

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 23 new fires were reported. No new large fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California and Colorado.



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**TRANSITION**

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transition periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. Many fatalities, serious injuries or incidents with potential have occurred during transition periods. Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES—Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

● Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel
- Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed
- Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.
- Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
- Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.

● Mitigation actions to take:

- Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
- Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
- Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	2		0		6		8
	ACRES	1		30		2		33
Southern California	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
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						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					4		4
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	18	3	23
	ACRES	1	0	30	0	6	0	37

\*\*\*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	338	36	56	1,655	1,331	3,683
	ACRES	18,364	159,089	2,790	83	112,797	806,560	1,099,683
Northern California	FIRES	230	23	8	15	2,491	695	3,462
	ACRES	747	6,884	870	3,670	17,766	38,581	68,518
Southern California	FIRES	76	95	18	134	2,872	779	3,974
	ACRES	10,257	25,883	86	788	70,733	318,331	426,078
Northern Rockies	FIRES	952	52	32	56	586	936	2,614
	ACRES	13,909	11,126	2,178	9,016	32,425	84,068	152,722
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	1,263	1,760	4,639
	ACRES	263,712	20,788	6,870	17,865	215,593	449,477	974,305
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	512	594	51	65	1,178	763	3,163
	ACRES	54,812	68,651	685	9,115	216,392	318,423	668,078
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		49	38	11,687	413	12,949
	ACRES	31,956		1,875	609	66,917	3,357	104,714
Southern Area	FIRES	107		190	45	29,959	832	31,133
	ACRES	17,425		147,132	6,665	315,027	26,053	512,302
TOTAL	FIRES	4,213	2,473	456	545	52,781	8,667	69,135
	ACRES	416,828	1,035,244	521,235	181,849	2,314,938	2,235,309	6,705,403

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>74,891</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,031,650</b>

\*\*\*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				5	5
	ACRES		74				420	494
Northern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				52			52
Southern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES				50			50
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4					1	5
	ACRES	450					150	600
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			50				50
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	2	1	0	6	13
	ACRES	450	74	50	102	0	570	1,246

**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	115	41	10	6	345	539
	ACRES	6,145	33,266	8,663	254	292	51,278	99,898
Northern California	FIREs	7	14	14	18		94	147
	ACRES	163	1,269	22,774	340		14,839	39,385
Southern California	FIREs	1	2	6	16		98	123
	ACRES	70	24	286	4,691		17,381	22,452
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	90	16	10	1		229	346
	ACRES	14,227	17,593	4,722	600		24,449	61,591
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	8	21	123	8	23	40	223
	ACRES	516	4,022	17,736	2,290	2,380	13,146	40,090
Eastern Area	FIREs	21		338	8	503	186	1,056
	ACRES	8,709		56,670	437	62,600	22,795	151,211
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	219	214	913	177	20,436	2,443	24,402
	ACRES	41,623	71,981	244,435	114,666	958,216	935,176	2,366,097

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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			3,254			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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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				13	12		10		186	130
Northern California	1			10	1					
Southern California	2					2				
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										1
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									75	
Southern Area										
Total	3	0	23	13	2	10	0	0	262	130

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