

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 50 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern Rockies, Southern and Northern California Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Northwest, Northern California and Northern Rockies Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, 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. Precipitation moderated fire activity in Douglas fir, lodgepole pine and subalpine fir on the Quartz Mountain and Middle Mountain fires. Crews are providing structure protection at Stubb Creek and holding fireline on the north flank.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX	WA	OKF	5,889	0	UNK	78	2	0	2	0	682K
ANNIVERSARY	OR	WWF	290	100	---	253	11	5	0	0	225K

WWF = Wallow-Whitman National Forest

**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.

BEECH CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles northeast of Octavia, OK. Precipitation moderated fire behavior in pine plantations. Engine crews are monitoring fire activity.

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ROCKY TOP GAP	TN	CNF	1,025	30	UNK	41	2	2	1	0	108K
BEECH CREEK	OK	OKS	120	95	UNK	8	0	4	0	0	NR

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BURNS, Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is 7 miles north of Laytonville, CA and burning in timber. Spotting in heavy fuels was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BURNS	CA	MEU	470	0	9/20	375	26	49	2	0	200K
SIERRA	CA	NEU	594	100	---	785	23	112	1	21	932K

NEU = Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FISH HATCHERY	ID	PDS	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	8K

PDS = Ponderosa Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands

## OUTLOOK:

Strong high pressure over the Northern California Area will bring mostly sunny skies with low relative humidity. High temperatures will be in the 60 s to 70 s near the coast and 80 s to near 100 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 30 to 45 percent along the coast and 9 to 18 percent inland. Winds will be northeast to southeast at 12 to 20 mph in the morning, becoming variable under 12 mph in the afternoon.

High pressure over the Northwest Area will bring mostly sunny skies with areas of low clouds and fog west of the Cascade Mountains. High temperatures will be mid 60 s to 70 s in Washington and in the 70 s to low 90 s in Oregon. Minimum relative humidity will be in the teens in southwest Oregon and east of the Cascade Mountains, and 20 to 40 percent elsewhere. Winds will be northwest to northeast at 8 to 15 mph, gusting from 25 to 35 mph along the ridges of southwestern Oregon in the morning.

A cold front moving across the Southern Area will bring showers and thunderstorms to the mid Mississippi River Valley and Hurricane Isidore will bring heavy rain to southern Florida. High temperatures will be in the 70 s in western Oklahoma and in the 80 s elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will be in the mid 30 percent range in Oklahoma and Texas, and above 40 percent in the remainder of the region. Winds will be north at 15 to 20 mph in western Oklahoma and Texas, east to southeast at 25 mph in southern Florida and south to 10 mph elsewhere.



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**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					0	54	54
Northern California	FIRES					19	1	20
	ACRES					1054	0	1054
Southern California	FIRES		2		1	10	1	14
	ACRES		0		0	3	0	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					301	4	305
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Southwest	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	198						198
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0						0
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2	2
Southern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					120	0	120
TOTAL	FIRES	2	4	0	1	33	9	50
	ACRES	199	0	0	0	1108	60	1737

### 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	1,472	1,260	3,390
	ACRES	18,244	147,687	2,794	39	109,552	811,690	1,090,006
Northern California	FIRES	210	22	6	15	2,176	621	3,050
	ACRES	610	6,884	818	3,666	12,572	36,488	61,038
Southern California	FIRES	74	80	18	31	2,600	669	3,472
	ACRES	10,209	25,790	86	745	69,976	281,655	388,461
Northern Rockies	FIRES	929	51	32	46	536	903	2,497
	ACRES	13,891	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,256	84,004	151,019
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	543	8	42	542	961	2,165
	ACRES	5,326	75,604	408	33	114,115	147,977	343,463
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	459	2	11	91	151	724
	ACRES	316	38,589	80	6	884	42,302	82,177
Southwest	FIRES	1,168	286	31	70	1,162	1,714	4,431
	ACRES	263,685	20,616	6,870	17,865	198,069	448,805	955,910
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	410	576	53	66	1,147	730	2,982
	ACRES	54,478	68,345	631	9,116	195,198	323,141	650,909
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		19	33	11,320	399	12,533
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	65,577	3,313	102,680
Southern Area	FIRES	102		190	45	29,530	820	30,687
	ACRES	17,172		147,132	6,665	288,577	26,154	485,700
TOTAL	FIRES	3,995	2,362	426	418	51,028	8,245	66,474
	ACRES	415,891	975,148	507,831	181,605	2,216,623	2,205,545	6,502,643

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,142</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,426,675</b>

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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		1					1
	ACRES		500					500
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						41	41
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						198	198
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	4	5
	ACRES	0	500	0	0	0	239	739

**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	110	30	10	6	258	436
	ACRES	6,145	17,638	2,691	254	292	40,042	67,062
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	362	550
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,600	108	4,583	23,067	46,848
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	2	12	9	27	72
	ACRES	7	8,045	445	2,422	379	30,285	41,583
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	20,985	135,133
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	188	820	145	17,879	2,044	21,209
	ACRES	27,486	48,940	216,241	104,414	902,929	894,782	2,194,792

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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				1,385		1	1,386
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	5,627	0	36,566	43,780

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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	39	22	84	2	9			422	159
Northern California	6	43	1	156		3				120
Southern California					2					
Northern Rockies			1	4		2				
Eastern Great Basin			8	3	2				13	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2		3	2					10	
Rocky Mountain					1	3			1	1
Eastern Area	7	4	10	15	3	5			194	2
Southern Area	2		2	4	1				15	
Total	30	86	47	268	11	22	0	0	655	314

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