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VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR: 10-13-04

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	VH
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	M
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	1	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	M

BAKER RA:

Forecasted BI/ERC: N/A

MALHEUR RA:

Forecasted BI: 37

JORDAN RA:

Forecasted BI:25

COMMENTS:

9 SRV Crews available
1 is committed to FL on hurrican support.

WEATHER:

Vale Weather:

Mostly clear. Temp's 63 to 68, except 67 to 74 below 4500 ft. . RH 19 to 30%. Valley Winds N 4 to 8 mph. Ridge Winds NE 9 to 13 mph. Haines Index 3 (very low). LAL 1. CWR 0%.

Baker Weather:

Sunny. Temp's 68 to 73 except 61 to 70 ridges. RH 28 to 33%. Valley Winds N 3 to 8 mph. Ridge Winds N 4 to 9 mph. CWR 0%.

DEFINITIONS:

LAL (Lightning Activity Level): A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.

Haines Index: A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.

Chance of Wetting Rain (CWR): The chance of an appreciable amount of continuous rainfall over a broad area, dropping at least .10 inches of rain.

Energy Release Component (ERC): A number related to the available energy (BTU) per unit area (square foot) within the flaming front of the head of a fire.

Burning Index (BI): A number related to the contribution of fire behavior to the effort of containing a fire. The value is a function of the Spread Component and the Energy Release Component.