

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 40 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon and South Dakota.

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

QUARTZ MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Quartz Mountain, Middle Mountain, Lake and Beauty Peak fires, is burning in the Pasayten Wilderness Area, 33 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The Lake and Beauty Peak fires are in monitor status and are being managed for resource benefit. Moderate fire activity was observed in Douglas fir, lodgepole pine and subalpine fir on the Quartz Mountain and Middle Mountain fires. Crews are providing structure protection at Hidden Lakes and holding fireline on the north flank.

ANNIVERSARY, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This fire is eight miles southwest of Wallowa, OR. Minimal fire behavior was observed in timber and grass. Crews made good progress constructing fireline and have initiated mop-up on all divisions. 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
QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX	WA	OKF	5,835	0	UNK	81	2	0	2	0	640K
ANNIVERSARY	OR	WWF	290	90	9/22	255	11	5	0	0	225K

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

SIERRA, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is near Rocklin, CA and is burning in brush and oak woodland. Rapid rates of spread and spotting were observed. Road closures and mandatory evacuations are in effect for subdivisions within the Rocklin and Loomis areas.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SIERRA	CA	NEU	400	25	UNK	422	10	65	2	6	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. Burn out operations were impeded by high relative humidity; crews are cold trailing and hot-spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROCKY TOP GAP	TN	CNF	1,025	30	UNK	41	2	2	1	0	108K

## **OUTLOOK:**

**\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR GUSTY NORTHEAST TO EAST WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND POOR OVERNIGHT RELATIVE HUMIDITY RECOVERY\*\*\***

**\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHWESTERN OREGON FOR AN OFFSHORE FLOW PRODUCING POOR OVERNIGHT RELATIVE HUMIDITY RECOVERY\*\*\***

High pressure exiting east out of the Northwest Area will bring mostly sunny skies. High temperatures will be in the upper 60 s and 70 s in Washington and in the upper 70 s to low 90 s in Oregon. Winds will be offshore at 10 to 15 mph in western Oregon and west to south at 5 to 10 mph elsewhere.

Strong high pressure over Northern California Area, will bring a sunny and warm day with low relative humidity. High temperatures will be in the 60 s to 70 s near the coast and 80 s to 90 s inland. Relative humidity will range from 35 to 40 percent along the coast and 10 to 20 percent inland. Winds will be north to east 10 to 25 mph with locally higher gusts on the upper slopes and ridges in the Sacramento Valley and surrounding foothills.

A low pressure front moving across the Southern Area will bring showers and thunderstorms to the western portion of the region. Scattered showers are expected in the Appalachian Mountains, the Carolinas and in northern Georgia and Tropical Storm Isidore will approach the southern Florida coast. High temperatures will be in the 70 s in Oklahoma, Arkansas and north Texas, in the 90 s in southern Florida and in the 80 s elsewhere. Winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph.



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

## **DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST**

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.

Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).

LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.

- Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
- Communication is established between all crews.
- Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).

Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.

Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.

Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.

Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

**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					13	1	14
	ACRES					433	0	433
Southern California	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					6	5	11
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4				2	2	8
	ACRES	0				100	0	100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		1			0		1
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		200					200
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	10				1		11
TOTAL	FIRES	5	2	0	0	27	6	40
	ACRES	10	201	0	0	541	5	358

**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	1,470	1,260	3,388
	ACRES	18,244	147,687	2,792	39	110,751	811,667	1,091,180
Northern California	FIRES	210	22	6	15	2,158	620	3,031
	ACRES	610	6,884	818	3,666	11,988	36,488	60,454
Southern California	FIRES	74	78	18	29	2,590	668	3,457
	ACRES	10,209	25,790	86	745	69,973	281,655	388,458
Northern Rockies	FIRES	929	51	32	46	536	901	2,495
	ACRES	13,891	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,063	83,997	150,819
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	542	8	42	542	961	2,164
	ACRES	5,326	75,604	408	33	114,115	147,977	343,463
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	458	2	11	91	150	722
	ACRES	316	38,589	80	6	884	42,302	82,177
Southwest	FIRES	1,165	286	31	70	1,162	1,714	4,428
	ACRES	263,487	20,616	6,870	17,865	198,069	448,805	955,712
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	410	576	45	66	1,147	730	2,974
	ACRES	54,477	68,345	631	9,116	195,198	323,141	650,908
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		19	33	11,295	397	12,506
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	65,563	3,311	102,664
Southern Area	FIRES	102		190	45	29,113	819	30,269
	ACRES	17,172		147,132	6,665	285,355	26,154	482,478
TOTAL	FIRES	3,992	2,358	418	416	50,556	8,237	65,977
	ACRES	415,692	975,148	507,829	181,605	2,213,806	2,205,513	6,499,593
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				0
	ACRES			10				10
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						26	26
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						60	60
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,000	1,000
Southern Area	FIRES				1		2	3
	ACRES				500		2,565	3,065
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	8	9
	ACRES	0	0	10	500	0	3,651	4,161

**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	20,019	231		14,821	36,503
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	360	548
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,600	108	4,583	23,026	46,807
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			139	166
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			13,471	35,533
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	147	952
	ACRES	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	20,951	135,099
Southern Area	FIRES	60		238	85	17,300	888	18,571
	ACRES	11,061		109,771	97,853	833,389	723,426	1,775,500
TOTAL	FIRES	133	187	820	145	17,879	2,040	21,204
	ACRES	27,486	48,440	216,241	104,414	902,929	894,509	2,194,019

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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	14	36	13	78	2	11			438	239
Northern California	10	5	1	65	2	1				18
Southern California	4	3	2	3	6				9	4
Northern Rockies			1	12		2				
Eastern Great Basin			4	3	1					
Western Great Basin			2	1						
Southwest			3							
Rocky Mountain					1	3			1	1
Eastern Area	7	4	10	15	3	6			195	35
Southern Area	4		4		2				15	
Total	39	48	40	177	17	23	0	0	658	297

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