

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

September 2022

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CATEGORY	September 2022	September 2021	2022	2021
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	1	3	5
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
OTHER FIXED NUCLEAR FACILITY INCIDENTS (Navy, Framatome, Other)	0	0	1	0
FIRE	56	21	295	397
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	201	211	2092	2026
OTHER	99	78	691	643
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	1	1	5	5
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	100	107	778	790
TERRORISM	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	4	5	37	41
Total number of logged Incidents:	461	424	3902	3907

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	63	19	779	608
Evidence Search Mission	5	10	37	48

LEGEND	
WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
FIRE	Includes all DNR fire line calls as well as State Fire Mobilization requests and non-DNR fire incidents.
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, including but not limited to Tsunami events, Earthquakes, and Critical Incident Stress Debriefings.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 20-0265
- This mission in response to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak was initiated on January 21, 2020, with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) activated at Level 2 (Partial).
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-1085
- This mission in response to the European Green Crab, an aquatic invasive species impacting areas of the coast was initiated on March 25, 2022, as part of the ongoing SEOC activation.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-1602
- This mission in response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) was initiated on May 6, 2022, as part of the ongoing SEOC activation.
 - On September 16, this mission ended and related ESFs were deactivated.
- 22-1875
- This mission in response to Monkeypox Outbreaks was initiated on May 26, 2022, as part of the ongoing SEOC Activation.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-3122
- This mission, initiated on August 12 by Yakima County, involved a search for a missing 68-year-old male last seen on August 3. No additional assistance was requested during September.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-3171
- This mission, initiated on August 15 by Clallam County, involved repairs to a water main affecting the community of Bullman Beach.
 - Repairs continued during the month of September and a boil water advisory remained in effect for the community.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-3298
- This mission, initiated on August 22, by the North Cascades National Park, involved a search for an overdue 29-year-old male hiker in the McMillan Spire area.
 - No additional assistance was requested during September.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-3396
- This weather incident was opened on August 29 and continued into September 2022.
 - On September 1, the NWS cancelled the Heat Advisory for Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Snohomish and Thurston Counties.
 - On September 1, the NWS issued a Heat Advisory for portions of Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla and Columbia, Whitman, Grant, Adams, Spokane, and Lincoln Counties in effect from 1400 to 2000 September 2. The Advisory expired as scheduled.
 - On September 1, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for portions of Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Whitman Counties in effect from September 2 to September 3. The Warning was cancelled early on September 3.
 - On September 1, the NWS extended the area for the Heat Advisory to new portions of Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties in effect from 1200 to 2000 on September 2. The Advisory expired as scheduled.

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- On September 2, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for the north and central Cascades (Whatcom, Snohomish, Skagit, King, Pierce, and Lewis Counties) in effect until 2300 on September 2. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 22-3427
- This mission, initiated on August 31 by Yakima County, involved a search for a hiker stranded on Mount Adams.
 - On September 1, Yakima County requested a helicopter with hoist which was coordinated with the Yakima Training Center (YTC). The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted out.
- 22-3443
- On September 1, Thurston County initiated a search for a missing teenager in the Olympia and Tenino area and requested search dogs, which were coordinated from Pierce and Grays Harbor Counties. The mission was closed early the next morning when the subject was found safe.
- 22-3460
- On September 2, Whatcom County initiated a search for a rescue mission for an injured female at Big Face Creek and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King, Snohomish, and then the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The mission was closed the same day when the subject was successfully extracted and transported to a hospital in Bellingham.
- 22-3472
- On September 3, Grays Harbor initiated a search for a missing 14-year-old female in the Westport area and requested trailing K-9 support, which was coordinated from Kitsap County. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed later that morning when the subject safely returned home on her own.
- 22-3485
- On September 4, Chelan County initiated a search for 6-8 missing inner tubers on the Chiwawa River and requested Cell Phone Forensics, which was coordinated through the AFRCC. The request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when the subjects were located safe.
- 22-3493
- On September 5, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for Cowlitz, Lewis, King, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom County in effect from 0300 to 2300 on September 6. The watch expired as scheduled.
 - On September 5, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman Counties in effect from the evening of September 6 through the evening of September 7.
 - On September 5, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for portions of Cowlitz, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom Counties in effect 1300 to 2400 on September 6. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On September 5, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Walla Walla Counties in effect from 1800 on September 6 until 2000 on September 7. On September 6, the Watch was replaced with a Red Flag Warning for the same time period and area.
 - On September 5, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Adams, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Skamania, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1400 to 2000 on September 7.

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- On September 6, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for Whitman, Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Walla Walla Counties in effect from 0800 to 2200 on September 7. The Warning was cancelled on September 7.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, and Grant Counties in effect from 0800 to 2000 on September 8.
- On September 6, the NWS replaced the Fire Weather Watch with a Red Flag Warning for Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Walla Walla Counties in effect from 1800 on September 6 through 2000 on September 7.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Yakima and Kittitas County in effect from 1100 on September 9 until 2200 on September 10.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Adams, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Skamania, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1100 on September 9 until 2200 on September 10. On September 8, the Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning in effect from 1200 on September 9 through 2300 on September 10.
- On September 6, the NWS The National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from 1100 on September 9 until 1000 on September 10. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on September 7, then extended the Warning to be in effect from 1100 on September 9 to 2300 on September 10.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for portions of Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum, and Yakima Counties in effect from 1100 on September 9 until 2000 on September 10. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on September 7, then extended the Warning to be in effect from 1100 on September 9 to 2300 on September 10.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for the Olympic Mountains of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, and Mason Counties in effect from 1100 on September 9 until 2300 on September 10. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning effective September 9 to September 11.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for the lowlands of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties in effect from 1100 on September 09 until 2300 on September 10. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning effective September 9 to September 11.
- On September 6, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch for the Cascades above 1500 feet for Cowlitz, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties in effect from 1100 on September 9 until 2000 on September 11. The watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning effective September 9 to September 11.
- On September 8, the NWS issued a Dust Storm Warning for portions of Adams, Grant, and Lincoln Counties until 1545 that day.

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- On September 8, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for portions of Lewis, Klickitat and Yakima Counties from 1200 on September 9 through 2300 on September 10.
 - On September 8, the NWS extended Red Flag Warnings for areas of Adams, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Stevens, and Whitman Counties now in effect from 1200 to 2000 on September 9.
 - On September 8, the NWS extended Red Flag Warnings for the East Washington Central Cascades affecting Chelan, Kittitas, and Okanogan Counties to be in effect from 1200 on September 9 to 2300 on September 10.
 - On September 9, the NWS allowed to expire the Red Flag Warnings for Okanogan Valley, Waterville Plateau, Western Columbia Basin, Eastern Columbia Basin, and Palouse affecting Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, and Whitman Counties.
 - On September 10, The NWS cancelled the Red Flag Warning for South Washington Coast and West Willapa Hills affecting Lewis, Cowlitz, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties.
 - On September 10, the NWS cancelled the Red Flag Warning for the East Central Washington Cascades affecting Chelan County.
 - On September 10, the NWS allowed to expire the Red Flag Warnings for the South Washington Cascades and Foothills affecting Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania Counties and the East Washington Central and South-Central Cascade Mountains, Kittitas Valley, Lower Columbia Basin, and Yakama Alpine District affecting Benton, Chelan, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties.
 - On September 10, the NWS allowed to expire the Red Flag Warnings for the Olympic Mountains affecting Jefferson, Clallam, Grays Harbor and Mason Counties, as well as the North and Central Coastal Strip, North Coastal Lowlands, Central Coastal Lowlands, Central and South Puget Sound Lowlands, Black Hills and Southwest Interior Lowlands, Northeast Puget Sound Lowlands and the Southeast Puget Sound Lowlands affecting Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties.
 - On September 11, the NWS allowed the Red Flag Warnings to expire at 1900 for the northern and central slopes of the Cascades, ending this weather incident.
- 22-3509
- On September 5, Chelan County initiated a rescue of an injured hiker near Lichenberg Mountain and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with Snohomish County. The mission was closed when the subject was successfully extracted and flown to the hospital.
- 22-3516
- On September 6, the State EOC received a request through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) for a Public Information Officer to support response to flooding in Kentucky.

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- 22-3523
 - On September 6, Grays Harbor initiated a search for a missing 32-year-old male at Twin Harbors State Park and requested a SAR Coordinator from Grays Harbor County, which was coordinated as requested. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed a short time later when the subject was found safe.
- 22-3534
 - On September 7, the State EOC received a request through EMAC for wildfire task forces to assist Oregon with ongoing fire operations.
- 22-3544
 - On September 8, the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (PNSN) reported a 3.8 magnitude earthquake, 14.4 miles deep, occurred at 0115, 8 miles from Poulsbo in Jefferson County. Three reports of shaking were reported to dispatch, but no structural or property damage.
- 22-3570
 - On September 9, Chief John Batiste authorized State Mobilization for the Goat Rocks Fire in Lewis County near Packwood at 2115 hours.
 - On September 13, the State Fire Mobilization ended at 1800 hours.
- 22-3572
 - On September 9, the Washington State Patrol issued an Amber Alert for Catherine Guitierrez, a 15-year-old female, on behalf of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The Alert was cancelled later that day when the child was located safe.
- 22-3576
 - On September 9, Kittitas County initiated a search for a 73-year-old male overdue hiker in the Howard Creek hiking area and requested cell phone forensics, which was coordinated through the AFRCC. The mission was closed when a Personal Locator Beacon activated, and the subject was found and transported to the hospital.
- 22-3583
 - On September 10, Clallam County initiated a rescue of victims from a vehicle accident and requested an aircraft with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR) to assist with locating a subject that was ejected from the vehicle into the woods. The request was coordinated with AFRCC. The request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when it was determined there was no missing subject related to the accident.
- 22-3587
 - On September 10, Chief John Batiste authorized State Fire Mobilization for the Bolt Creek Fire, located in Snohomish County near Skykomish and Index at 1130 hours.
 - On September 19, the State Fire Mobilization ended at 2359 hours.
- 22-3596
 - On September 10, Skagit County initiated a search for a missing 25-year-old male kayak near Guemes Island and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day without finding the subject.
- 22-3597
 - On September 10, Kittitas County initiated a rescue of a 26-year-old female stuck on a cliff ledge north of Keechelus Ridge and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King County and the AFRCC. The request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when the subject self-extracted safely.
- 22-3608
 - On September 10, NWS-National Tsunami Warning Center issued a Tsunami information statement (no tsunami danger) for a 7.7 magnitude earthquake

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located in the eastern Papua New Guinea region.

- 22-3614
- On September 10, Yakima County initiated a search for a missing 4-year-old along the Yakima River and requested a helicopter with FLIR capabilities, Ground Searchers, HRD K-9, and tracking/trailing K-9. Coordinated with Yakima Training Center and Spokane, Clark, Kittitas, Klickitat, Grant, Okanogan, and Pierce Counties.
 - On September 11, Yakima County requested Dive Team support, which was coordinated with Benton County. Additional ground searchers, drone support and search dogs were requested for September 12, which was coordinated with Grant, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Clark, Okanogan, Skamania, Spokane, and Pierce Counties.
 - On September 13, Yakima County requested Columbia Basin Dive Team, which was coordinated with Benton County.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of September 2022.**
- 22-3624
- On September 12, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for portions of Ferry, Chelan, Okanogan, and Stevens Counties in effect from afternoon of September 13 through the evening of September 14. The Watch for Chelan County was cancelled late on September 13.
 - On September 13, the NWS issued a Flash Flood Warning for portions of Ferry and Yakima Counties in effect until 1945. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On September 13, the NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for east central Okanogan County in effect until 2045. The Warning expired as scheduled.
 - On September 14, the NWS allowed to expire the remaining Flood Watches for Ferry, Okanogan, and Stevens Counties, closing this weather incident.
- 22-3644
- On September 14, Chief John Batiste authorized State Fire Mobilization for the Montesano Health and Rehab Fire near Montesano in Grays Harbor County at 2000 hours.
 - On September 15, the State Fire Mobilization ended effective 0130 hours.
- 22-3717
- On September 19, Chelan County initiated a search for an overdue motorcyclist and requested 6-10 motorcyclists, which were coordinated with Snohomish, King, Pierce, Clark, and Wahkiakum Counties. The mission was closed later that day when the missing subject walked out on his own.
- 22-3720
- On September 19, the NWS issued a Fire Weather Watch in the Okanogan Valley affecting Okanogan and Douglas Counties in effect from the afternoon through evening of September 20. The Watch was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning on September 20, in effect from 1200 to 1900 hours that day. The Warning was allowed to expire as scheduled.
 - On September 20, the NWS issued a Red Flag Warning for Cowlitz, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties in effect until 2000 that evening. The Warning was allowed to expire as scheduled, ending this weather incident.

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- 22-3730
 - On September 19, Whatcom County initiated a search for a rescue mission for a 73-year-old female at Yellow Aster Butte and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with Snohomish and King Counties, and then the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was airlifted out to the hospital.
- 22-3733
 - On September 19, Mason County initiated a search for a 62-year-old male hiker on Mount Ellinor and requested Olympic Mountain Rescue, which was coordinated with Kitsap County. The mission was closed the next day when the subject was located and escorted out by Mountain Rescue.
- 22-3749
 - On September 20, the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management submitted an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request for Voluntary Agency Liaisons to assist with response to impacts from Typhoon Merbok.
- 22-3762
 - On September 21, Lewis County initiated a rescue for a 68-year-old-male hiker on the Pacific Crest Trail and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with King County and then the YTC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted out to the hospital.
- 22-3770
 - On September 22, PNSN reported a magnitude 3.5 earthquake, 23 miles deep, occurred at 0741, 17 miles NW of Forks in Clallam County. There were no reports of shaking or damage received.
- 22-3803
 - On September 24, Chelan County initiated a rescue for a seriously injured hiker near Colchuck Lake and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with Snohomish County. The subject succumbed to his injuries when rescue forces arrived at the scene and the mission was closed early on September 25.
- 22-3810
 - On September 24, Grant County initiated a rescue of a rock climber with a broken ankle and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with the YTC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was carried out by SAR staff.
- 22-3826
 - On September 25, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for the Cascades above 1500 feet affecting Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Thurston, Cowlitz, and Skamania Counties in effect from 1200 until 1900 hours on September 26. The Watch was later upgraded to a Red Flag Warning in effect for the same area and timeframe. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 22-3831
 - On September 25, Yakima County initiated a search for a 47-year-old male hiker near the west side of the south climb on Mount Adams and requested mountain rescue and an aircraft with FLIR, which were coordinated with Okanogan, Clark, Spokane, King, Chelan, and Pierce Counties. The County later requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with the YTC. The mountain rescue request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when the subject was located, extracted, and flown to the hospital.
- 22-3867
 - On November 8, Washington State Ferries reported a bomb threat at the Bainbridge Ferry Terminal. The Washington State Patrol inspected the terminal with canine assistance and no ordnance was found.

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- 22-3871
 - On September 28, the State EOC received a request through EMAC for Joint Incident Site Communication Capability and sustainment personnel to support Florida as a result of Hurricane Ian.

- 22-3879
 - On September 29, the Box Canyon Dam on the Pend Oreille River in Pend Oreille County activated their Emergency Action Procedures for a potential failure due to a runaway unit. As a result, they increased the discharge into the spill ways. The NWS issued a Flash Flood Watch for the emergency affecting the Pend Oreille River. The dam cancelled the emergency later that afternoon after the emergency conditions were resolved and water flows were reduced. The Flash Flood Watch was then cancelled.

- 22-3901
 - On September 30, PNSN reported a 3.0 magnitude earthquake, 24.6 miles deep, occurred at 1902, 14 miles WNW of Forks in Clallam County. No reports of shaking or damage were received.

SEOO Activity for the current month

280	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
145	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
978	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
30	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 13 drills/exercises of which 5 were spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)	Frequency of test	Number of tests completed this month	Total number of stations tested this month	Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center	Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center
NAWAS - FEDERAL	Twice daily	60	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	60	1830	1092	60%
STAEN	At least twice per month				0%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	264	143	54%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	4	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	4	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	2
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	30			

Test information/definitions:

- NAWAS: National Warning System Tests (NAWAS) over the State and Federal circuits. NAWAS connects over 1,800 State and Federal jurisdictions and agencies on the Federal circuit and all counties, some agencies and some tribes on the State circuit. There are four tests a day, two state and two federal, testing 66 drops on two circuits. The number above reflects the four tests a day. Previously the number included the total number of stations contacted during those tests.
- DOE tests: Department of Energy Hanford Site has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- CGS tests: Columbia Generating Station has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- AHAB: All Hazards Alert Broadcast System is tested daily through the daily function tests, which tests the functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound siren systems. The voice and tone sirens are tested monthly. The AHAB Siren activates the coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- STAEN: The State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN) connects state agencies via an 800 MHz radio system.
- CEMNET: Comprehensive Emergency Management Network radio connecting all counties and many cities.
- King County 800 MHz System connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.