

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2002 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 27 new fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and California.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OLYMPIC COMPLEX	WA	OLS	476	100	---	354	17	18	1	0	950K

OLS = Olympic Region, Washington Department of Natural Resources



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BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					1	3	4
Northern California	FIRES					9	2	11
	ACRES					11	0	11
Southern California	FIRES				1	8	1	10
	ACRES				20	1	0	21
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	21	5	27
	ACRES	0	0	0	20	13	3	36

Data for all tables may fluctuate for those units on weekly or other off-season reporting schedules

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	337	36	56	1,652	1,327	3,675
	ACRES	18,364	159,089	2,790	83	112,791	806,558	1,099,675
Northern California	FIRES	225	23	8	18	2,479	693	3,446
	ACRES	740	6,884	840	3,673	17,761	38,577	68,475
Southern California	FIRES	76	95	18	38	2,867	777	3,871
	ACRES	10,257	25,883	86	788	70,733	318,331	426,078
Northern Rockies	FIRES	952	51	32	56	579	936	2,606
	ACRES	13,909	10,537	2,178	9,016	31,358	84,068	151,066
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	595	8	44	543	991	2,250
	ACRES	5,326	122,184	408	34	70,644	148,145	346,741
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	456	2	12	91	150	721
	ACRES	316	41,298	80	6	884	42,298	84,882
Southwest	FIRES	1,227	288	31	70	1,261	1,759	4,636
	ACRES	263,712	20,788	6,870	17,865	215,593	449,477	974,305
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	512	594	51	66	1,178	762	3,163
	ACRES	54,812	68,651	685	9,115	216,392	318,423	668,078
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		49	38	11,614	413	12,876
	ACRES	31,956		1,875	609	66,237	3,357	104,034
Southern Area	FIRES	107		190	45	29,945	831	31,118
	ACRES	17,425		147,132	6,665	315,010	26,043	512,275
TOTAL	FIRES	4,208	2,471	456	453	52,665	8,656	68,909
	ACRES	416,821	1,034,655	521,205	181,852	2,313,163	2,235,293	6,702,989

Eight Year Average Fires	74,433
Eight Year Average Acres	4,021,595

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

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						405	405
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				201			201
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	100						100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	100	0	0	201	0	405	706

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	335	517
	ACRES	6,145	29,805	7,983	254	292	36,743	81,222
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	14	17		94	146
	ACRES	163	1,269	22,774	288		14,839	39,333
Southern California	FIRES	1	2	6	16		98	123
	ACRES	70	24	286	4,641		17,381	22,402
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	12	129	5	54	473	682
	ACRES	725	1,800	19,005	1,057	5,435	27,940	55,962
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	3	15	13	64	130
	ACRES	7	14,007	455	4,742	611	35,945	55,767
Western Great Basin	FIRES				6		5	11
	ACRES				251		172	423
Southwest	FIRES	80	16	10	1		227	334
	ACRES	13,077	17,593	4,722	600		24,199	60,191
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	20	123	8	22	39	220
	ACRES	516	4,022	17,736	2,290	2,180	12,646	39,390
Eastern Area	FIRES	21		336	8	497	186	1,048
	ACRES	8,709		56,620	437	62,150	22,795	150,711
Southern Area	FIRES	60		248	90	19,837	909	21,144
	ACRES	11,061		113,039	100,004	886,898	727,231	1,838,233
TOTAL	FIRES	209	204	908	176	20,429	2,430	24,356
	ACRES	40,473	68,520	243,705	114,564	957,566	919,891	2,344,719

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		4,708	7,904
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	36,765	45,588

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENG FED	ENG ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIR FED	AIR ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest		17	9	32		12			184	236
Northern California	2		5	1						
Southern California	2		2		2					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									2	
Southern Area										
Total	4	17	16	33	2	12	0	0	186	236

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