

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 108 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

EWE NECK, Southeast, Washington State. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles west of Tampico, WA. Torching, creeping and smouldering were observed in mixed conifer forest, brush and grass. Crews and dozers are building fireline with support from aerial resources. Two outbuildings are threatened; structure protection is in place.

QUARTZ MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. Fire Use Management Team (Cones) assumed command yesterday. This previously reported wildfire is burning in Douglas fir, lodgepole pine and sub-alpine fir, 33 miles north northwest of Winthrop, WA. Active fire behavior was observed, with crowning and long range spotting. Personnel are being inserted into the fire area and structure protection is in place. This fire is burning adjacent to the Canadian-US border.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|--------------------|----|------|-------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| EWE NECK | WA | SES | 100 | 85 | 9/17 | 259 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 435K |
| QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX | WA | OKF | 4,922 | NR | UNK | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500K |

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROCKY TOP GAP, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is five miles southeast of Newport, TN. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed in hardwood leaf litter and bug kill timber. Crews made good progress constructing fireline. Five residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

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|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| ROCKY TOP GAP | TN | CNF | 1025 | 25 | 9/18 | 113 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 89K |

OUTLOOK:

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN EASTERN MONTANA FOR POSSIBLE DRY THUNDERSTORMS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND A FRONTAL PASSAGE DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON HOURS*****

Low pressure moving into the Northwest Area will bring partly to mostly sunny skies with a chance of showers in Washington and northwest Oregon. High temperatures will be in the 60 s and 70 s and winds will be southwest to west at 5 to 15 mph.

High pressure building into the Southern Area will bring mostly sunny skies to the central interior with scattered to heavy showers in the Gulf and Atlantic Coast states. High temperatures will be in the 80 s and 90 s and winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph.



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TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONES DIFFICULT

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel? Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.

Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?

Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked? Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.

Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.

To reduce the risks:

- Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | 2 | | | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | 101 | 795 | 786 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 2 | 1 | | | 16 | 4 | 23 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 20 | | | 14 | 0 | 34 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | 36 | | 36 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 39 | | 39 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | 7 | 7 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 25 | | | | 5 | 30 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 1 | | | | | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 19 | | 19 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 5 | | 5 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 425 | 425 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 23 | 108 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 159 | 801 | 906 |

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 | 259 | 309 | 36 | 48 | 1,450 | 1,243 | 3,345 |
| | ACRES | 18,244 | 147,729 | 2,792 | 39 | 108,839 | 811,436 | 1,089,079 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 208 | 20 | 6 | 14 | 2,120 | 610 | 2,978 |
| | ACRES | 610 | 6,884 | 818 | 3,666 | 11,946 | 36,472 | 60,396 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 71 | 77 | 18 | 28 | 2,572 | 654 | 3,420 |
| | ACRES | 10,209 | 25,790 | 86 | 743 | 69,794 | 266,787 | 373,409 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 919 | 51 | 32 | 46 | 528 | 893 | 2,469 |
| | ACRES | 13,872 | 10,537 | 2,178 | 9,153 | 30,957 | 83,944 | 150,641 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 69 | 525 | 8 | 42 | 527 | 959 | 2,130 |
| | ACRES | 5,326 | 71,719 | 100 | 33 | 114,627 | 147,977 | 339,782 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 10 | 439 | 2 | 10 | 91 | 146 | 698 |
| | ACRES | 316 | 37,421 | 80 | 6 | 884 | 42,300 | 81,007 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 1,120 | 286 | 31 | 70 | 1,162 | 1,710 | 4,379 |
| | ACRES | 263,426 | 20,616 | 6,870 | 17,865 | 198,069 | 448,804 | 955,650 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 410 | 535 | 45 | 66 | 1,147 | 721 | 2,924 |
| | ACRES | 54,477 | 62,843 | 631 | 9,116 | 183,790 | 309,107 | 619,964 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 762 | | 19 | 31 | 11,153 | 402 | 12,367 |
| | ACRES | 31,956 | | 1,225 | 609 | 64,392 | 3,318 | 101,500 |
| 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 | 3,929 | 2,274 | 418 | 410 | 50,182 | 8,165 | 65,386 |
| | ACRES | 415,601 | 964,635 | 507,521 | 181,603 | 2,197,497 | 2,176,304 | 6,443,171 |
| Ten Year Average Fires | | | | | | | | 67,725 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | | | | | | | | 3,396,859 |

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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 | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 48 | 48 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 100 | 100 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 148 |

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 | 17,038 | 2,691 | 254 | 292 | 40,010 | 66,430 |
| 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 | 48 | 344 | 521 |
| | ACRES | 725 | 1,765 | 16,109 | 108 | 4,583 | 22,641 | 45,931 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 21 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 25 | 70 |
| | ACRES | 7 | 8,045 | 445 | 2,422 | 379 | 28,687 | 39,985 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | 1 | | 5 | 6 |
| | ACRES | | | | 2 | | 172 | 174 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 4 | 13 | 10 | | | 136 | 163 |
| | ACRES | 90 | 17,250 | 4,722 | | | 13,124 | 35,186 |
| 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 | 142 | 947 |
| | ACRES | 8,709 | | 42,886 | 437 | 62,116 | 16,105 | 130,253 |
| 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 | 186 | 809 | 141 | 17,879 | 2,011 | 21,159 |
| | ACRES | 27,486 | 48,340 | 215,703 | 101,967 | 902,929 | 872,280 | 2,168,705 |

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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 | | 42 | 56 |
| | ACRES | | | | 3,601 | | 4,459 | 8,060 |
| 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 | | 13 | | | 1 | 3 | 17 |
| | ACRES | | 736 | | | 0 | 22,594 | 23,330 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | 260 | | | 260 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 21 | 0 | 34 | 1 | 76 | 132 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 1,587 | 0 | 5,624 | 0 | 36,486 | 43,697 |

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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 | 11 | 41 | 27 | 103 | 3 | 15 | | | 502 | 379 |
| Northern California | 4 | 1 | 9 | | 4 | | | | 5 | |
| Southern California | 22 | | 27 | 2 | 11 | | | | 85 | 176 |
| Northern Rockies | 3 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | | | 12 | 8 |
| Eastern Great Basin | | | 11 | 3 | 2 | | | | | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Rocky Mountain | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 15 | |
| Eastern Area | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 66 | |
| Southern Area | 3 | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Total | 44 | 47 | 83 | 119 | 26 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 688 | 563 |

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