

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2002 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Northwest Area, moderate in the Southern California and Northern California Areas, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 159 new fires were reported. Three large fires were reported, two in the Southern California Area and one in the Southwest Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CURVE, Angeles National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) will assume command today. This plume-dominated fire is 30 miles north of Asuza, CA. Extreme fire behavior with flame lengths of 100 feet was observed in mixed conifer forest and heavy brush. Crews are constructing fireline with support from aerial resources. Steep and rugged terrain, limited access, high temperatures and gusty winds are impeding suppression efforts. Structure protection is in place for two hundred residences. Campers in the Coldbrook, Crystal Lake and East Fork Road areas have been evacuated. Two residences have been confirmed lost.

FREEWAY, Los Angeles County Fire Department. This fire is nine miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Active fire behavior was observed in grass and brush. The fire spotted across containment lines on several occasions. Crews are constructing fireline with support from aerial resources and installing progressive hose lays. One hundred residences are threatened; structure protection is in place. Interstate 5 was briefly closed yesterday but has been reopened.

LYTLE, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles north of Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Moderate fire behavior was observed in grass, brush and timber. Progress was limited by the discovery of a possible explosive device. The San Bernardino Sheriff's Bomb Squad responded to investigate and dispose of the object. The Mt. Baldy Ski Area is threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CURVE	CA	ANF	10,000	0	9/10	628	33	66	8	2	200K
FREEWAY	CA	LAC	800	40	9/2	450	14	35	4	0	NR
LYTLE	CA	BDF	554	46	9/6	750	25	21	4	0	1.8M

## **NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

A Unified Command between an Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) and the Oregon Department of Forestry (Spiesschaert) is in place to manage the Biscuit fire.

**BISCUIT**, Siskiyou and Six Rivers National Forests. A Unified Command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Dash) and the Oregon Department of Forestry is in place on the west perimeter. The northwest portion of the fire is managed by a Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley), and a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is in place on the east perimeter. The fire is 26 miles southwest of Grants Pass, OR. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed. Crews are constructing fireline near Mislantah Creek. They successfully suppressed a slopover in Horse Creek on the west perimeter. Mop-up and fireline rehabilitation are underway on other divisions. Residents in the Pistol River drainage remain under a pre-evacuation advisory. Structure protection is in place at the Chetco Inn, Wilderness Retreat, Gardner Ranch, Tolman Ranch and in the Pistol River drainage.

**APPLE**, Umpqua National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. The Team will also manage the Tiller Complex. This fire is 21 miles east of Glide, OR. Moderate fire behavior was observed in heavy timber. Crews are improving fireline, burning out and mopping up. Structure protection is in place for twenty residences.

**TILLER COMPLEX**, Umpqua National Forest. A transfer of command from Melton's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Lohrey's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur at 0600 PDT. This complex, consisting of eight large and numerous small fires, is on the Tiller Ranger District and in the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Area, 25 miles east of Canyonville, OR. Low intensity fire behavior was observed in grass, brush and timber. Crews are patrolling and mopping up.

**QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX**, Okanogan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Quartz Mountain, Middle Mountain, Beauty Peak and Lake fires, is in the Pasayten Wilderness Area, northwest of Winthrop, WA. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed in lodgepole pine and subalpine fir on the Quartz Mountain and Middle Mountain fires. Personnel are providing structure protection at three administrative sites.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BISCUIT	OR	SIF	499,937	92	9/6	2,897	58	69	20	13	133M
APPLE	OR	UPF	13,130	75	9/5	1,251	36	43	10	0	10M
TILLER COMPLEX	OR	UPF	69,252	95	9/2	1,166	31	34	10	0	42.9M
QUARTZ MT COMPLEX	WA	OKF	1,390	0	UNK	25	0	0	1	0	396K

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COMMISSARY RIDGE, Rock Springs District, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. Extreme fire behavior with 200 foot flame lengths, fire whirls and spotting up to one half mile ahead of the front was observed in mixed conifer forest, sagebrush and grass as the fire advanced east. Crews and dozers are flanking the fire with direct attack fireline. Steep, rocky terrain, dry fuels and high winds are hampering suppression efforts. Personnel are establishing defensible space and preparing to burn out around threatened residences. The Spring Creek Ranch and Commissary Ranch subdivisions, summer homes and cabins have been evacuated.

PASS CREEK, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles south of Lander, WY. Low to moderate fire activity was observed in lodgepole pine, spruce, and heavy down fuels. Crews are building and improving fireline on the north and west flanks. Residents in the Red Canyon area are under an evacuation alert; the Pass Creek area remains evacuated. Engine crews are providing structure protection for thirty residences and one commercial property.

MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX, Routt National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Burn Ridge and Hinman fires, is 25 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed in heavy dead and down spruce, lodgepole pine and fir. Crews are cold trailing and constructing fireline using Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques (MIST) in the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area. Personnel continue to hold the west flanks of both fires and the east flank of the Burn Ridge fire near Walden. Structure protection is in place in North Park and in the Seed House corridor.

BIG FISH, White River National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. The Team is also managing the Lost Lakes fire. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which started on July 19<sup>th</sup>, is 34 miles southwest of Steamboat Springs, CO. The fire is being managed for resource benefit and a confinement strategy is in place. Torching and short runs were observed in heavy dead and down spruce, fir and aspen in the Paradise drainage. Engine crews are providing structure protection at several guest ranches.

LOST LAKES, Routt National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which started on July 8<sup>th</sup>, is 20 miles west of Yampa, CO. The fire is in monitor status and is being managed for resource benefit. Torching, short range spotting and short runs were observed in bug kill spruce and fir near Pyramid Peak.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COMMISSARY RIDGE	WY	RSD	800	0	UNK	217	5	8	5	0	564K
PASS CREEK	WY	SHF	13,290	85	9/3	547	17	12	7	1	2.8M
MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX	CO	RTF	30,969	61	10/5	933	28	10	7	0	8.2M
BIG FISH	CO	WRF	15,800	0	UNK	56	0	2	1	9	1.1M
LOST LAKES	CO	RTF	5,184	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

HICKOK, Amador-El Dorado Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is three miles north of Cameron Park, CA. Active fire behavior was observed in manzanita, chamise, grass and oak woodland. Crews are constructing fireline, mopping up and patrolling. Residents remain evacuated near Rescue, CA; structure protection is in place for thirty homes. An evacuation center is open at Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills. One outbuilding was confirmed lost during the initial phase of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HICKOK	CA	AEU	775	50	9/2	736	26	86	4	2	NR

## **EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

JOHNSON, Fishlake National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles southeast of Richfield, UT. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, fire whirls and spotting up to one quarter mile ahead of the front were observed in spruce, fir and aspen. The fire made a major run to the east, crossing the UM drainage road. Crews are constructing fireline on the north and south flanks and hot-spotting on the east perimeter. Structure protection is in place for several residences, cabins and recreational trailers.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JOHNSON	UT	FIF	1,200	20	9/7	489	15	10	4	0	1.1M
BUCK HOLLOW	ID	STF	1,278	100	---	144	4	6	1	0	NR

STF = Sawtooth National Forest

## **SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

PACK RAT COMPLEX, Coconino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Pack Rat and 5 Mile fires, is eight miles east of Pine, AZ. Low intensity fire behavior was observed on the Pack Rat fire in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer forest and chaparral. Burn out operations were successfully completed. Crews are mopping up, patrolling and rehabilitating fireline.

S.P., Arizona State Land Department. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Green Valley, AZ. Moderate fire behavior was observed in oak woodland, manzanita and mesquite. Crews successfully burned out one and one half miles of fireline. Steep terrain with limited access is hampering suppression efforts. Four residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PACK RAT COMPLEX	AZ	COF	3,470	90	9/2	532	14	17	5	0	4.3M

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
S.P.	AZ	AZS	450	35	9/2	79	2	4	0	0	NR
TRICK	AZ	KNF	5,550	100	---	193	3	5	2	0	3M

KNF = Kaibab National Forest

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

KRAFT SPRING, Custer National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) has been ordered. This fire is 30 miles southeast of Ekalaka, MT. Significant runs to the northwest were observed in grass and heavy dead and down fuels. Crews and dozers are building fireline and providing structure protection for a ranch. Steep, inaccessible terrain and gusty winds are impeding suppression efforts.

BULL ELK, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gray) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles south of Fort Smith, MT. Isolated torching was observed in Douglas fir and slash. Crews are constructing fireline in steep, rugged terrain. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KRAFT SPRING	MT	CNF	708	0	UNK	102	3	14	2	0	127K
BULL ELK	MT	CRA	180	75	9/2	214	7	3	2	0	220K

## OUTLOOK:

The Southern California Area can expect partly cloudy skies with patchy morning fog near the coast and a slight chance of thunderstorms over the mountains and deserts. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's along the coast, in the 90's to 110 in the mountains and inland valleys, and 108 to 120 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 15 percent in the mountains and deserts, 8 to 20 percent in the inland valleys, and above 50 percent near the coast. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 18 mph in the mountains and deserts.

The Northwest Area can expect partly cloudy skies with showers in western Washington. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's in western Washington and northwestern Oregon, in the 90's in southwestern Oregon, and in the 80's elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will range from 12 to 15 percent in southeastern Oregon, above 40 percent in western Washington and northwest Oregon, and 15 to 25 percent in the remainder of the area. Winds will be west at 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph in eastern Washington and northeastern Oregon.

A west-northwest flow over the Rocky Mountain Area will bring sunny skies with a chance of isolated thunderstorms along the east slope of the Rocky Mountains in southern Colorado. High temperatures will be mid 60's and 70's in the mountains and upper 70's to 80's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 18 percent in western Colorado and 15 to 35 percent elsewhere. Winds will be west at 10 to 18 mph west of the Continental Divide, northwest at 15 to 30 mph in northeastern Wyoming and the Black Hills, and east at 5 to 15 mph in the remainder of the area.

High pressure over the Northern California Area will bring sunny skies with fog and low clouds along the coast. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's near the coast and mid 80's to 102 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 12 to 18 percent. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 6 to 14 mph.

A high pressure system over the Eastern Great Basin Area will bring mostly sunny skies with isolated, dry thunderstorms in southern Utah. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the north and 84 to 101 in the south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 23 percent in Idaho and 4 to 20 percent in Utah. Winds will be variable at 10 to 15 mph.

The Southwest Area can expect mostly to partly sunny skies with scattered mountain thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and in the 90's to near 110 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 25 percent in northeastern Arizona, western Arizona and northwestern New Mexico, and 20 to 40 percent elsewhere. Winds will be south to southeast at 10 to 15 mph with stronger gusts in eastern New Mexico and west Texas.

High pressure moving into the Northern Rockies Area will bring partly cloudy skies. High temperatures will be 65 to 75 in eastern North Dakota and Yellowstone National Park, and 75 to 85 elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will be range from 30 to 40 percent in North Dakota and 20



to 30 percent in the remainder of the area. Winds will be west at 10 to 20 mph in Idaho and Montana, and 15 to 30 mph in North Dakota.

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<b>FIGHT FIRE AGGRESSIVELY, BUT PROVIDE FOR SAFETY FIRST</b>	
Standard Fire Order #1 must be taken into account at all times when fighting fire. In order to fight fire safely and aggressively, every firefighter must be able to answer the following questions:	
	Is the suppression method adequate? Ask yourselves, are we making progress? Are we beating our heads against a wall? Is there a better way to get this done? Give examples when you have had to change your suppression method.
	Are there adequate resources and time for effective suppression? Ask yourselves, do we need to retreat and reevaluate? Talk about times when you have realized you weren't getting anywhere and needed to retreat and start managing firefighters and placing orders.
	Are lookouts posted? Discuss when you post lookouts, who you would choose to be a lookout, and where they should be located.
	Are communications prompt with crews and other resources? Review the importance of good communications on the fireline.
	Have escape routes and safety zones been established? Talk about your crew's procedure for establishing escape routes and safety zones. Review what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone.
	Do you feel comfortable with your assignment? Discuss the situation check. Remind firefighters that every individual has the right to question an assignment.
	To reduce the risks: Post lookouts.  Retreat if the situation is too complex. Emphasize that safety is everyone's responsibility; we all want to be good firefighters and being safe is part of that.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		6			39	17	62
	ACRES		4			139	2,111	2,254
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	5				16	1	22
	ACRES	4				7	425	436
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES		1			13	16	30
	ACRES		2			850	10,099	10,951
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	1				2	13	16
	ACRES	0				0	411	411
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES		2			3	2	7
	ACRES		41			2	420	463
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						4	4
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						470	470
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	1	1				3	5
	ACRES	0	575				200	775
EASTERN	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
SOUTHERN	FIRES	1						1

	ACRES	5							5
TOTAL	FIREs	8	10	0	0	80	61	159	
	ACRES	9	622	0	0	1,000	14,140	15,771	

## **FIRE AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES	3,208,130
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\*\*\* 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
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIREs							0



**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	103	30	10	6	256	427
	ACRES	6,145	9,238	2,691	254	292	40,010	58,630
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	7	14	10	11		86	128
	ACRES	163	1,269	19,894	231		9,943	31,500
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	1	2	6	7		97	113
	ACRES	70	24	286	670		17,226	18,276
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	9	11	103	2	44	293	462
	ACRES	725	1,765	15,578	108	4,478	19,347	42,001
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1	19	2	8	8	24	62
	ACRES	7	4,345	445	2,422	279	47,905	55,403
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						172	172
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	4	13	10			128	155
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			12,750	34,812
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	8	17	121	8	21	28	203
	ACRES	516	2,949	17,416	2,290	2,170	11,287	36,628
EASTERN	FIRES	21		281	8	495	137	942
	ACRES	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	15,909	130,057
SOUTHERN	FIRES	59		237	82	17,300	874	18,552
	ACRES	10,951		109,574	95,553	833,389	700,497	1,749,964
TOTAL	FIRES	132	179	801	136	17,874	1,928	21,050
	ACRES	27,376	36,840	214,577	101,965	902,724	875,046	2,158,528

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**WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES				16		4	20
	ACRES				1,258		1	1,259
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES				12		36	48
	ACRES				3,601		3,214	6,815
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						3,282	3,282
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		10				3	13
	ACRES		666				20,984	21,650
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				260			260
TOTAL	FIRES	0	18	0	31	0	61	110
	ACRES	0	1,517	0	5,499	0	31,969	38,985

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1,492	8,098
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	69	37,051
ALBERTA	2	3	1,228	540,375
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	85	29,178
SASKATCHEWAN	2	0	873	852,458
MANITOBA	0	0	751	82,485
ONTARIO	7	561	916	175,826
QUEBEC	13	2	662	885,909
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	135	35,694
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	4	283	248
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	237	216
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	2	0	79	7,085
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>6,810</b>	<b>2,654,623</b>

\*\*\*This will be the last information update for CIFFC until 09/05/2002\*\*\*

**RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREW FED	CREW ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	48	94	46	166	14	31		2	993	832
CA-NORTH	9	12	26	25	4	2	1		7	33
CA-SOUTH	56	89	71	167	14	14			113	181
NORTHERN	12	1	32	16	6	2			53	18
GB-EAST	18	12	37	13	9	2			141	27
GB-WEST		1	1		2					
SOUTHWEST	33	2	20	22	2	8			249	149

ROCKY MTN	43	14	20	44	10	13			290	133
EASTERN									71	
SOUTHERN						1			5	
TOTAL	219	225	253	453	61	73	1	2	1,922	1,373

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