

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 42 new fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Hurricane Isabel, Virginia. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical, operational, planning and resource support. The team will work jointly with GSA, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers, at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The National Park Service All Risk Management Team (Swed) is assigned. The team will be assessing hurricane damage and support needs for National Parks in North Carolina and Virginia.

Hurricane Isabel, North Carolina. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Wathen/Pearson, Collins/Col. Holt/Hendricks) are assigned. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for 12 counties. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on 9/18. Through Unified Command, personnel are providing logistical, operational, planning and resource support.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) is assigned. The fires, located 16 miles north of Garberville, CA, are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash. Local up canyon winds and dry conditions continued to increase fire behavior on the Canoe fire. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

MOUSE TWO, Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is in second growth redwood and Douglas fir, four miles west of Navarro, CA. Heavy fuels continued to burn activity due to hot and dry conditions.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	14,804	60	9/30	1,970	59	112	15	0	15.3M
MOUSE TWO	CA	MEU	231	90	9/25	806	33	42	1	0	1.1M

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This fire is in timber, ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. The fire remained under an inversion most of the day; single and group tree torching were reported.

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Active fire behavior in heavy downed fuels included short up hill runs, torching and spotting. All trails in the vicinity of the fire and the road to Hart's Pass remained closed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Fires within the complex continued to smolder and creep.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ISABEL	WA	OWF	1,640	5	UNK	277	7	17	5	0	2M
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	18,070	39	UNK	339	6	12	6	1	8M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	97	UNK	391	5	15	2	13	38M

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HOMERS NOSE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in mixed brush and ponderosa pine, 40 miles east of Visalia, CA. The incident was previously reported as a part of the Kaweah Kern Complex. Minimal fire spread was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HOMERS NOSE 2	CA	KNP	110	0	10/2	42	1	0	3	0	643K
SUMMIT COMPLEX	CA	INF	2,700	N/A	N/A	25	1	1	1	0	NR
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	4,300	N/A	N/A	81	1	1	2	0	237K
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	3,748	N/A	N/A	54	0	0	2	0	414K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	2,570	N/A	N/A	19	1	0	0	0	163K

INF = Inyo National Forest

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CASCADE, Uinta National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) has been ordered. This fire is in tall oak-brush, six miles west/southwest of Charleston, UT. Creeping fire behavior with terrain influenced runs was reported. Structure protection is in place for 12 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CASCADE	UT	UIF	3,000	5	UNK	231	5	11	2	0	350K

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	16	0	0	0	1	16.5M

## SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX	AZ	GCP	1,142	N/A	N/A	38	1	0	0	0	NR

GCP = Grand Canyon National Park

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** More warm and dry weather is on tap for much of the West as an upper ridge builds over the area. This building ridge will lead to gusty winds over Montana and Wyoming. Some moisture is expected to continue over Arizona and portions of southern California.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear skies, with extensive fog areas along the coast, extending locally inland night and morning hours.	60s to low 80s near the coast, and upper mid 80s to 104 inland.	8 to 18% driest areas, with generally poor nighttime relative humidity recovery on the upper slopes and ridges.	Variable under 12 mph, with peak afternoon gusts south/southwest to west/northwest 15 to 22 mph.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Sunny except for morning clouds along the coastal strip.	A bit cooler west side. Mostly 60s and 70s western Washington ranging to near 90 southwest Oregon. Mostly 70s and 80s east of the Cascades.	Generally 25 to 50% western Washington and northwest Oregon ranging to 10 to 20% southwest Oregon. 15 to 25% over much of eastern Oregon and 25 to 40% over eastern Washington.	Generally less than 10 mph except 10 to 15 mph sections of southeast Oregon.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise sunny.	65 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 100 valleys. 90 to 100 upper desert. 95 to 105 low desert.	10 to 20% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph, except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Sunny.	80s to low 90s north, 90s south, 70s to mid 80s in the mountains.	5 to 10% valleys, 8 to 18% northern mountains, Sierra Nevada's, and far south valleys.	Light and variable.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 61 to 73 mountains, 75 to 86 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 68 to 85 higher elevations, 85 to 99 lower elevations.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 6 to 13% valleys, 10 to 21% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 4 to 15%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West/southwest and light. Utah, Arizona Strip: Light and variable.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

TOPIC OF CHOICE

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Northern California	FIRES		1			16	2	19
	ACRES		0			1,842	94	1,936
Southern California	FIRES		1		0	10	3	14
	ACRES		58		20	12	0	90
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						2,800	2,800
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					4	1	5
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	32	8	42
	ACRES	0	58	0	20	1,858	2,915	4,851

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	391	14	451
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,056	3,712	248,107	2	575,168
Northwest	FIRES	294	242	11	55	1,729	1,215	3,546
	ACRES	20,246	17,868	12	3,081	48,916	292,958	383,081
Northern California	FIRES	143	70	14	17	2,623	1,173	4,040
	ACRES	232	11,583	3	6,562	52,183	29,727	100,290
Southern California	FIRES	64	133	10	74	2,529	838	3,648
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	436	36,094	7,276	47,953
Northern Rockies	FIRES	978	61	33	84	953	1,494	3,603
	ACRES	77,623	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,111	364,107	895,210
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	808	6	46	655	943	2,516
	ACRES	19,423	134,774	1,242	2,634	47,518	139,989	345,580
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	429	1	11	112	168	728
	ACRES	1	11,097	79	6	1,941	3,287	16,411
Southwest	FIRES	792	186	5	66	883	2,069	4,001
	ACRES	36,582	5,893	284	3,553	16,173	203,247	265,732
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	776	39	47	967	700	2,711
	ACRES	17,414	16,918	1,963	783	17,003	53,133	107,214
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,815	485	11,309
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,373	5,582	175,739
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,748	334	12,287
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	186,790	8,837	230,260
TOTAL	FIRES	3,574	2,719	252	457	32,405	9,433	48,840
	ACRES	246,322	348,772	329,284	188,906	921,209	1,108,145	3,142,638

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,237</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,911,232</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		0	1			1	2
	ACRES		1,350	107			400	1,857
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						850	850
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						270	270
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		300				732	1,032
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						445	445
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0		0		3	3
	ACRES		200		10		474	684
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				4		40	44
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	1	0	15	18
	ACRES	0	1,850	107	14	0	3,211	5,182

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	94	22	3		218	365
	ACRES	5,351	20,245	5,238	123		29,409	60,366
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,216	2,193		10,562	34,269
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	72	4	23	327	447
	ACRES	502	3,808	10,742	760	1,750	15,931	33,493
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	27	4		11	31	74
	ACRES	18	28,425	400		1,565	10,382	40,790
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		520		2,084		230	2,834
Southwest	FIRES	13	35	19	8	3	265	343
	ACRES	3,333	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	47,696	124,743
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	21	90	9	11	81	240
	ACRES	1,730	5,064	12,778	9,592	187	6,852	36,203
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	502	204	1,060
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,990	26,936	176,980
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	72	14,130	1,212	15,737
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,793	779,616	933,694	1,912,327
TOTAL	FIRES	160	201	908	138	14,686	2,636	18,729
	ACRES	40,906	85,302	242,882	111,026	865,675	1,095,367	2,441,158

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			6,259		11,952	18,211
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		71	74
	ACRES				602		55,875	56,477
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		29	35
	ACRES				435		14,787	15,222
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1	81	0	184	300
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	13,566	0	244,343	302,357

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	15	8	25	42	6	12			298	166
Northern California	17	80	6	149		16			20	357
Southern California	14		8		10	5			95	2
Northern Rockies	1		2	2	1					
Eastern Great Basin	4	7	19	7	3				74	22
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1								17	
Rocky Mountain	1		13	1					1	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>547</b>

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