afternoon. Highs temperatures in Tennessee will be in the 60's. In Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, high temperatures will be in the 70's, except for the southern parts of those states which will be in the 80's. The Texas panhandle will be mostly sunny with highs from 65 to 70.

#### FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		2	0		18	5	25
	ACRES		16	7		253	151	427
CA-NORTH	FIRES					30	10	40
	ACRES					109	9641	9750
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					6	4	10
	ACRES					7	3253	3260

NORTHERN	FIRES	1				2	3	6
	ACRES	0				2	1	3
GB-EAST	FIRES		3				3	6
	ACRES		77				2	79
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
EASTERN	FIRES					26		26
	ACRES					2438		2438
SOUTHERN	FIRES				3	242	3	248
	ACRES				25	1528	6	1559
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	0	3	325	30	364
	ACRES	0	93	7	25	4337	13054	17516

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	42	31	13	395	0	482
	ACRES	1	301525	285194	155932	277788	0	1020440
NORTHWEST	FIRES	357	420	18	59	1761	1432	4047
	ACRES	13315	30316	44617	188	13291	6230	107957
CA-NORTH	FIRES	145	57	7	31	3011	1099	4350
	ACRES	216	24710	33	132	67003	218299	310393
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	71	144	9	55	3007	938	4224
	ACRES	1636	6492	12	13953	34106	147439	203638
NORTHERN	FIRE	534	60	19	12	855	1344	2824
	ACRES	6847	3857	178	2	49659	6103	66646
GB-EAST	FIRES	62	783	1	24	315	684	1869
	ACRES	8745	448101	1	38	40046	6334	498695
GB-WEST	FIRES	33	674	3	5	92	220	1027
	ACRES	818	1536352	116	3	25711	16196	1579196
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	806	124	10	59	766	1495	3260
	ACRES	13085	27143	245	411	69305	12094	122283
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	540	412	36	46	963	270	2267
	ACRES	8953	13456	710	51	51774	3766	78710
EASTERN	FIRES	513			87	15226	366	16192
	ACRES	2947			813	97055	4702	105517
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		71	103	34220	1159	35589
	ACRES	667		21656	11155	649472	47833	730783
TOTALS	FIRES	3098	2716	205	494	60611	9007	76131
	ACRES	57230	2391952	352762	182678	1375210	468996	4828828
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65130
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2842389

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						21	21
GB-EAST	FIRES				0		31	31
	ACRES				45		104	149
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						150	150
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						131	131
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	33	33
	ACRES	0	0	0	45	0	436	481
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WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						2	2
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						50	50
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				21			21
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0

USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	21	0	52	73

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

# RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	2	33	14	52	1	2			84	201
CA-NORTH	47	77	61	160	6	23	9	6	357	375
CA-SOUTH	32	60	58	85	31				NR	NR
NORTHERN			12						20	
GB-EAST	2		11		3					
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST			2						14	
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN				5					3	27
SOUTHERN	15		7	9	5		1		71	18
TOTAL	98	170	165	311	46	25	10	6	549	621

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