

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 191 new fires were reported. Two of these became large fires, one each in Eastern and Southern Areas. One large fire was contained in Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CURVE, Angeles National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles north of Azusa, CA. Slow rates of spread with torching and spotting were observed in mixed conifer forest and heavy brush in the Iron Creek drainage. Crews are mopping up, burning out and rehabilitating fireline. Limited access and steep terrain are hampering containment efforts. Two hundred buildings are threatened; structure protection is in place. Highway 2 is closed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CURVE	CA	ANF	19,506	90	9/12	1,223	31	31	18	73	11.9M
MOUNTAIN	CA	GLN	771	100	---	201	12	22	0	0	2.5M

GLN = Los Angeles County

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX, Routt National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Burn Ridge and Hinman fires, is 25 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Light precipitation moderated fire behavior with smouldering and creeping observed in heavy dead and down spruce, lodgepole pine and fir. Personnel are patrolling, rehabilitating fireline and mopping up.

BIG FISH, White River National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. The Team is also managing the Lost Lakes fire. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which began on July 19th, is 34 miles southwest of Steamboat Springs, CO. The fire is being managed for resource benefit and a confinement strategy is in place. Favorable weather conditions minimized fire behavior in heavy dead and down spruce, fir and aspen. Personnel are mopping up and improving established fireline.

LOST LAKES, Routt National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which began on July 8th, is 20 miles west of Yampa, CO and is burning in heavy dead and down spruce and fir. Favorable weather conditions minimized fire behavior. The 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
MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX	CO	RTF	31,016	95	9/25	211	3	2	2	0	13.3M
BIG FISH	CO	WRF	17,056	0	UNK	55	1	0	1	8	1.9M
LOST LAKES	CO	RTF	5,538	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ORIOLE, Maryland State Forestry. This fire is near the town of Oriole, MD burning in pine and logging slash. Active, wind driven, fire behavior was observed. A general evacuation order is in place for the town of Oriole, MD. One abandoned residence has been confirmed lost.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ORIOLE	MD	MDS	300	0	UNK	30	0	6	0	1	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Moab Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 35 miles north of Green River, UT and is burning in Douglas fir and oak brush. The fire is in monitor status. 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
BOUNDARY	UT	MOD	200	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	50K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MILLER-LACKEY, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is seven miles east and two miles north of Stigler, OK. Minimal fire activity was observed in grass and hardwood.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MILLER-LACKEY	OK	OXS	155	95	UNK	8	0	4	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

***** A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTH AND CENTRAL GEORGIA FOR LOW MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY *****

High pressure over the Southern California Area will bring sunny skies. High temperatures will be in the 70's in coastal areas, 80's in the mountains, 80's to low 90's in the valleys and in the 90's to 105 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 18 percent in the mountains and deserts, 10 to 25 percent in the inland valleys, and 50 to 65 percent near the coast. Winds will be northwest at 6 to 12 mph in the mountains and onshore at 7 to 15 mph along the coast.

An upper level low pressure system moving across the Rocky Mountain Area will bring showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 55 to 65 in the mountains and 70 to 80 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 25 to 35 percent. Winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph.

A dry cold front followed by high pressure is moving over the Southern Area bringing cooler temperatures and drier air. High temperatures will be mid 70's to upper 80's except along the Atlantic seaboard and in Texas where temperatures will be in the low to upper 90's. In Florida winds will be southwest at 8 to 12 mph, elsewhere winds will be east-northeast at 5 to 15 mph.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

- Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.
 - Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
 - Net control, frequencies
 - Line-of-sight restrictions
 - Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
 - Minimizing noise interference

- How can you mitigate potential problems?
 - Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, clear, concise, and to-the-point.
 - Give a good comprehensive briefing (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.).
 - Confirm that relayed information is received, acknowledged, and understood.
 - Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
 - Establish emergency check-in procedures.
 - Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.

- The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters
 - Brief others
 - Debrief your actions
 - Communicate hazards to others
 - Acknowledge messages
 - Ask if you don't know

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

<u>AREA</u>		<u>BIA</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>ST/OT</u>	<u>USFS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>				<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>1</u>				<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>17</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>77</u>
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>431</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>431</u>
<u>NORTHERN ROCKIES</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>EASTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>WESTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>58</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>77</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>125</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>131</u>

	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>917</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>1,064</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>191</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,413</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>1,658</u>

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

<u>AREA</u>		<u>BIA</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>ST/OT</u>	<u>USFS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>543</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>581,096</u>	<u>345,609</u>	<u>133,708</u>	<u>1,130,847</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2,191,280</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1,427</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>3,290</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>18,242</u>	<u>147,733</u>	<u>2,792</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>108,797</u>	<u>809,891</u>	<u>1,087,494</u>
<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2,078</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>2,923</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>6,864</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>11,923</u>	<u>36,369</u>	<u>60,250</u>
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>2,521</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>3,359</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>10,209</u>	<u>25,790</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>743</u>	<u>69,756</u>	<u>266,754</u>	<u>373,338</u>
<u>NORTHERN ROCKIES</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>2,449</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>13,872</u>	<u>10,537</u>	<u>2,178</u>	<u>9,153</u>	<u>30,834</u>	<u>83,931</u>	<u>150,505</u>
<u>EASTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>948</u>	<u>2,115</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>5,326</u>	<u>71,692</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>114,615</u>	<u>147,468</u>	<u>339,234</u>
<u>WESTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>696</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>37,420</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>884</u>	<u>42,300</u>	<u>81,006</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1,117</u>	<u>291</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>1,161</u>	<u>1,707</u>	<u>4,377</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>263,424</u>	<u>21,550</u>	<u>6,870</u>	<u>17,865</u>	<u>198,069</u>	<u>448,798</u>	<u>956,576</u>
<u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>1,147</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>2,918</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>54,477</u>	<u>62,626</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>9,116</u>	<u>183,786</u>	<u>309,093</u>	<u>619,729</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>762</u>		<u>19</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>11,026</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>12,198</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>31,956</u>		<u>1,225</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>64,256</u>	<u>3,404</u>	<u>101,450</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>100</u>		<u>190</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>28,843</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>29,988</u>
	<u>ACRE</u>	<u>17,161</u>		<u>147,132</u>	<u>6,665</u>	<u>283,444</u>	<u>25,502</u>	<u>479,904</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>3,916</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>49,797</u>	<u>8,052</u>	<u>64,856</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>415,597</u>	<u>965,308</u>	<u>507,521</u>	<u>181,603</u>	<u>2,197,211</u>	<u>2,173,526</u>	<u>6,440,766</u>
<u>TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES</u>								<u>66,384</u>

	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
SOUTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>					<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>110</u>					<u>2,203</u>	<u>2,313</u>
TOTAL	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,249</u>	<u>3,489</u>

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

<u>AREA</u>		<u>BIA</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>ST/OT</u>	<u>USFS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			<u>1</u>				<u>1</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>1,085</u>				<u>1,085</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>428</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>6,145</u>	<u>10,238</u>	<u>2,691</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>40,010</u>	<u>59,630</u>
<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>86</u>	<u>129</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>1,269</u>	<u>19,952</u>	<u>231</u>		<u>9,943</u>	<u>31,558</u>
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>97</u>	<u>113</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>670</u>		<u>17,226</u>	<u>18,276</u>
<u>NORTHERN ROCKIES</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>479</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>1,765</u>	<u>15,799</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>4,478</u>	<u>21,677</u>	<u>44,552</u>
<u>EASTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>68</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6,545</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>2,422</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>28,087</u>	<u>37,885</u>
<u>WESTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>172</u>	<u>172</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>129</u>	<u>156</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>17,250</u>	<u>4,722</u>			<u>12,810</u>	<u>34,872</u>
<u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>205</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>2,949</u>	<u>17,736</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>2,170</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>36,948</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>21</u>		<u>281</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>943</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>8,709</u>		<u>42,886</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>62,116</u>	<u>15,919</u>	<u>130,067</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>60</u>		<u>237</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>17,300</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>18,564</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>11,061</u>		<u>109,574</u>	<u>95,553</u>	<u>833,389</u>	<u>708,207</u>	<u>1,757,784</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>806</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>17,875</u>	<u>1,956</u>	<u>21,091</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>27,486</u>	<u>40,040</u>	<u>215,176</u>	<u>101,965</u>	<u>902,824</u>	<u>865,338</u>	<u>2,152,829</u>

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

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

<u>AREA</u>		<u>BIA</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>ST/OT</u>	<u>USFS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>				<u>16</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>				<u>1,383</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1,384</u>
<u>NORTHERN ROCKIES</u>	<u>FIRES</u>				<u>14</u>		<u>41</u>	<u>55</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>				<u>3,601</u>		<u>4,455</u>	<u>8,056</u>
<u>EASTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>				<u>1</u>		<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>				<u>0</u>		<u>3,662</u>	<u>3,662</u>
<u>WESTERN GREAT BASIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		<u>8</u>				<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>		<u>851</u>				<u>1</u>	<u>852</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>				<u>1</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>				<u>380</u>		<u>4,485</u>	<u>4,865</u>
<u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		<u>12</u>				<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>		<u>668</u>				<u>22,594</u>	<u>23,262</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>				<u>2</u>			<u>2</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>				<u>260</u>			<u>260</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>128</u>

	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,519</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,624</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,210</u>	<u>42,353</u>
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Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

<u>SOUTHWEST</u>			<u>1</u>							
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>			<u>110</u>	<u>39</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>					<u>144</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>			<u>5</u>	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>676</u>

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