

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 67 new fires were reported. Two new large fires were reported, one in the Southwest Area and one in the Northern California Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northern California and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Wyoming.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

WILLIAMS, Angeles National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. A transfer of command to Raley's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today. This fire is 25 miles north of Azusa, CA. Extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread was observed in heavy brush. Crews are constructing fireline in steep terrain. Numerous subdivisions are being evacuated. One thousand 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	4,339	12	UNK	1,462	56	93	8	0	500K

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CROY, Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is five miles west of Morgan Hill, CA. Moderate fire behavior with spotting was observed in brush, oak and timber. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline. Voluntary evacuations are underway in the vicinity of the fire. Fifty residences are threatened; structure protection is in place. Two outbuildings were confirmed lost.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CROY	CA	SCU	160	0	UNK	428	14	23	4	2	NR
BIG HILL	CA	HIA	177	100	---	699	15	20	3	0	690K

HIA = Hoopa Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

## SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAT, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is seven miles south of Alpine, AZ. Rapid rates of spread were observed in ponderosa pine and oak brush. Personnel are constructing fireline and burning out. Steep terrain is hampering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAT	AZ	ASF	165	10	10/7	6	0	0	0	0	3K

## NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

BIRD HILL, Nez Perce National Forest. This previously reported Wildfire Use Incident, which began on August 4<sup>th</sup>, is 35 miles west of Hamilton, MT. This fire is in monitor status and is being managed for resource benefit. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIRD HILL	ID	NPF	1,350	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	4K

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ROCKY TOP GAP	TN	CNF	1,025	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	227K

CNF = Cherokee National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

### **\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHWEST OREGON FOR STRONG NORTHEAST WINDS AND 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 low 70 s to low 80 s in coastal areas, low 90 s to 104 in the mountains and valleys, and the low 90 s to 108 in the 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 45 percent near the coast. Winds will be south to southwest at 7 to 17 mph over the mountains and deserts, and southwest to west at 6 to 12 mph along the coast.

The Northern California Area can expect mostly sunny skies with low clouds and fog along the coast in the morning. High temperatures will be in the 60 s and 70 s near the coast and from 80 to near 100 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 7 to 15 percent inland and above 40 percent near the coast. Winds will be variable under 10 mph.



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Topic of Choice

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		1			3	2	6
	ACRES		0			0	1,209	1,209
Northern California	FIREs				14	2		16
	ACRES					17	0	17
Southern California	FIREs				25	1		26
	ACRES				29		3,250	3,279
Northern Rockies	FIREs					4	1	5
	ACRES					7	0	7
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	4		6
	ACRES				0	3		3
Southern Area	FIREs					7	1	8
	ACRES					47	10	57
TOTAL	FIREs	0	1	0	2	57	7	67
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	103	4,469	4,572

**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	316	36	49	1,497	1,268	3,426
	ACRES	18,244	147,687	2,799	39	109,563	816,390	1,094,722
Northern California	FIREs	217	22	7	16	2,233	633	3,128
	ACRES	680	6,884	820	3,666	13,122	36,494	61,666
Southern California	FIREs	75	80	18	33	2,679	680	3,565
	ACRES	10,237	25,790	86	747	70,022	285,666	392,548
Northern Rockies	FIREs	930	51	32	46	543	905	2,507
	ACRES	13,893	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,264	84,034	151,059
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	1,149	743	2,995
	ACRES	54,478	68,345	685	9,115	195,198	323,143	650,964
Eastern Area	FIREs	762		19	35	11,383	402	12,601
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	65,626	3,313	102,729
Southern Area	FIREs	102		190	45	29,571	821	30,729
	ACRES	17,172		147,132	6,665	289,326	26,164	486,459
TOTAL	FIREs	4,004	2,373	425	423	51,383	8,306	66,914
	ACRES	415,991	976,017	507,892	181,606	2,235,524	2,214,406	6,531,436
Ten Year Average Fires								68,939
Ten Year Average Acres								3,437,583

\*\*\* 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
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					20	20	20
	ACRES					633	633	633
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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1	1	1
	ACRES					103	103	103
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	21	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	736	736

**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	384	572
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,600	108	4,583	23,717	47,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	7,490	2	12	9	32	7,546
	ACRES	7	9,745	445	2,422	379	31,554	44,552
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		257	8	495	147	928
	ACRES	8,709		42,818	437	62,116	20,985	135,065
Southern Area	FIREs	60		238	86	17,300	892	18,576
	ACRES	11,061		109,771	98,353	833,389	723,639	1,776,213
TOTAL	FIREs	133	7,660	797	146	17,879	2,080	28,695
	ACRES	27,486	55,971	216,180	104,914	902,929	897,405	2,204,885

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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	14	11	14	48	1	9	1		292	187
Northern California	15	18	22	26	2	5	1		20	36
Southern California	26	39	45	68	14	1	3		57	108
Northern Rockies			7	4		2				1
Eastern Great Basin	2	1	4	1	4				10	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			1							6
Rocky Mountain			1		1	2			2	1
Eastern Area				1					131	2
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>334</b>

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