

Prevention Education Preparedness Level Descriptions. Unit Preparedness Levels shall be determined in accordance with agency direction through Agency Directives. A similar process may take place at your local administrative unit. The following are recommended Preparedness Levels for the Great Basin Geographic Area.

| ALL PREPAREDNESS LEVELS (Before Start of Season) | |
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| Description: The following activities apply regardless of the level of fire activity. | |
| Management Recommendations | Responsibility |
| Support Functions | |
| A. Training | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| B. Workshop | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| C. Restriction Preplanning (Review) | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| D. Establish Base Stocking Level of Supplies | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| E. Contacts – Establish Network | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| F. Ensure Compliance of Readiness Review | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| G. Establish/Update/Review Local Prevention Plan | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| H. Community Awareness Programs: School Programs, SPA, County Fairs, etc. | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| I. Establish Prevention Staffing | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |

| PREPAREDNESS LEVEL I | |
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| Description: No large wildland fires in progress. Most units have low to moderate fire severity. Number and size of fires within normal range for that time of year (occasional fire or fires not exceeding 99 acres in size). Little or no commitment of other than local resources. | |
| Management Recommendations | Responsibility |
| A. All Preseason Steps Completed /Considered | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| B. Establish Media Contacts | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| C. Signs | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| D. Inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities: Administrative Sites, Campgrounds, Dispersed Recreation Sites • Structures: Uniform Fire Code (Appendix 2A-Defensible Space) • Defensible Space Projects • Industrial | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| E. Analyze Ignition Causes | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| F. Patrol/Public Awareness | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |

| PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II | |
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| Description: One or more units experiencing moderate to high fire danger with NFDRS Staffing Classes II and III. Several units having ¼ to 99 acre fires. Potential exists for initial attack fires to escape and become large, project fires. Resources within the area appear adequate to deal with the situation. | |
| Management Recommendations | Responsibility |
| A. Consider Increasing Staffing Levels | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| B. Media Releases Weekly | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| C. Special Prevention Activities (SPA') | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| D. Target Specific Areas/Causes/Seasons (Hunting, July 4 th , etc.) | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| E. Coordinate Patrol Efforts with Enforcement and/or Suppression | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| F. Establish Communication with Cooperators | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |

| PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III | |
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| Description: Several units experiencing high to very high fire danger with NFDRS Staffing Class III. Numerous units having ¼ to 99 acre wildland or prescribed fire activities ongoing. Several wildland fires are escaping initial attack and reaching 100 to 300 acres or larger in size. Holding actions taking increasing numbers of resources. A Type 1/II Incident Management Team is on order or committed, or 50 percent of area crews or initial attack resources committed, or a 30 percent combination of both. | |
| Management Recommendations | Responsibility |
| A. Establish Regular Press Briefings | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| B. Include Prevention/Education when requesting Fire Severity Funding | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| C. Consider extending Hours | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| D. Increase Communications with Cooperators | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| E. Elevate: Sign Program, Patrols Awareness/Enforcement, Suppression Public Presence | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| F. Evaluate Availability of Prevention Personnel for off district distribution | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |

| PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV | |
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| Description: Two units experiencing very high or extreme fire danger, with NFDRS Staffing Class of IV. Numerous wildland fires escaped initial attack, and several are reaching 100-1000 acres in size. No break in the predicted weather for at least 48 hours. Two or more units experiencing incidents requiring Type I or II teams, 80 percent of all crews or initial attack resources committed on wildland fires. Competition exists for resources between units. Resources being mobilized from outside the Great Basin. | |
| Management Recommendations | Responsibility |
| A. Evaluate Need for Restrictions | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| B. Increase Media Effort – Information Center | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| C. Increase Local Staffing – Use non-traditional partners | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| D. Order Local/National Prevention Team | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| E. Coordinate wildland fire restriction. Also Refer to Prevention Preparedness Levels 1-3. | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |

| PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V | |
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| Description: Several units are experiencing major incidents which have the potential to exhaust all resources, while numerous new fires continue to occur. Most, if not all, the resources within the Area are committed; as resources become available, they are immediately reassigned to other incidents. The majority of support is coming from outside the Area. No break in the weather is predicted for at least 48 hours. | |
| Management Recommendations | Responsibility |
| Implement Restrictions (After all other prevention measures have been exhausted.) | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |
| Prevention Teams - Continued | FMO/Prevention Education Specialist |