

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 84 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Utah.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

**WILLIAMS**, Angeles National Forest. A Unified Command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Herrera) is in place. This fire is 25 miles north of Azusa, CA. Extreme fire behavior was observed in heavy brush. The fire has jumped Cattle Creek and is advancing northeast into the Sheep Mountain Wilderness Area. Crews are constructing fireline and conducting burn out operations in steep, rugged terrain. Residents in the Mt. Baldy Village area and north of Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas and Upland remain evacuated; structure protection is in place.

**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	22,000	10	UNK	2752	64	298	16	71	4.1M
PAIUTE	CA	INF	500	10	9/27	45	2	0	3	0	100K
WILLOW	CA	TCU	165	100	---	245	10	8	0	0	NR

TCU = Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

**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. Extreme fire behavior was observed on portions of the fire in brush, oak and timber. Crews and dozers are constructing indirect attack fireline on the west and north flanks. Redwood Retreat and Loma Chiquita were evacuated; structure protection is in place for 300 residences. Eleven residences were confirmed lost and four residences sustained heavy damage.

BIG HILL, Hoopa Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles northeast of Hoopa, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed in heavy, old growth timber. Crews have nearly completed contingency line construction and structure protection measures. Mop-up and fireline rehabilitation are underway.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CROY	CA	SCU	2,529	25	9/28	1574	50	120	11	26	1.5M
BIG HILL	CA	HIA	177	90	UNK	171	7	7	0	0	1M

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOWL, Mount Hood National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles east of Estacada, OR. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed in old growth timber. Crews are flanking the fire with direct attack fireline, holding and mopping up. A spot fire on the northwest flank was successfully suppressed. Structure protection is in place for a commercial property.

QUARTZ MT. 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 in the Pasayten Wilderness Area, 33 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Moderate fire behavior was observed in lodgepole pine, subalpine fir and Douglas fir. Personnel are patrolling and scouting the north flank of the Quartz Mountain fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOWL	OR	MHF	241	40	UNK	292	8	2	8	0	NR
QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX	WA	OKF	10,821	0	UNK	47	0	0	2	0	984K

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAT, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is burning in ponderosa pine and oak brush, seven miles south of Alpine, AZ. Low intensity fire behavior was observed. Personnel are holding fireline and clearing trails on the southeast flank of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAT	AZ	ASF	300	15	10/7	11	0	0	0	0	6K

## SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COYAL, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is 50 miles west of Texarkana, TX. Moderate fire behavior was observed in a pine plantation. Dozers are building fireline and personnel are mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COYAL	TX	TXS	150	25	9/26	5	0	0	0	0	NR
RAIFORD	OK	OKS	980	100	---	23	0	9	1	0	20K

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

## OUTLOOK:

**\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHWESTERN OREGON THROUGH THIS MORNING FOR GUSTY NORTHEAST WINDS AND POOR OVERNIGHT RELATIVE HUMIDITY RECOVERY\*\*\***

Low pressure off the coast of the Southern California Area will bring sunny skies with morning fog and low clouds along the coast. High temperatures will be mid 60 s to mid 70 s in coastal areas, mid 80 s to mid 90 s in the mountains, high deserts and valleys, and upper 90 s to 108 in the low deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in the mountains and deserts, 20 to 35 percent in the inland valleys, and above 55 percent near the coast. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 20 mph over the mountains and deserts, and southwest to west at 7 to 15 mph along the coast.

Weakening high pressure over the Northern California Area will bring sunny skies with low clouds and fog along the coast in the morning. High temperatures will be in the 60 s to 70 s near the coast and in the 80 s to 90 s inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 7 to 15 percent inland and 30 to 40 percent near the coast. Winds will be north-northeast to southeast at 10 to 18 mph, gusting to 25 mph.

The Northwest Area can expect mostly sunny skies with high temperatures in the 60 s. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in south-central Oregon, 20 to 30 percent east of the Cascade Mountains and above 35 percent elsewhere. Winds will be north to west under 10 mph.

Remnants of Hurricane Isidore will bring heavy rain from the Mississippi River Valley north through the Tennessee Valley and into Virginia. The western portions of the Southern Area can expect mostly sunny skies. High temperatures will be in the 70 s, 80 s and 90 s. Minimum relative humidity will be in the mid 20 percent range in Oklahoma and Texas, and above 45 percent elsewhere. Winds will be north at 10 to 20 mph in Oklahoma and Texas, northeast at 15 to 20 mph in the Tennessee Valley, the Appalachian Mountains, Kentucky and Virginia, and to 40 mph along the Gulf Coast.



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## **AVIATION MISHAP RESPONSE ACTIONS**

Having a written mishap response action plan posted and accessible to all employees is an important first step. Having a list of actions to follow will ensure that nothing is missed in a stressful, time-critical period.

Immediate, positive action is necessary. Any delay may affect someone's chances of survival.

Conduct rescue operations keeping the following priorities in mind:

- Preserve life.
- Do whatever is necessary to extricate injured occupants and to extinguish fires, keeping in mind the necessity of protecting and preserving evidence.
- Document and/or photograph the location of any debris that must be disturbed in order to carry out rescues and/or fire suppression activities.
- Secure the area. Treat the crash site as a crime scene. Arrange for security at the accident scene if necessary. Determine if hazardous materials were on the aircraft. Deny access except to credentialed officials and escorted media.

Be aware that crash sites can be dangerous due to hazardous cargo, flammable and toxic fluids, sharp objects, disease, adverse terrain, hot/cold weather conditions, and fire.

Exercise good judgment, utilize available protective devices and clothing, and use extreme caution when working near the wreckage site.

Do not exceed your physical limitations.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			6	1	8
	ACRES		40			10	2,370	2,420
Northern California	FIRES	1				10	2	13
	ACRES	1				270	1	272
Southern California	FIRES	1	2		1	16	1	21
	ACRES	20	30		0	185	5	240
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				3	7	11
	ACRES	2				16	1	19
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	2						2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						12	12
Southern Area	FIRES	1				24		25
	ACRES	15				83		98
TOTAL	FIRES	5	4	0	1	60	14	84
	ACRES	40	70	0	0	564	2,389	3,063

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	318	36	49	1,507	1,270	3,440
	ACRES	18,244	147,729	2,799	39	109,562	819,085	1,097,458
Northern California	FIRES	218	22	7	16	2,253	642	3,158
	ACRES	681	6,884	820	3,666	15,000	36,495	63,546
Southern California	FIRES	76	82	18	33	2,677	682	3,568
	ACRES	10,257	25,820	86	746	70,197	311,671	418,777
Northern Rockies	FIRES	931	51	32	46	546	912	2,518
	ACRES	13,895	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,280	84,005	151,048
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	550	8	42	548	971	2,188
	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	1,169	286	31	70	1,238	1,717	4,511
	ACRES	263,687	20,616	6,870	17,865	215,557	448,884	973,479
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	11,425	403	12,645
	ACRES	31,956		1,226	609	65,654	3,325	102,770
Southern Area	FIRES	103		190	45	29,596	822	30,756
	ACRES	17,187		147,132	6,665	290,736	26,164	487,884
TOTAL	FIRES	4,009	2,378	426	423	51,483	8,330	67,049
	ACRES	416,031	976,089	507,893	181,605	2,239,030	2,243,092	6,563,740

Ten Year Average Fires	69,363
Ten Year Average Acres	3,439,248

\*\*\* 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
	ACRES		685					685
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			25				25
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	16	18
	ACRES					64	313	377
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						25	25
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2					7	9
	ACRES	500					625	1,125
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						128	128
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						165	165
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	1	0	2	28	34
	ACRES	500	685	25	0	64	1,256	2,530

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	115	31	10	6	265	449
	ACRES	6,145	25,489	2,698	254	292	40,948	75,826
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	12	11		93	137
	ACRES	163	1,269	22,224	231		14,821	38,708
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	52	416	608
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,600	108	4,692	24,501	48,391
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	2	13	9	34	81
	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	6	13	10			150	179
	ACRES	590	17,250	4,722			14,237	36,799
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	148	929
	ACRES	8,709		42,818	437	62,116	21,113	135,193
Southern Area	FIRES	60		238	86	17,300	898	18,582
	ACRES	11,061		109,771	98,353	833,389	724,119	1,776,693
TOTAL	FIRES	135	195	798	147	17,883	2,134	21,292
	ACRES	27,986	59,157	218,385	105,595	903,038	900,096	2,214,257

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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	22	22	17	58	6	13			321	155
Northern California	9	51	9	120		11			26	157
Southern California	47	39	56	267	30	1	3		83	133
Northern Rockies			3	4						
Eastern Great Basin	2	1	4	1	4				10	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			1						11	
Rocky Mountain				1	1					1
Eastern Area				1					64	
Southern Area				9		1				3
Total	80	113	90	461	41	26	3	0	515	449

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