

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2002 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 47 new fires were reported. Two large fires were reported and two large fires were contained, one each in the Northern California and Western Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, and Oregon.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG HILL, Hoopa Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This incident, comprised of six fires, is four miles northeast of Hoopa, CA. Active fire behavior was observed in timber. Heavy initial attack is underway.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG HILL	CA	HIA	120	0	UNK	271	9	13	4	0	NR
BURNS	CA	MEU	485	100	---	668	25	48	0	0	1.1M

MEU = Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROCKY TOP GAP	TN	CNF	1,025	60	UNK	34	1	2	1	0	205K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NELSON FIELD	NV	EKD	800	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	48K

EKD = Elko District, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Strong high pressure over the Northern California Area will bring sunny skies. High temperatures will be in the 60 s to 70 s near the coast and in the 80 s to near 100 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 30 to 45 percent along the coast and 10 to 18 percent inland. Winds will be variable to 10 mph.

A weakening cold front moving across the Southern Area will bring scattered showers and thunderstorms from the lower Mississippi River Valley to the eastern slopes of the Appalachian Mountains. Mostly sunny skies are forecast in the western portion of the region. High temperatures will be in the 70 s, 80 s and 90 s. Winds will be north to east at 5 to 15 mph.

High pressure over the Western Great Basin Area will bring sunny skies. High temperatures will be in the 80 s in the north and near 108 in the south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 7 to 17 percent at lower elevations and 10 to 25 percent in the mountains. Winds will be light and variable.



DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.

Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.

Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.

Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.

When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.

Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.

Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.

Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.

Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.

Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)

Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.

Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.

Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.

Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.

Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.

Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.

Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.

Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.

When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					2	3,477	3,479
Northern California	FIRES	5				12	5	22
	ACRES	70				13	1	84
Southern California	FIRES	0			1			1
	ACRES	14			1			15
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	3	6
	ACRES		65			0	20	85
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES					7	3	10
	ACRES					4	80	84
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	5	2	0	1	24	15	47
	ACRES	84	65	0	1	19	3,608	3,777

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	312	36	49	1,485	1,262	3,404
	ACRES	18,244	147,687	2,799	39	109,561	815,167	1,093,497
Northern California	FIRES	215	22	6	15	2,206	629	3,093
	ACRES	680	6,884	818	3,666	13,103	36,494	61,645
Southern California	FIRES	75	80	18	32	2,610	671	3,486
	ACRES	10,237	25,790	86	746	69,976	281,660	388,495
Northern Rockies	FIRES	930	51	32	46	538	904	2,501
	ACRES	13,893	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,257	84,034	151,052
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	546	8	42	544	964	2,173
	ACRES	5,326	75,670	408	33	114,115	147,997	343,549
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	461	2	11	91	151	726
	ACRES	316	39,389	80	6	884	42,302	82,977
Southwest	FIRES	1,168	286	31	70	1,238	1,717	4,510
	ACRES	263,685	20,616	6,870	17,865	215,557	448,882	973,475
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	410	576	51	66	1,147	743	2,993
	ACRES	54,478	68,345	685	9,115	195,198	323,143	650,964
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		19	33	11,335	402	12,551
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	65,615	3,313	102,718
Southern Area	FIRES	102		190	45	29,568	820	30,725
	ACRES	17,172		147,132	6,665	289,319	26,154	486,442
TOTAL	FIRES	4,002	2,366	424	419	51,214	8,280	66,705
	ACRES	415,991	976,014	507,890	181,605	2,235,432	2,209,162	6,526,094

Ten Year Average Fires	68,610
Ten Year Average Acres	3,438,273

*** 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		1				1	2
	ACRES		700				115	815
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7,469				2	7,471
	ACRES		1,700				400	2,100
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						6	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	7,470	0	0	0	5	7,475
	ACRES	0	2,400	0	0	0	521	2,921

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	111	30	10	6	260	439
	ACRES	6,145	19,138	2,691	254	292	40,177	68,697
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	7,490	2	12	9	32	7,546
	ACRES	7	9,745	445	2,422	379	31,317	44,315
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				2		172	174
Southwest	FIRES	4	13	10			141	168
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			13,477	35,539
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	890	18,573
	ACRES	11,061		109,771	97,853	833,389	723,486	1,775,560
TOTAL	FIRES	133	7,658	820	145	17,879	2,055	28,690
	ACRES	27,486	52,140	216,241	104,414	902,929	896,015	2,199,225

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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				3,627		4,509	8,136
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	5,652	0	36,566	43,805

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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	16	23	22	57		7			277	139
Northern California	10	32	18	64	3	2			5	60
Southern California	1				1				1	
Northern Rockies			1	2		2				
Eastern Great Basin	1		9	3	4				10	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			1							
Rocky Mountain			1		1	3				1
Eastern Area									1	
Southern Area										
Total	28	55	52	126	9	14	0	0	294	200

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