

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2002 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 26 new fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and California.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

TOWERS, Tonto National Forest. This fire is seven miles south-southwest of Globe, AZ, and is burning in pine, oak brush and chaparral. Personnel made significant progress and continue to burnout and hold fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TOWERS	AZ	TNF	365	80	10/12	182	6	6	2	0	400K

**OUTLOOK:**

The Southwest Area will have partly sunny skies. Temperatures will be in the upper 50 s to the 70 s in the mountains and upper 70 s to 90 s at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be north to northeast 5 to 10 mph.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

## **DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST**

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
  - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
  - Communication is established between all crews.
  - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					6	2	8
	ACRES					0	80	80
Northern California	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					0	4	4
Southern California	FIRES					5	0	5
	ACRES					170	179	349
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					4	0	4
	ACRES					1	15	16
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						6	6
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	20	5	26
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	172	284	457

**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	264	335	36	49	1,589	1,300	3,573
	ACRES	18,364	173,876	2,790	39	112,714	806,460	1,114,243
Northern California	FIRES	223	23	7	17	2,392	670	3,332
	ACRES	684	6,884	820	3,666	17,555	38,515	68,124
Southern California	FIRES	76	94	18	37	2,817	721	3,763
	ACRES	10,257	25,853	86	768	70,704	317,998	425,666
Northern Rockies	FIRES	948	51	32	46	574	923	2,574
	ACRES	13,909	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,302	84,039	151,118
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	593	8	44	540	983	2,237
	ACRES	5,326	121,184	408	34	70,636	148,126	345,714
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	454	2	12	91	150	719
	ACRES	316	41,283	80	6	884	42,298	84,867
Southwest	FIRES	1,178	288	31	70	1,253	1,749	4,569
	ACRES	263,691	20,622	6,870	17,865	215,565	449,437	974,050
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	512	593	51	66	1,177	759	3,158
	ACRES	54,812	68,651	685	9,115	216,381	318,419	668,063
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		49	38	11,557	413	12,819
	ACRES	31,956		1,875	609	65,932	3,357	103,729
Southern Area	FIRES	107		190	45	29,935	829	31,106
	ACRES	17,425		147,132	6,665	314,989	26,032	512,243
TOTAL	FIRES	4,150	2,463	455	434	52,381	8,514	68,397
	ACRES	416,744	1,048,231	521,185	181,918	2,312,422	2,234,697	6,715,197
Eight Year Average Fires								73,616
Eight Year Average Acres								3,965,836

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

**and**

**\*\*\*Data may fluctuate for those units on weekly or other off-season reporting schedules\*\*\***

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES			2			3	5
	ACRES			350			284	634
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				504			504
Northern Rockies	FIRES			6	2		1	9
	ACRES			663	884		65	1,612
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	7					2	9
	ACRES	1,200					350	1,550
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						415	415
Southern Area	FIRES			4				4
	ACRES			24				24
TOTAL	FIRES	7	0	12	2	0	15	36
	ACRES	1,200	0	1,037	1,388	0	1,114	4,739

**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	22	106	38	10	6	297	479
	ACRES	6,145	24,111	5,083	254	292	32,801	68,686
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	14	16		94	145
	ACRES	163	1,269	22,774	283		14,839	39,328
Southern California	FIRES	1	2	6	14		98	121
	ACRES	70	24	286	3,113		17,296	20,789
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	12	129	5	54	462	671
	ACRES	725	1,800	19,100	1,057	5,435	26,933	55,050
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	32	2	14	13	57	119
	ACRES	7	12,787	445	4,242	611	33,778	51,870
Western Great Basin	FIRES				4		5	9
	ACRES				105		172	277
Southwest	FIRES	56	14	10	1		204	285
	ACRES	10,335	17,260	4,722	600		21,848	54,765
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	20	123	8	22	37	218
	ACRES	516	3,952	17,736	2,290	2,180	11,929	38,603
Eastern Area	FIRES	21		336	8	497	184	1,046
	ACRES	8,709		56,620	437	62,150	22,625	150,541
Southern Area	FIRES	60		245	90	19,837	906	21,138
	ACRES	11,061		112,381	100,004	886,898	726,740	1,837,084
TOTAL	FIRES	185	200	904	170	20,429	2,344	24,232
	ACRES	37,731	61,203	240,232	112,385	957,566	908,961	2,318,078

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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				3,251		1	3,252
Northern Rockies	FIRES				14		42	56
	ACRES				3,634		4,669	8,303
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		14	15
	ACRES				0		4,964	4,964
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8				1	9
	ACRES		851				1	852
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	7,671	0	36,726	45,984

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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	2	7	15	2	1	1			34	
Northern California			8							
Southern California	8		13		2				7	1
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	6		3	4		2			32	5
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									168	2
Southern Area										
Total	16	7	39	6	3	3	0	0	241	8

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