

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2002 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 74 new fires were reported. Four new large fires were reported, three in the Southern Area and one in the Northern Rockies Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

**NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:**

LOTUS POINT, West St. Joe Area Office, Idaho State. This fire is four miles southwest of St. Maries, ID. Occasional uphill runs and spotting were observed in heavy logging slash. Crews and dozers are building fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LOTUS POINT	ID	SJS	100	20	9/14	140	5	8	2	0	136K

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

ROCKY TOP GAP, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is five miles southeast of Newport, TN. Very active fire behavior was observed in hardwood leaf litter and bug kill timber. Crews are constructing fireline and burning out.

BIG GULLY, South Carolina Forestry Commission. This fire is near Graniteville, SC. Twenty residences and fifteen commercial properties are threatened. No further information was reported.

MILLER-LACKEY, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire burning in grass and hardwoods, seven miles northeast of Stigler, OK. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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ROCKY TOP GAP	TN	CNF	200	10	9/18	52	3	1	1	0	20K
BIG GULLY	SC	SCS	250	90	UNK	21	0	0	0	0	NR
MILLER-LACKEY	OK	OKS	155	95	UNK	8	0	4	0	0	NR
LONE STAR	OK	OKS	950	100	---	20	0	8	0	0	NR

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX, Routt National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Burn Ridge and Hinman fires, is 25 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Precipitation resulted in minimal fire activity in heavy dead and down spruce, lodgepole pine and fir. Crews are patrolling, rehabilitating fireline and mopping up.

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MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX	CO	RTF	31,016	95	9/25	38	2	0	0	0	13.3M

## EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ORIOLE	MD	MDS	878	100	---	53	1	8	0	5	NR

MDS = Maryland State Forestry

## OUTLOOK:

### \*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHWESTERN OREGON FOR GUSTY SOUTH WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY\*\*\*

A warm, dry airmass over the Northern Rockies Area will bring sunny skies. High temperatures will be 85 to 100 in northern Idaho, 75 to 90 in western Montana and 65 to 85 elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will range from 35 to 45 percent in North Dakota, 15 to 25 percent in Montana and 10 to 20 percent in Idaho. Winds will be northwest at 10 to 20 mph in North Dakota and variable at less than 10 mph in the remainder of the area.

The Southern Area can expect sunny skies in the central interior, and showers in Oklahoma and northern Texas. Rain showers and thunderstorms are forecast from Florida north into the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's, and winds will be southeast to southwest to 10 mph.

A north-northwest flow over the Rocky Mountain Area will bring mostly sunny skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the mountains of Colorado. High temperatures will be 50 to 65 in the mountains and mid 60's to 70's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 18 to 28 percent in south-central Wyoming and western Colorado, and 30 to 40 percent in the remainder of the area. Winds will be north to northeast at 10 to 20 mph in the Black Hills and 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.



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

### **ESCAPE ROUTES**

An escape route is a preplanned and understood route to reach a safety zone.

What are the primary concerns in choosing an escape route?

- Select the closest, least obstructed route.
- Plan for more than one escape route.
- Avoid an uphill escape.
- Scout and clearly mark the route for visibility (aids during smoky situations or night operational periods).

  

- Determine escape time--consider slowest person, fatigue, and temperature factors.
- Continuously reassess the situation with regard to work progress and additional resource arrivals.
- Assure all line personnel are familiar with escape routes.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	Fires							0
	Acres							0
Northwest	Fires	1				6	4	11
	Acres	0				0	726	726
Northern California	Fires	1				10	2	13
	Acres	0				3	0	3
Southern California	Fires					8	3	11
	Acres					3	20	23
Northern Rockies	Fires	1				2	2	5
	Acres	1				100	0	100
Eastern Great Basin	Fires		1			1	3	5
	Acres		0			10	0	10
Western Great Basin	Fires		1					1
	Acres		1					1
Southwest	Fires						1	1
	Acres						0	0
Rocky Mountain	Fires							0
	Acres							0
Eastern Area	Fires					1	1	2
	Acres					15	0	15
Southern Area	Fires					12	2	25
	Acres					11	612	663
Total	Fires	3	2	0	0	40	18	74
	Acres	1	1	0	0	140	1,358	1,542

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	Fires	1	32	31	10	452	17	543
	Acres	4	581,096	345,609	133,708	1,130,847	16	2,191,280
Northwest	Fires	255	304	36	48	1,439	1,233	3,315
	Acres	18,242	147,729	2,792	39	108,811	810,640	1,088,253
Northern California	Fires	205	19	6	14	2,098	604	2,946
	Acres	610	6,864	818	3,666	11,932	36,472	60,362
Southern California	Fires	71	77	18	28	2,547	647	3,388
	Acres	10,209	25,790	86	743	69,785	266,774	373,387
Northern Rockies	Fires	919	51	32	46	527	883	2,458
	Acres	13,872	10,537	2,178	9,153	30,935	83,934	150,609
Eastern Great Basin	Fires	69	522	8	42	527	955	2,123
	Acres	5,326	71,694	100	33	114,627	147,967	339,747
Western Great Basin	Fires	10	439	2	10	91	146	698
	Acres	316	37,421	80	6	884	42,300	81,007
Southwest	Fires	1,118	286	31	70	1,162	1,706	4,373
	Acres	263,424	20,616	6,870	17,865	198,069	448,798	955,642
Rocky Mountain	Fires	409	533	45	66	1,147	721	2,921
	Acres	54,477	62,839	631	9,116	183,790	309,107	619,960
Eastern Area	Fires	762		19	31	11,056	402	12,270
	Acres	31,956		1,225	609	64,346	3,318	101,454
Southern Area	Fires	100		190	45	28,980	818	30,133
	Acres	17,161		147,132	6,665	283,352	26,153	480,463
Total	Fires	3,919	2,263	418	410	50,020	8,132	65,168
	Acres	415,597	964,586	507,521	181,603	2,197,343	2,175,479	6,442,164
<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>								<b>66,785</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>								<b>3,371,883</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		2					2
	Acres			4,700				4,700
Northern California	Fires			0				0
	Acres				10			10
Southern California	Fires							0
	Acres							0
Northern Rockies	Fires			2			11	13
	Acres				310		315	625
Eastern Great Basin	Fires							0
	Acres							0
Western Great Basin	Fires				1			1
	Acres					2		2
Southwest	Fires						1	1
	Acres						40	40
Rocky Mountain	Fires							0
	Acres							0
Eastern Area	Fires						2	2
	Acres						48	48
Southern Area	Fires							0
	Acres							0
Total	Fires	0	2	2	1	0	14	19
	Acres	0	4,700	320	2	0	403	5,425

**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	108	30	10	6	256	432
	Acres	6,145	16,638	2,691	254	292	40,010	66,030
Northern California	Fires	7	14	11	11		93	136
	Acres	163	1,269	19,972	231		14,821	36,456
Southern California	Fires	1	2	6	7		97	113
	Acres	70	24	286	670		17,226	18,276
Northern Rockies	Fires	9	11	107	2	44	341	514
	Acres	725	1,765	16,109	108	4,478	22,525	45,710
Eastern Great Basin	Fires	1	20	2	12	9	24	68
	Acres	7	6,545	445	2,422	379	28,087	37,885
Western Great Basin	Fires				1		5	6
	Acres				2		172	174
Southwest	Fires	4	13	10			136	163
	Acres	90	17,250	4,722			13,024	35,086
Rocky Mountain	Fires	8	17	123	8	21	28	205
	Acres	516	2,949	17,736	2,290	2,170	11,287	36,948
Eastern Area	Fires	21		281	8	495	141	946
	Acres	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	15,975	130,123
Southern Area	Fires	60		238	82	17,300	885	18,565
	Acres	11,061		109,771	95,553	833,389	708,207	1,757,981
Total	Fires	133	185	809	141	17,875	2,006	21,149
	Acres	27,486	46,440	215,703	101,967	902,824	871,334	2,165,754

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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			16			4	20
	Acres			1,383			1	1,384
Northern Rockies	Fires			14			41	55
	Acres			3,601			4,455	8,056
Eastern Great Basin	Fires			1			12	13
	Acres			0			4,934	4,934
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	12				1	3	16
	Acres	736				0	22,594	23,330
Eastern Area	Fires							0
	Acres							0
Southern Area	Fires			2				2
	Acres			260				260
Total	Fires	0	20	0	34	1	75	130
	Acres	0	1,587	0	5,624	0	36,482	43,693

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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	13	45	32	75	3	18			517	319
Northern California	26	1	1		9				47	6
Southern California	3		12		3					
Northern Rockies	3	3	6	22	1	4			3	17
Eastern Great Basin	1	1	5	4	1					
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			3							
Rocky Mountain	3			1	1	3			12	2
Eastern Area	1	1	2	9	2				84	8
Southern Area	5		1	13	3	1			10	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>363</b>

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