

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2002 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 67 new fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS, Angeles National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department is in place. This fire is 25 miles north of Azusa, CA. Active fire behavior was observed in heavy brush. Crews are burning out along Mt. Baldy Road, constructing fireline and mopping up. Residents in the Mt. Baldy Village area remain evacuated; structure protection is in place. One additional outbuilding was confirmed lost.

PAIUTE, Inyo National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Bishop, CA. Scattered precipitation and snow flurries minimized fire activity in brush and bristlecone pine. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIAMS	CA	ANF	35,200	35	UNK	3,061	77	224	13	72	11M
PAIUTE	CA	INF	391	85	9/27	45	2	0	3	0	305K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CONE, Lassen National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles southeast of Fall River Mills, CA. Isolated torching and spotting were observed in heavy timber. Crews made good progress constructing fireline; burn out operations and fireline improvement are underway.

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 burning in brush, oak and timber, five miles west of Morgan Hill, CA. Isolated torching and small runs were observed on the southeast flank. Crews made good progress constructing fireline on the west and northwest perimeters. Mop-up and fireline improvement efforts are underway. The damage assessment group reports 31 residences lost.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CONE	CA	LNF	1895	40	9/29	664	19	31	4	0	NR
CROY	CA	SCU	3,150	75	9/29	2,116	65	166	8	31	5.4M

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. Minimal fire activity was observed in old growth timber. Crews are conducting burn out operations, patrolling and mopping up. 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. Minimal fire behavior was observed in lodgepole pine, subalpine fir and Douglas fir. 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
BOWL	OR	MHF	285	95	9/28	373	11	8	4	0	1.3M
QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX	WA	OKF	10,922	0	UNK	23	0	0	1	0	1M

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. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed. Personnel successfully suppressed a spot fire on the east flank and are constructing fireline near Indian Peak.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAT	AZ	ASF	470	20	10/7	11	0	0	0	0	8K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COYAL, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is 50 miles west of Texarkana, TX and is burning in a pine plantation. 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
COYAL	TX	TXS	150	25	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Low pressure over the Southern California Area will bring partly cloudy skies with widespread low clouds and drizzle along the coast and a chance of showers in the mountains. High temperatures will be in the 60 s to 70 s in the valleys and mountains, 70 s to low 80 s in the high deserts, and 90 s in the low deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent in the mountains and deserts, 50 to 65 percent in the inland valleys, and above 60 percent near the coast. Winds will be southwest to west at 8 to 15 mph along the coast and 15 to 25 mph over the mountains and deserts.

A cool trough of low pressure over the Northern California Area will bring mostly sunny skies with low clouds and fog near the coast. High temperatures will be in the 60 s along the coast and low 80 s inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent. Winds will be northeast at 5 to 15 mph, switching to west at 5 to 12 mph as the afternoon progresses.

High pressure over the Northwest Area will bring mostly sunny skies with early morning fog along the coast. High temperatures will be mid 80 s in southwest Oregon and in the 60 s to mid 70 s in the remainder of the area. Minimum relative humidity will range from 30 to 50 percent west of the Cascade Mountains and 15 to 30 percent to the east. Winds will be northwest to east at 5 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph west of the Cascade Mountains in the morning.

The Southern Area can expect rain in Florida and the Carolina s with mostly sunny skies forecast elsewhere. High temperatures will be in the 80 s and 90 s. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 25 percent in Texas, above 50 percent east of the Mississippi River Valley, and 25 to 35 percent in the remainder of the region. Winds will be variable at under 10 mph.



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INITIAL ATTACK FIRE SIZEUP/SAFETY

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

Use the following reporting factors for sizeup. Discuss others that may be used.

- Fire name and location
- Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
- Size of fire
- Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
- Values threatened
- Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
- Fire behavior
- Resources on the fire and those needed
- Estimated containment and control times
- Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)

After your initial sizeup 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 conditions on the fire.

- Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
- Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		0				0	0
Northern California	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					23		23
Southern California	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					4	0	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				1	3	6
	ACRES	2				4	1	7
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Southwest	FIRES					6	0	6
	ACRES					2	70	72
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					3	0	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					78		78
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	0	1	50	13	67
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	114	73	189

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	261	320	36	49	1,512	1,275	3,453
	ACRES	18,244	147,728	2,799	39	112,555	819,574	1,100,939
Northern California	FIRES	218	22	7	16	2,282	643	3,188
	ACRES	681	6,884	820	3,666	16,315	38,496	66,862
Southern California	FIRES	76	82	18	33	2,701	687	3,597
	ACRES	10,257	25,820	86	746	70,457	311,672	419,038
Northern Rockies	FIRES	941	51	32	46	565	918	2,553
	ACRES	13,899	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,287	84,008	151,062
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	573	8	42	550	981	2,223
	ACRES	5,326	120,993	408	33	69,771	148,617	345,148
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	461	2	12	91	151	727
	ACRES	316	39,389	80	6	884	42,302	82,977
Southwest	FIRES	1,169	286	31	70	1,244	1,718	4,518
	ACRES	263,687	20,616	6,870	17,865	215,559	448,989	973,586
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	410	576	51	66	1,155	746	3,004
	ACRES	54,478	68,345	685	9,115	195,203	323,143	650,969
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		20	35	11,437	404	12,658
	ACRES	31,956		1,226	609	65,662	3,326	102,779
Southern Area	FIRES	103		190	45	29,611	822	30,771
	ACRES	17,187		147,132	6,665	290,789	26,164	487,937
TOTAL	FIRES	4,020	2,403	426	424	51,600	8,362	67,235
	ACRES	416,035	1,021,408	507,893	181,605	2,199,329	2,246,307	6,572,577

Ten Year Average Fires	69,870
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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1	1	1	8	11
	ACRES			150	65	45	245	505
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		35				92	127
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3					3	6
	ACRES	400					100	500
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		250					250
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	1	1	1	13	19
	ACRES	400	285	150	65	45	437	1,382

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	119	3	54	439	635
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,750	173	4,777	25,349	49,539
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	27	2	13	9	38	90
	ACRES	7	11,227	445	4,122	379	32,314	48,494
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				2		172	174
Southwest	FIRES	11	14	10			162	197
	ACRES	1,540	17,260	4,722			16,237	39,759
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	18	123	8	21	28	206
	ACRES	516	3,649	17,736	2,290	2,170	11,287	37,648
Eastern Area	FIRES	21		257	8	495	150	931
	ACRES	8,709		42,818	437	62,116	21,227	135,307
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	140	201	799	148	17,885	2,175	21,348
	ACRES	28,936	60,683	218,535	106,680	903,123	903,700	2,221,657

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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				3,634		4,516	8,150
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	5,659	0	36,573	43,819

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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	27	22	23	68	4	10			392	178
Northern California	17	72	38	170	3	10	1		101	217
Southern California	53	35	106	137	24	3	3		153	217
Northern Rockies		1	2	4	1					
Eastern Great Basin	1		2	1	1					
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			1						11	
Rocky Mountain	1		3	3	1					1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				4						
Total	99	130	175	387	34	23	4	0	657	613

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