

Update 7: United States of America - Wildfire Adds Further Challenges to Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

- On September 13, the US National Weather Service issued a 'red flag warning' for areas of the United States West Coast, as high winds threaten to spread devastating wildfires further
- Gusts of up to 40 mph (64 kmph) are expected in parts of southern Oregon, with no rain
- In the past few weeks, more than 2,000 fires were reported from western United States including areas of Oregon, Colorado, California, and Washington
- Wildfires forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes and caused death to approximately 33 people
- Experts say situation of fires will be complicated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and rise in unemployment
- As of now, US reported 6,708,458 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 198,520 deaths (2.96% of total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the United States Department of Health and Human Services (<https://www.hhs.gov/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in the United States of America

Source(s)

- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/09/death-toll-rises-wildfires-ravage-west-coast-200913200952786.html>
- <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/09/13/oregon-wildfires-near-medford-fire-families-workers-lose-everything/5785440002/>
- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-54139317>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/>

Targets Affected:

United States of America

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in the mentioned regions are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates
- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Update 3: United States of America - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 39,818 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling ~2,394,100

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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
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Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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