

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 73 new fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Western Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

QUARTZ MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This fire is burning in Douglas fir, lodgepole pine and sub-alpine fir, 33 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA near the Canadian border. Favorable weather conditions aided suppression efforts. Personnel are improving structure protection and constructing fireline.

ANNIVERSARY, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This fire is eight miles southwest of Wallowa, OR, and is burning in timber. Minimal fire behavior with smouldering was observed. Crews are constructing direct attack fireline. Precipitation aided containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX	WA	OKF	5,766	NR	UNK	62	1	0	2	0	602K
ANNIVERSARY	OR	WWF	400	40	9/20	282	11	6	1	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROCKY TOP GAP, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is five miles southeast of Newport, TN and is burning in hardwood leaf litter and bug kill timber. Minimal fire activity was observed. Crews are burning out and mopping up.

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ROCKY TOP GAP	TN	CNF	1,025	30	9/18	77	4	2	1	0	108K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TWO TIPS	NV	WID	934	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

WID = Winnemucca Field Office

OUTLOOK:

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR GUSTY NORTHEAST TO EAST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY IN THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES*****

High pressure building over the Northwest Area will bring mostly sunny skies. High temperatures will be in the 80 s in southwest Oregon and in the 60 s and 70 s elsewhere. Winds will be west to northwest at 15 to 20 mph in southern Oregon and 6 to 12 mph elsewhere.

The Southern Area can expect partly sunny skies with scattered showers. High temperatures will be in the mid 80 s and 90 s and winds will be variable at 5 to 22 mph.



ON A HILLSIDE WHERE ROLLING MATERIAL CAN IGNITE FUEL BELOW

When firefighters find themselves in Watchout Situation #13, they must answer the following questions:

Can you locate/construct a line to prevent material from rolling below? What do you call line that catches rolling material? Describe how you would construct this type of line and what factors you would have to consider (e.g., slope, fuels, etc.)

Will you get enough warning of rolling material to prevent being hit by it? Who needs to be watching for rolling material? What kinds of warning systems could you establish?

Can you see where any material that rolls below you goes and what it does? What can happen when material rolls out of the fire and below you out of view? What needs to be done to mitigate this danger?

Is the area free of large amounts of flashy fuels? Review the Common Denominators of Tragedy Fires.

Is the area free of chimneys, gullies, and steep slopes? Review the Common Denominators of Tragedy Fires.

Do you have two escape routes so you can go either way? Talk about where your most likely escape routes and safety zones will be when you are on a hillside where rolling material can ignite fuel below.

To reduce the risks:

Post lookouts.

Consider locating line in a defensible position. Talk about steep fires where you have had material rolling out below you and how you dealt with it.

FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	1254	1254
Northern California	FIREs					13	4	17
	ACRES					2	0	2
Southern California	FIREs			1		20	10	31
	ACRES					2	37	43
Northern Rockies	FIREs					1	4	5
	ACRES					0	48	48
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		0			1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIREs		2					2
	ACRES		231					231
Southwest	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIREs	1				7		8
	ACRES	1				60		61
TOTAL	FIREs	1	4	0	1	44	23	73
	ACRES	1	231	0	2	100	1307	1641

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	260	313	36	49	1,465	1,260	3,383
	ACRES	18,244	147,729	2,792	39	109,352	811,667	1,089,823
Northern California	FIREs	210	22	6	15	2,146	619	3,018
	ACRES	610	6,884	818	3,666	11,955	36,489	60,422
Southern California	FIREs	74	78	18	29	2,595	666	3,460
	ACRES	10,209	25,790	86	745	69,969	281,650	388,449
Northern Rockies	FIREs	925	51	32	46	534	899	2,487
	ACRES	13,891	10,537	2,178	9,153	30,963	83,997	150,719
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	69	541	8	42	540	961	2,161
	ACRES	5,326	75,603	408	33	114,115	147,977	343,462
Western Great Basin	FIREs	10	457	2	11	91	150	721
	ACRES	316	38,389	80	6	884	42,302	81,977
Southwest	FIREs	1,165	286	31	70	1,162	1,713	4,427
	ACRES	263,487	20,616	6,870	17,865	198,069	448,804	955,711
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	410	576	45	66	1,146	728	2,971
	ACRES	54,477	68,345	631	9,116	193,961	323,141	649,671
Eastern Area	FIREs	762		19	32	11,288	397	12,498
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	65,560	3,311	102,661
Southern Area	FIREs	101		190	45	29,112	819	30,267
	ACRES	17,162		147,132	6,665	285,354	26,154	482,467
TOTAL	FIREs	3,987	2,356	418	415	50,531	8,229	65,936
	ACRES	415,682	974,989	507,829	181,605	2,211,029	2,205,508	6,496,642

Ten Year Average Fires	67,998
Ten Year Average Acres	3,413,018

*** 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			0
	ACRES				57			57
Northern Rockies	FIRES			5				5
	ACRES			197				197
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					2		2
	ACRES					1,320		1,320
Southern Area	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			1,500		855		2,355
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	5	1	0	3	9
	ACRES	0	0	197	1,557	0	2,175	3,929

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	109	30	10	6	258	435
	ACRES	6,145	17,138	2,691	254	292	40,042	66,562
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	11	11		93	136
	ACRES	163	1,269	20,009	231		14,821	36,493
Southern California	FIRES	1	2	6	8		97	114
	ACRES	70	24	286	817		17,226	18,423
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	11	118	2	48	357	545
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,600	108	4,583	23,000	46,781
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	2	12	9	25	70
	ACRES	7	8,045	445	2,422	379	30,087	41,385
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				2		172	174
Southwest	FIRES	4	13	10			137	164
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			13,411	35,473
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	145	950
	ACRES	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	17,465	131,613
Southern Area	FIRES	60		238	84	17,300	886	18,568
	ACRES	11,061		109,771	97,353	833,389	720,861	1,772,435
TOTAL	FIRES	133	187	820	144	17,879	2,031	21,194
	ACRES	27,486	48,440	216,231	103,914	902,929	888,372	2,187,372

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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			3,602		4,509		8,111
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs			1		12		13
	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	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	76	131
	ACRES	0	1,587	0	5,625	0	36,566	43,778

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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	18	53	24	85	5	13			472	247
Northern California	1	1	1							1
Southern California	5		14		3				29	25
Northern Rockies			1	8		2				
Eastern Great Basin			4	3	1					
Western Great Basin			5	1						
Southwest			3							
Rocky Mountain									1	1
Eastern Area	6	4	7	13	3	6			191	34
Southern Area	8		4		2					12
Total	38	58	63	110	14	21	0	0	706	307

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