

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2002 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation for the week. Nationally, 221 new fires were reported for the week ending November 22nd. Five large fires were reported in the Southern Area, three of which were contained. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and California.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JAKE COMPLEX, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This complex of 4 fires is burning in grass and timber throughout Osage County, OK. Running surface fire with occasional torching has been observed, and heavy smoke is limiting visibility on the fires. Continuing line construction and mop-up are planned for today.

POLECAT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in oak twelve miles north of Muldrow, OK. Erratic fire behavior was observed, with some torching in oak and cedar. Completion of fire line and burnout are planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JAKE COMPLEX	OK	OSA	275	70	11/22	15	0	6	0	0	17K
POLECAT	OK	OKS	150	90	11/22	5	0	2	0	0	NR
HECTORVILLE	OK	OKS	1,120	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
POWERLINE	OK	OKS	120	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
LUDLOW	OK	OKS	110	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

*****A RED FLAG WARNING IS IN EFFECT FROM THIS AFTERNOON THROUGH EVENING FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS IN EFFECT FROM NOON UNTIL SUNSET FOR THE WEST PANHANDLE, INLAND COUNTIES AND WEST CENTRAL AREAS OF FLORIDA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND NORTHWEST WINDS*****

The Southern Area can expect generally cooler weather, with the highest temperatures being in the 70s in Texas and southern Florida. Arkansas and Oklahoma will have high temperatures of 50 degrees, minimum relative humidity between 38 and 45 percent, and northwest winds at 7 to 15 mph, switching to southwest tonight. Saturday will bring warmer and dryer conditions.



DISENGAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Whenever the intensity of a fire exceeds the ability of the forces to control it, we are left with no alternative but to “disengage” and either wait for better circumstances or change tactics. Whatever happens, it is always safer and more advantageous from an operational perspective if you have a plan for the disengagement. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion:

- Preplan the disengagement.
- Discuss establishing trigger points based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication)
- When disengagement occurs, go through the Risk Management Process (see the Incident Response Pocket Guide):
 - Situational Awareness
 - Hazard Assessment
 - Hazard Controls
 - Decision Points
 - Evaluate
- When disengagement occurs, determine the disengagement type:
 - Hold in place—order additional resources or wait for the fire to take its run.
 - Change tactics—direct to indirect.
 - Pull back—shorten the distance/time to the safety zone.
 - Retreat—halt operations and move rapidly to the safety zone.
- When disengagement occurs, define reengagement criteria:
 - Winds die down
 - Fire behavior decreases
 - Additional resources arrive
 - Fire reaches barriers or fuel breaks
 - Tactics are agreed upon and relayed to forces.
- Command/Leadership responsibilities resulting from changes in engagement plans include:
 - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command.
 - Account for all your people.
 - Make sure everyone follows the disengagement plan.

- Make sure an experienced person with a radio is the last person out during a retreat.
- Use the Risk Management Process (see the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to reassess the situation before reengaging the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2	1				3	6
	ACRES	1	0				820	821
Northern California	FIRES					22	2	24
	ACRES					30	20	50
Southern California	FIRES					44	8	52
	ACRES					4	1	5
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			1			0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			0				0
Southwest	FIRES	2			2	6	1	11
	ACRES	1			0	11	0	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Area	FIRES					5	4	9
	ACRES					12	80	92
Southern Area	FIRES	5				103	6	114
	ACRES	360				1,180	108	1,648
TOTAL	FIRES	9	1	2	2	182	25	221
	ACRES	362	0	1	0	1,238	1,029	2,630

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	32	31	10	456	17	547
	ACRES	4	579,341	358,261	133,998	1,195,760	16	2,267,380
Northwest	FIRES	274	337	45	56	1,756	1,461	3,929
	ACRES	18,366	158,993	2,842	83	112,664	807,980	1,100,928
Northern California	FIRES	241	23	8	21	2,594	728	3,615
	ACRES	749	6,884	870	3,673	17,843	38,659	68,678
Southern California	FIRES	77	95	18	35	3,045	820	4,090
	ACRES	10,265	25,883	86	910	70,813	318,454	426,411
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,011	60	35	57	652	979	2,794
	ACRES	14,494	7,084	2,225	9,017	49,158	82,314	164,292
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	615	6	43	562	1,025	2,320
	ACRES	5,326	116,341	755	34	82,334	148,305	353,095
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	457	3	12	95	152	729
	ACRES	316	41,321	80	6	934	42,066	84,723
Southwest	FIRES	1,236	288	31	72	1,283	1,767	4,677
	ACRES	263,722	20,788	6,870	17,865	215,609	449,431	974,285
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	512	599	51	65	2,125	810	4,162
	ACRES	54,812	68,545	685	9,115	451,681	494,128	1,078,966
Eastern Area	FIRES	768		49	38	11,753	423	13,031
	ACRES	31,969		1,875	609	66,993	3,443	104,889
Southern Area	FIRES	111		190	45	30,248	854	31,448
	ACRES	17,756		147,132	6,665	297,505	25,107	494,165
TOTAL	FIRES	4,310	2,506	467	454	54,569	9,036	71,342
	ACRES	417,779	1,025,180	521,681	181,975	2,561,294	2,409,903	7,117,812

Eight Year Average Fires	82,806
Eight Year Average Acres	4,441,983

*** Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the third reporting period in November***

and

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	7	0				0	7
	ACRES	474	692				4,697	5,863
Northern California	FIRES			1			35	36
	ACRES			115			1,929	2,044
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						140	140
Northern Rockies	FIRES						16	16
	ACRES						131	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			0		1
	ACRES		25			6,008		6,033
Western Great Basin	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			480				480
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						75	75
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					1	101	102
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			3	1	2	36	42
	ACRES			1,853	1,500	3	22,975	26,331
TOTAL	FIRES	7	1	6	1	3	94	112
	ACRES	474	717	2,448	1,500	6,012	30,048	41,199

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			1,085				1,085
Northwest	FIRES	31	124	37	10	6	520	728
	ACRES	6,909	36,493	8,634	254	292	61,489	114,071
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	15	30		309	375
	ACRES	163	1,269	23,083	1,515		20,443	46,473
Southern California	FIRES	1	2	8	17		149	177
	ACRES	70	24	431	5,422		18,268	24,215
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	15	133	11	63	623	854
	ACRES	725	5,920	19,101	2,482	6,119	31,114	65,461
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	38	3	12	29	116	199
	ACRES	7	18,655	455	5,022	2,687	42,481	69,307
Western Great Basin	FIRES			2	8		5	15
	ACRES			480	814		172	1,466
Southwest	FIRES	90	16	10	3		1,163	1,282
	ACRES	15,025	17,593	4,722	3,191		30,258	70,789
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	24	123	10	26	52	243
	ACRES	516	4,112	17,736	2,298	2,388	13,422	40,472
Eastern Area	FIRES	21		338	8	505	190	1,062
	ACRES	8,709		56,670	1,087	65,824	23,266	155,556
Southern Area	FIRES	60		254	95	19,835	958	21,202
	ACRES	11,061		114,083	108,504	883,629	759,216	1,876,493
TOTAL	FIRES	228	233	924	204	20,464	4,085	26,138
	ACRES	43,185	84,066	246,480	130,589	960,939	1,000,129	2,465,388

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						12	12
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				21		6	27
	ACRES				4,137		1	4,138
Northern Rockies	FIRES				14		42	56
	ACRES				3,196		4,708	7,904
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		15	16
	ACRES				0		7,101	7,101
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8					8
	ACRES		851					851
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				380		4,485	4,865
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		13			1	3	17
	ACRES		736			0	22,594	23,330
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				8			8
	ACRES				406			406
TOTAL	FIRES	0	21	0	45	1	80	147
	ACRES	0	1,587	0	8,119	0	38,901	48,607

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RESOURCES 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	1		6						6	
Northern California	1		16		2					
Southern California	3	14	2	35	1	4			4	56
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			3	7					3	3
Total	5	14	27	42	3	4	0	0	13	59

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