

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2002 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 75 new fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oregon.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

<b>INCIDENT NAME</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>% CTN</b>	<b>EST CTN</b>	<b>TOTL PERS</b>	<b>CRW</b>	<b>ENG</b>	<b>HELI</b>	<b>STRC LOST</b>	<b>\$\$\$ CTD</b>
DOG HOUSE	OK	OKS	253	100	---	14	0	7	0	0	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

**OUTLOOK:**

High pressure will dominate in the north and central portions of the Southern Area, while a cold front remains somewhat stationary from south Texas to the Gulf Coast. Unstable weather with showers and elevated minimum relative humidities will occur in the area of the front. Minimum relative humidity will generally be above 35 percent.



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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:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2					5	7
	ACRES	0					1	1
Northern California	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					1		1
Southern California	FIRES		1			8	3	12
	ACRES		20			10	1	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						25	25
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					42	1	43
	ACRES					209	0	209
TOTAL	FIRES	3	1	0	0	59	12	75
	ACRES	1	20	0	0	220	27	268

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	32	31	10	456	17	547
	ACRES	4	579,341	358,261	133,998	1,195,760	16	2,267,380
Northwest	FIRES	264	330	36	49	1,577	1,302	3,558
	ACRES	18,364	148,632	2,799	39	112,707	820,288	1,102,829
Northern California	FIRES	221	23	7	17	2,376	663	3,307
	ACRES	682	6,884	820	3,666	17,549	38,504	68,105
Southern California	FIRES	76	93	18	35	2,786	714	3,722
	ACRES	10,257	25,848	86	747	70,503	317,817	425,258
Northern Rockies	FIRES	947	51	32	46	574	920	2,570
	ACRES	13,908	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,302	84,008	151,086
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	593	8	44	521	982	2,217
	ACRES	5,326	121,184	408	34	70,042	148,110	345,104
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	447	2	12	91	151	713
	ACRES	316	40,634	80	6	884	42,302	84,222
Southwest	FIRES	1,175	288	31	70	1,249	1,745	4,558
	ACRES	263,691	20,622	6,870	17,865	215,564	449,094	973,706
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	512	593	51	66	1,177	759	3,158
	ACRES	54,812	68,347	685	9,115	196,594	317,478	647,031
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		49	35	11,523	413	12,782
	ACRES	31,956		1,875	609	65,914	3,357	103,711
Southern Area	FIRES	107		190	45	29,822	827	30,991
	ACRES	17,425		147,132	6,665	292,547	26,177	489,946
TOTAL	FIRES	4,144	2,450	455	429	52,152	8,493	68,123
	ACRES	416,741	1,022,029	521,194	181,897	2,269,366	2,247,151	6,658,378

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**Due to the decrease in fire occurrence after September 30, daily ten-year average fire data will be discontinued until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003.**

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1	1			5	7
	ACRES		100	300			218	618
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			7				7
Southern California	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				5		70	75
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5					9	14
	ACRES	550					370	920
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	5	1	2	0	0	17	25
	ACRES	550	100	307	5	0	663	1,625

**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	110	36	10	6	274	458
	ACRES	6,145	25,723	3,453	254	292	41,266	77,133
Northern California	FIRES	7	14	13	11		93	138
	ACRES	163	1,269	22,681	231		14,821	39,165
Southern California	FIRES	1	2	6	12		98	119
	ACRES	70	24	286	965		17,296	18,641
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	12	125	3	54	455	658
	ACRES	725	1,800	18,002	173	4,777	25,990	51,467
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	2	14	10	49	105
	ACRES	7	11,407	445	4,242	429	32,862	49,392
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				2		172	174
Southwest	FIRES	43	14	10			190	257
	ACRES	7,595	17,260	4,722			19,112	48,689
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	18	123	8	22	34	213
	ACRES	516	3,714	17,736	2,290	2,180	11,374	37,810
Eastern Area	FIRES	21		336	8	496	158	1,019
	ACRES	8,709		56,620	437	62,120	21,264	149,150
Southern Area	FIRES	60		241	90	19,837	905	21,133
	ACRES	11,061		112,357	100,004	886,898	726,066	1,836,386
TOTAL	FIRES	172	199	893	157	20,425	2,261	24,107
	ACRES	34,991	61,197	237,387	108,598	956,696	910,223	2,309,092

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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		6	22
	ACRES				1,385		1	1,386
Northern Rockies	FIRES				14		42	56
	ACRES				3,634		4,669	8,303
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		14	15
	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		13			1	3	17
	ACRES		736			0	22,594	23,330
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				8			8
	ACRES				406			406
TOTAL	FIRES	0	21	0	40	1	80	142
	ACRES	0	1,587	0	5,805	0	36,726	44,118

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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	2	6	19	21	2	8			165	170
Northern California			1							
Southern California	15	3	32	3	6				16	15
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									74	
Southern Area			2	5						
Total	17	9	54	29	8	8	0	0	255	185

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