

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 43 new fires were reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Southern California Area, and one each in the Northwest and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS, Angeles National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Herrera). This fire is 25 miles north of Azusa, CA. Plume dominated fire behavior was observed in heavy brush. Crews are constructing fireline in steep terrain. Mandatory evacuations are in place for residences north of Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas and Upland. Evacuations are underway for Mt. Baldy. Structure protection is in place; 10,000 residences, 50 commercial properties and 5,000 outbuildings are threatened. Forty-four residences were confirmed lost during the initial phases of the fire.

WILLOW, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is three miles east of San Andreas, CA. Very active fire behavior with extensive spotting was observed. Crews and dozers are constructing direct attack fireline. Low fuel moisture and low relative humidity are impeding suppression efforts. Fifty residences and fifteen outbuildings are threatened.

PAIUTE, Inyo National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Bishop, CA. Rapid rates of spread were observed in brush and bristlecone pine. Limited access is hampering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIAMS	CA	ANF	18,005	8	UNK	2,091	72	143	8	44	1.5M
WILLOW	CA	TCU	300	30	9/25	274	4	34	3	0	NR
PAIUTE	CA	INF	500	0	9/27	45	2	0	2	0	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CROY, Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is five miles west of Morgan Hill, CA. Active fire behavior with spotting was observed in brush, oak and timber. Crews and engines are holding the fire and providing structure protection for 250 residences. An evacuation advisory is in effect in the vicinity of the fire. Thirteen additional outbuildings were confirmed lost.

BIG HILL, Hoopa Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles northeast of Hoopa, CA and is burning in heavy old growth timber. Steep terrain and rolling material contributed to a jump of containment lines. Crews are mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CROY	CA	SCU	1,639	25	UNK	1,247	40	65	4	15	430K
BIG HILL	CA	HIA	177	90	UNK	271	13	16	2	0	857K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOWL, Mount Hood National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) will assume command at 0600 today. This fire is 17 miles east of Estacada, OR. Very active fire behavior with spotting was observed in old growth timber. Crews are constructing fireline on the east flank and on spot fires on the north flank. Steep terrain, heavy fuel loading and limited access are hampering suppression efforts. One commercial property is threatened.

QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This previously reported fire is 33 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA in lodgepole pine, subalpine fir and Douglas fir. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting was observed. Personnel are providing structure protection at Hidden Lakes.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOWL	OR	MHF	240	0	UNK	207	8	2	5	0	NR
QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX	WA	OKF	8,087	0	UNK	47	0	0	2	0	894K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

RAIFORD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is four miles west of Vivian, OK. Active fire behavior with spotting was observed in tall grass and oak. Engines are constructing fireline and patrolling. Extremely dry fuels are hampering containment efforts. Twelve residences and fifteen outbuildings are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RAIFORD	OK	OXS	1,300	50	9/25	16	0	5	1	0	14K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAT, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is seven miles south of Alpine, AZ. Moderate fire behavior was observed in ponderosa pine and oak brush. Personnel are constructing fireline and burning out. Steep terrain is hampering containment efforts. One residence and six outbuildings are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAT	AZ	ASF	265	15	10/7	5	0	0	0	0	3K

OUTLOOK:

*****A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHWEST OREGON FOR GUSTY NORTHEAST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

*****A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST OREGON FOR STRONG NORTH WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN WESTERN WASHINGTON FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND STRONG EAST WINDS*****

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO FOR WARM, DRY AND BREEZY CONDITIONS*****

Low pressure off the coast of the Southern California Area will bring an increased onshore flow and sunny skies, with morning fog and low clouds along the coast. High temperatures will be in the 70 s in coastal areas, 90 s in the mountains and valleys, and the 100 to 108 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 15 percent in the mountains and deserts, 15 to 25 percent in the inland valleys, and above 55 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. Winds will be variable.

The Southern Area can expect heavy rainfall and flooding in the southeast due to Hurricane Isidore and cool and dry to the west. High temperatures will be in the 70 s to 80 s, and winds will be variable with strong winds up to 40 mph along the Gulf coast.



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EXTENDED ATTACK

After your initial size-up of the fire and/or transfer of command from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in fire conditions.

Do you have a current fire weather forecast for the fire location?

Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?

Have you established a new organizational structure and communicated it to the other forces associated with the fire?

Can you control the fire with the resources available (either on the incident or soon to be on the incident) under expected conditions?

Have you developed a plan to attack the fire?

- Direct or indirect
- Anchor points
- Escape routes
- Head or flank attack
- Priority areas

Have you communicated this to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?

Can you see all of the fire area?

Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?

Are escape routes established?

- If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a re-burn potential?

Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?

Will you contain the fire before the next operational period?

Have you reported the status of the fire to dispatch?

Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	325	325
Northern California	FIRES					10	2	12
	ACRES					1,608	0	1,608
Southern California	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					9	0	9
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					1,402	0	1402
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	37	6	43
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3,019	325	3,344

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	317	36	49	1,501	1,269	3,432
	ACRES	18,244	147,689	2,799	39	109,564	816,715	1,095,050
Northern California	FIRES	217	22	7	16	2,243	637	3,142
	ACRES	680	6,884	820	3,666	14,730	36,494	63,274
Southern California	FIRES	75	80	18	32	2,687	681	3,573
	ACRES	10,237	25,790	86	746	70,031	293,666	400,556
Northern Rockies	FIRES	930	51	32	46	543	905	2,507
	ACRES	13,893	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,264	84,004	151,029
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	448,884	973,477
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	410	576	51	66	1,150	743	2,996
	ACRES	54,478	68,345	685	9,115	195,198	323,143	650,964
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		20	35	11,404	402	12,623
	ACRES	31,956		1,226	609	65,633	3,313	102,737
Southern Area	FIRES	102		190	45	29,588	822	30,738
	ACRES	17,172		147,132	6,665	290,729	26,164	486,466
TOTAL	FIRES	4,004	2,374	426	422	51,444	8,313	66,983
	ACRES	415,991	976,019	507,893	181,605	2,238,552	2,222,703	6,542,763

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Ten Year Average Fires	69,142
Ten Year Average Acres	3,439,248

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1,585					1,585
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			2,180				2,180
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	13	15
	ACRES					45	336	381
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
	ACRES		216		680		118	1,014
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						45	45
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		450					450
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						315	315
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	0	1	2	20	27
	ACRES	0	2,251	2,180	680	45	814	5,970

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	114	31	10	6	265	448
	ACRES	6,145	24,804	2,698	254	292	40,948	75,141
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	11	11		93	136
	ACRES	163	1,269	22,199	231		14,821	38,683
Southern California	FIRES	1	2	6	8		97	114
	ACRES	70	24	286	818		17,226	18,424
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	11	118	2	50	399	589
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,600	108	4,628	24,063	47,889
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	7,492	2	13	9	34	7,551
	ACRES	7	9,961	445	3,102	379	31,672	45,566
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				2		172	174
Southwest	FIRES	4	13	10			143	170
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			13,612	35,674
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	18	123	8	21	28	206
	ACRES	516	3,399	17,736	2,290	2,170	11,287	37,398
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	895	18,579
	ACRES	11,061		109,771	98,353	833,389	723,954	1,776,528
TOTAL	FIRES	133	7,664	797	147	17,881	2,106	28,728
	ACRES	27,486	58,472	218,360	105,595	902,974	898,740	2,211,627

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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		4,510	8,137
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	36,567	43,806

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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	20	16	18	53	3	17			403	183
Northern California	12	42	16	67	2	4	1		20	210
Southern California	34	62	59	248	20	5	3		65	150
Northern Rockies			3	4		2				
Eastern Great Basin	2	1	4	1	4				10	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			1						5	
Rocky Mountain				1	1	2				1
Eastern Area				1					131	2
Southern Area				5		1				2
Total	68	121	101	380	30	31	4	0	634	548

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