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Documentation of NW MAC Decisions

Decision 24
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National Preparedness Level	Northwest Preparedness Level
3	4

Strategic Intent:

1. Support critical missions to maximize resource effectiveness and to protect life and infrastructure
2. Facilitate early containment in order to free up resources
3. Confirm type and number of critical resources currently assigned to affirm allocation/reallocation strategies

PNW Incident Priorities (*set once per day*):

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1	Initial Attack			
2	Wenatchee Complex	WA-OWF	Pendleton	Multiple communities threatened; still have critical resource needs
3	Okanogan Complex	WA-OWF	Williams	Residences threatened; still have critical resource needs
4	Barker Canyon Complex	WA-SPD	Nickey	Power grid infrastructure and high probability of success
5	Pole Creek	OR-DEF	Watts	Opportunity for success with direct attack in wilderness
6	Yakima Complex	WA-OWF	Johnson	Many unstaffed fires; IMT still prioritizing fires for resource allocation; few critical resource needs
7	Cascade Creek	WA-GPF	LaFave	Going indirect; limited threats to community assets
8	Manila Creek Complex	WA-COA	Reed	Containment is imminent

In anticipation of forecasted thermal trough events NW MAC recommends that agency leadership review initial attack preparedness. It is especially crucial to understand how crew and IA capability are affected by expiring terms for seasonal/temporary employees.

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• Bureau of Land Management
• U.S. Forest Service
• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
• National Park Service

• Bureau of Indian Affairs
• Washington State Fire Marshal
• Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs
• Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources

• Oregon Department of Forestry
• Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
• Oregon State Fire Marshal