

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2002 0530 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 108 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

EWE NECK, Southeast, Washington State. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles west of Tampico, WA. Torching, creeping and smouldering were observed in mixed conifer forest, brush and grass. Crews and dozers are building fireline with support from aerial resources. Two outbuildings are threatened; structure protection is in place.

QUARTZ MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. Fire Use Management Team (Cones) assumed command yesterday. This previously reported wildfire is burning in Douglas fir, lodgepole pine and sub-alpine fir, 33 miles north northwest of Winthrop, WA. Active fire behavior was observed, with crowning and long range spotting. Personnel are being inserted into the fire area and structure protection is in place. This fire is burning adjacent to the Canadian-US border.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EWE NECK	WA	SES	100	85	9/17	259	5	11	4	0	435K
QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX	WA	OKF	4,922	NR	UNK	13	0	0	0	0	500K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROCKY TOP GAP, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is five miles southeast of Newport, TN. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed in hardwood leaf litter and bug kill timber. Crews made good progress constructing fireline. Five residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

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ROCKY TOP GAP	TN	CNF	1025	25	9/18	113	5	2	2	0	89K

OUTLOOK:

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN EASTERN MONTANA FOR POSSIBLE DRY THUNDERSTORMS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND A FRONTAL PASSAGE DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON HOURS*****

Low pressure moving into the Northwest Area will bring partly to mostly sunny skies with a chance of showers in Washington and northwest Oregon. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's and winds will be southwest to west at 5 to 15 mph.

High pressure building into the Southern Area will bring mostly sunny skies to the central interior with scattered to heavy showers in the Gulf and Atlantic Coast states. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's and winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph.



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TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONES DIFFICULT

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel? Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.

Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?

Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked? Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.

Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.

To reduce the risks:

- Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2			8	9	10
	ACRES		0			101	795	786
Northern California	FIRES	2	1			16	4	23
	ACRES	0	20			14	0	34
Southern California	FIRES					36		36
	ACRES					39		39
Northern Rockies	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		25				5	30
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	1					1	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					19		19
	ACRES					5		5
Southern Area	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						425	425
TOTAL	FIRES	3	4	0	0	79	23	108
	ACRES	1	45	0	0	159	801	906

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	259	309	36	48	1,450	1,243	3,345
	ACRES	18,244	147,729	2,792	39	108,839	811,436	1,089,079
Northern California	FIRES	208	20	6	14	2,120	610	2,978
	ACRES	610	6,884	818	3,666	11,946	36,472	60,396
Southern California	FIRES	71	77	18	28	2,572	654	3,420
	ACRES	10,209	25,790	86	743	69,794	266,787	373,409
Northern Rockies	FIRES	919	51	32	46	528	893	2,469
	ACRES	13,872	10,537	2,178	9,153	30,957	83,944	150,641
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	525	8	42	527	959	2,130
	ACRES	5,326	71,719	100	33	114,627	147,977	339,782
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	439	2	10	91	146	698
	ACRES	316	37,421	80	6	884	42,300	81,007
Southwest	FIRES	1,120	286	31	70	1,162	1,710	4,379
	ACRES	263,426	20,616	6,870	17,865	198,069	448,804	955,650
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	410	535	45	66	1,147	721	2,924
	ACRES	54,477	62,843	631	9,116	183,790	309,107	619,964
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		19	31	11,153	402	12,367
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	64,392	3,318	101,500
Southern Area	FIRES	100		190	45	28,980	818	30,133
	ACRES	17,161		147,132	6,665	283,352	26,153	480,463
TOTAL	FIRES	3,929	2,274	418	410	50,182	8,165	65,386
	ACRES	415,601	964,635	507,521	181,603	2,197,497	2,176,304	6,443,171
Ten Year Average Fires								67,725
Ten Year Average Acres								3,396,859

*** 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						2	2
	ACRES						48	48
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						100	100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	148	148

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	108	30	10	6	256	432
	ACRES	6,145	17,038	2,691	254	292	40,010	66,430
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	11	11		93	136
	ACRES	163	1,269	19,972	231		14,821	36,456
Southern California	FIRES	1	2	6	7		97	113
	ACRES	70	24	286	670		17,226	18,276
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	11	107	2	48	344	521
	ACRES	725	1,765	16,109	108	4,583	22,641	45,931
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	2	12	9	25	70
	ACRES	7	8,045	445	2,422	379	28,687	39,985
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				2		172	174
Southwest	FIRES	4	13	10			136	163
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			13,124	35,186
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		281	8	495	142	947
	ACRES	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	16,105	130,253
Southern Area	FIRES	60		238	82	17,300	885	18,565
	ACRES	11,061		109,771	95,553	833,389	708,207	1,757,981
TOTAL	FIRES	133	186	809	141	17,879	2,011	21,159
	ACRES	27,486	48,340	215,703	101,967	902,929	872,280	2,168,705

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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				1,383		1	1,384
Northern Rockies	FIRES				14		42	56
	ACRES				3,601		4,459	8,060
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		12	13
	ACRES				0		4,934	4,934
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		13			1	3	17
	ACRES		736			0	22,594	23,330
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				260			260
TOTAL	FIRES	0	21	0	34	1	76	132
	ACRES	0	1,587	0	5,624	0	36,486	43,697

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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	11	41	27	103	3	15			502	379
Northern California	4	1	9		4				5	
Southern California	22		27	2	11				85	176
Northern Rockies	3	5	6	9	2	1			12	8
Eastern Great Basin			11	3	2					
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			3							
Rocky Mountain	1			1	1	4	1		15	
Eastern Area				1	2	1			66	
Southern Area	3				1					
Total	44	47	83	119	26	21	1	0	688	563

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