

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2002 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 33 new fires were reported. No large fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Arizona, Montana and Oklahoma.



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NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

● The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior and difficulty of control.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Locally significant values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more.

● Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the PocketCard for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3				6	3	12
	ACRES	0				1	2	3
Northern California	FIRES	1				10	2	13
	ACRES	0				0	1	1
Southern California	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					4		4
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	0	0	23	6	33
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	3	8

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	267	338	36	50	1,624	1,305	3,620
	ACRES	18,364	174,027	2,790	72	102,868	806,463	1,104,584
Northern California	FIRES	224	23	7	17	2,442	686	3,399
	ACRES	739	6,884	820	3,666	17,748	38,560	68,417
Southern California	FIRES	76	95	18	37	2,843	729	3,798
	ACRES	10,257	25,883	86	768	70,732	318,010	425,736
Northern Rockies	FIRES	948	51	32	56	575	924	2,586
	ACRES	13,909	10,537	2,178	9,016	31,302	84,039	150,981
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	1,753	4,573
	ACRES	263,691	20,622	6,870	17,865	215,565	449,472	974,085
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	11,564	413	12,826
	ACRES	31,956		1,875	609	65,937	3,357	103,734
Southern Area	FIRES	107		190	45	29,936	830	31,108
	ACRES	17,425		147,132	6,665	314,991	26,033	512,246
TOTAL	FIRES	4,154	2,467	455	445	52,501	8,549	68,571
	ACRES	416,799	1,048,412	521,185	181,814	2,302,804	2,234,793	6,705,807
Eight Year Average Fires								73,687
Eight Year Average Acres								3,990,244

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						5	5
	ACRES						1,006	1,006
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	6					1	7
	ACRES	500					80	580
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	6	0	0	0	0	6	12
	ACRES	500	0	0	0	0	1,086	1,586

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	313	495
	ACRES	6,145	25,011	7,583	254	292	34,056	73,341
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	16		98	123
	ACRES	70	24	286	3,641		17,296	21,317
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	70	14	10	1		209	304
	ACRES	11,127	17,260	4,722	600		22,433	56,142
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	185	1,047
	ACRES	8,709		56,620	437	62,150	22,655	150,571
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	199	200	904	172	20,429	2,366	24,270
	ACRES	38,523	62,103	242,732	112,913	957,566	910,831	2,324,668

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

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				3,254		1	3,255
Northern Rockies	FIRES				14		42	56
	ACRES				3,196		4,669	7,865
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	7,236	0	36,726	45,549

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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	3	8	14	19	1	10			166	183
Northern California	4		3							
Southern California	1		2		2					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2		3			1			22	3
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									75	
Southern Area										
Total	10	8	22	19	3	11	0	0	263	186

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