

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 77 new fires were reported. One large fire was reported in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS, Angeles National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles north of Azusa, CA. Extreme fire behavior was observed in heavy brush. Crews are constructing fireline in steep terrain. Camp Williams, Camp Follows and Heaton Canyon were evacuated. One hundred residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| WILLIAMS | CA | ANF | 750 | 0 | UNK | 551 | 19 | 39 | 10 | 0 | NR |

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG HILL, Hoopa Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This incident, comprised of six fires, is burning in timber, four miles northeast of Hoopa, CA. Steep terrain, very limited access, and heavy fuels are contributing to control problems. The fire burned actively overnight with spotting.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| BIG HILL | CA | HIA | 250 | 0 | UNK | 271 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 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. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

| 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 |

OUTLOOK:

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE RIDGES OF SOUTHWESTERN OREGON TONIGHT FOR GUSTY EAST WINDS AND VERY LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

High pressure over the Southern California Area will bring sunny skies with morning fog and low clouds along the coast. High temperatures will be in the mid 70 s to mid 80 s in coastal areas, upper 80 s to 90 s in the mountains, 90 s to 104 in the valleys and high deserts, and 100 to 110 in the low deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 15 percent in the mountains and deserts, 10 to 20 percent in the inland valleys, and above 40 percent near the coast. Winds will be southeast to southwest at 5 to 15 mph over the mountains and deserts, and southwest to northwest at 6 to 12 mph along the coast.

High pressure over the Northern California Area will bring sunny skies with morning low clouds and fog along the coast. 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 40 to 50 percent along the coast and 7 to 15 percent inland. Winds will be variable to 10 mph.

A weakening cold front exiting the Southern Area will bring mostly sunny skies to the interior and partly cloudy skies with a chance of showers along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. High temperatures will be in the upper 70 s to low 90 s. Winds will be north to east at 5 to 20 mph.



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BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burn out operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burn out action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

Backfiring or burn out operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.

One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.

Before beginning backfiring or burn out operations, assure that:

- Lookouts are posted.
- Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
- Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.

If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.

Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.

Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIREs | | | | | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 2 | 14 | 16 |
| Northern California | FIREs | 2 | | 1 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| | ACRES | 0 | | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Southern California | FIREs | | | 1 | 29 | 7 | | 37 |
| | ACRES | | | 1 | 12 | 756 | | 769 |
| Northern Rockies | FIREs | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIREs | | 3 | | | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| | ACRES | | 3 | | | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| 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 | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| TOTAL | FIREs | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 54 | 16 | 77 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 775 | 799 |

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 | 314 | 36 | 49 | 1,490 | 1,265 | 3,414 |
| | ACRES | 18,244 | 147,687 | 2,799 | 39 | 109,563 | 815,181 | 1,093,513 |
| Northern California | FIREs | 217 | 22 | 6 | 16 | 2,219 | 631 | 3,111 |
| | ACRES | 680 | 6,884 | 818 | 3,666 | 13,105 | 36,494 | 61,647 |
| Southern California | FIREs | 75 | 80 | 18 | 33 | 2,654 | 679 | 3,539 |
| | ACRES | 10,237 | 25,790 | 86 | 747 | 69,993 | 282,416 | 389,269 |
| Northern Rockies | FIREs | 930 | 51 | 32 | 46 | 539 | 904 | 2,502 |
| | ACRES | 13,893 | 10,537 | 2,178 | 9,153 | 31,257 | 84,034 | 151,052 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIREs | 69 | 549 | 8 | 42 | 547 | 969 | 2,184 |
| | ACRES | 5,326 | 75,673 | 408 | 33 | 114,115 | 148,002 | 343,557 |
| 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 | 11,345 | 402 | 12,561 |
| | ACRES | 31,956 | | 1,225 | 609 | 65,617 | 3,313 | 102,720 |
| 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 | 4,004 | 2,371 | 424 | 421 | 51,290 | 8,298 | 66,808 |
| | ACRES | 415,991 | 976,017 | 507,890 | 181,606 | 2,235,455 | 2,209,937 | 6,526,896 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 68,844 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 3,438,273 |

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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 | | | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | 3,400 | 7 | | 260 | | 3,667 |
| Northern California | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIREs | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 17 | | 17 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIREs | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 90 | | 90 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL | FIREs | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 3,400 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 367 | 3,774 |

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 | 113 | 31 | 10 | 6 | 261 | 443 |
| | ACRES | 6,145 | 22,969 | 2,698 | 254 | 292 | 40,437 | 72,795 |
| 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 | 364 | 552 |
| | ACRES | 725 | 1,765 | 16,600 | 108 | 4,583 | 23,084 | 46,865 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIREs | 1 | 7,490 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 32 | 7,546 |
| | ACRES | 7 | 9,745 | 445 | 2,422 | 379 | 31,417 | 44,415 |
| Western Great Basin | FIREs | | | | 1 | | 5 | 6 |
| | ACRES | | | | 2 | | 172 | 174 |
| Southwest | FIREs | 4 | 13 | 10 | | | 141 | 168 |
| | ACRES | 90 | 17,250 | 4,722 | | | 13,567 | 35,629 |
| 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 | 7,660 | 821 | 145 | 17,879 | 2,058 | 28,696 |
| | ACRES | 27,486 | 55,971 | 216,248 | 104,414 | 902,929 | 896,482 | 2,203,530 |

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|---------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| 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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| 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 | 19 | 19 | 63 | 2 | 8 | | | 292 | 178 |
| Northern California | 8 | 6 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 1 | | | 5 | 27 |
| Southern California | 16 | 10 | 33 | 16 | 12 | 3 | 2 | | 25 | 16 |
| Northern Rockies | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | | | | 10 | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Rocky Mountain | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 |
| Eastern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 40 | 36 | 81 | 93 | 22 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 332 | 222 |

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