



## Central Washington 2012 Wildfires Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Information Brief – October 14, 2012

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### BAER Public Safety Information Notice

Wenatchee, WA (October 14, 2012) – Currently, there are many options available for the public to receive emergency notifications. Some of these sources include the US **National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** 's weather radio alerts, news media coverage, the **Emergency Alert System (EAS)** on radio and TV broadcasts, social media, and other alerting methods offered by local and state public safety agencies.

**NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)** all hazards (<http://www.weather.gov/nwr/>) transmitters broadcast on a VHF frequency and cannot be heard on a simple AM/FM radio receiver. There are many receiver options ranging from handheld portable units to desktop and console models.

**National Weather Service (NWS)** staffs prepare and produce **NWR** broadcasts; however, **NWS** neither manufactures nor sells receivers. **NWS** does not endorse a specific make or model of receiver. You can buy receivers at many retail outlets, including electronics, department, sporting goods, and boat and marine accessory stores and their catalogs. They can also be purchased via the internet from online retailers or directly from manufacturers.

The **NOAA Weather Radio** website lists just some of the many **NOAA Weather Radio/EAS** receiver manufacturers and resellers, and is provided as a convenience not an endorsement. The manufacturers listed on the following **NOAA** website have had their radios evaluated and approved by the **National Weather Service**:

- **NOAA-National Weather Service:**  
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm>

Listed below are internet websites with information regarding weather apps for smart phones. However, please note that there are a variety of weather apps available so it is important to research the many other options:

- **Pro Weather Alert Android App:**  
[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.globalcanofworms.android.proweatheralert&feature=more\\_from\\_developer#?t=W10](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.globalcanofworms.android.proweatheralert&feature=more_from_developer#?t=W10)

- **OnGuard Weather Alerts Android App:** [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.ideavivo.android.weatheralert&feature=related\\_apps#?t=W10](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.ideavivo.android.weatheralert&feature=related_apps#?t=W10)
- **Weather Alert USA Apple App:** <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/weather-alert-usa/id314502416?mt=8>

According to **NOAA**, coming soon will be another option available to the public for receiving emergency notifications. The wireless industry is rolling out a new nationwide text emergency alert system, called **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)**, which will warn you when bad weather threatens.

The text alert service is free and automatic and there is no need to sign up or download an app. As long as your cell phone is **WEA**-capable, you will receive wireless alerts for the most dangerous types of weather from **NOAA's National Weather Service** no matter where you are, just as soon as the new service is available in your area. For additional information about this service, go to:

[http://www.noaa.gov/features/03\\_protecting/wireless\\_emergency\\_alerts.html](http://www.noaa.gov/features/03_protecting/wireless_emergency_alerts.html); and <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/wea.html#faq1>.

Central Washington BAER Team information is available at <http://inciweb.org/incident/3292/>.  
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