

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 93 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northern California Area. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Southern California Areas and two in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

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 is 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:**

SPANISH, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) has been ordered. This fire is in timber and heavy logging slash, 36 miles east of Laytonville, CA. Moderate rates of spread with torching, crowning and spotting out to 1/2 mile were observed. Local forest visitors have been evacuated.

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 are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash, 16 miles north of Garberville, CA. Relative humidity has increased greatly reducing fire intensity. Structure protection is in place for 177 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SPANISH	CA	MNF	1,800	0	UNK	258	10	14	9	0	50K
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	21,666	85	10/6	2,269	66	140	18	0	23.8M
CINDER	CA	LNF	100	100	---	82	3	0	1	0	530K
OKLAHOMA	CA	LKR	600	100	---	53	1	8	0	0	NR

LNF = Lassen National Forest

LKR = Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

NEEDLES, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy downed fuels, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The fire remained active with torching and spotting. All trails in the vicinity of the fire and the road to Hart's Pass remained closed.

CRYSTAL CREEK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Incident Management Team (Berndt/Baarspul) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with dead and downed fuels, six miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. The fire continued to creep and smolder. Some short runs were reported on lower and mid-slope areas of the west flank. Structure protection is in place for 110 residences and two commercial properties.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This fire is in timber, seven miles west of Conconully, WA. Smoldering and creeping fire with single tree torching and some short runs were observed. The Peak Creek drainage was less active.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Minimal fire activity was reported.

GRIFF, Olympic National Park. This fire is in timber, nine miles south of Port Angeles, WA. No new information was received.

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NEEDLES	WA	OWF	18,990	40	UNK	355	6	14	6	1	9.1M
CRYSTAL CREEK	WA	OWF	800	40	10/18	208	5	1	6	0	600K
ISABEL	WA	OWF	2,440	20	UNK	478	12	16	5	0	3.9M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	98	10/1	118	2	16	3	13	38.5M
GRIFF	WA	OLP	125	0	10/31	24	1	0	0	0	18K

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

KIBBIE COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This complex is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and brush, 28 miles west/northwest of Sonora, CA. Fire activity increased on the Tuolumne and Kibbie fires due to stronger winds. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

HOMERS NOSE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonfeld) is assigned. This fire is in mixed brush and ponderosa pine, 40 miles east of Visalia, CA. Minimal fire spread was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KIBBIE COMPLEX	CA	YNP	8,431	78	10/2	565	14	13	5	0	1.6M
HOMERS NOSE 2	CA	KNP	230	40	10/20	33	1	0	2	0	822K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	8,000	N/A	N/A	120	3	3	3	0	912K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	3,747	N/A	N/A	16	1	0	0	0	176K
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	4,911	N/A	N/A	174	5	0	5	0	1.3M
CARGYLE COMPLEX – WFU	CA	SNF	675	N/A	N/A	32	1	0	1	0	60K
GORMAN	CA	LAC	300	100	---	13	0	0	0	0	NR

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

SNF = Sierra National Forest

LAC = Los Angeles County Fire Department

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CASCADE II	UT	UIF	7,790	100	---	436	11	10	6	0	1.8M

UIF = Uinta National Forest

## SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	7,316	N/A	N/A	136	2	4	4	0	1.3M

GCP = Grand Canyon National Park

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure over the interior west will slowly give way to a low pressure system that will be tracking into the Great Basin tomorrow into Friday. Until then, higher than normal temperatures and poor night time humidity recovery will cover most of the west away from the Pacific Coast. In California, temperatures will be returning to more normal values today.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear with night and morning low clouds along the coast and in the coastal valleys.	60s and 70s near the coast and 80s inland.	12 to 22% inland areas.	South to southwest 4 to 9 mph with speeds over the higher elevations and east of the Sierra Cascade crest southwest 7 to 14 ph gusts 24 to 32 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 80 to 93 valleys. 88 to 95 upper desert. 98 to 105 low desert.	10 to 20% desert. 15 to 30% mountains. 30 to 45% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Southwest to west 10 to 20 mph except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny with above normal temperatures. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny with above normal temperatures.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 60 to 78 mountains, 75 to 89 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 65 to 78 mountains, 78 to 97 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 11 to 30% west, 19 to 33% east. Utah, Arizona Strip: 11 to 23%	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Upslope and light. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley and light in the north, southwest 15 mph in the south.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	80s north, low 90s south, 70s in the mountains.	8 to 18% valleys, 15 to 25% northern mountains, 20 to 35% Sierra Nevada.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph.



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

### AIRCRAFT AND PILOT CARDING

Every aircraft and pilot used in support of a Federal wildland fire mission must have a current Aircraft or pilot Card. The card must be held in the aircraft or with the pilot, and give specific authorization to do the mission being requested.

● These missions could be all, one, or any number of, missions as follows:

- Air attack (Level I, Level II, Level III)
- Reconnaissance
- Fire surveillance
- Water bucket
- Helitorch
- Cargo
- Longline
- Others

● Every pilot who flies a properly carded aircraft must possess a current Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card that gives specific authorization to fly the type of mission being requested and for the specific type of aircraft being used for the mission. These missions could be all, or any number of, missions as follows:

- Air attack
- Reconnaissance
- Fire surveillance
- Low-level
- Paracargo
- Mountain/Remote airstrips
- Smokejumper
- Longline
- Others

● Before the aircraft and pilot can be used for a specific mission, the aircraft must be specifically listed on a valid and current contract for the type of work being performed.

● A copy of the contract must be onboard the aircraft.

● Each user of the aircraft and pilot has the authorization to physically inspect the Aircraft Data Card, the Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card, and the contract. If any one of these three are not available for inspection, the mission must be cancelled or at least postponed until the authorizations of the aircraft, pilot, or contract can be determined.

● Pilots have very specific and closely monitored duty time and flight time limitations that users must understand and adhere to:

- 14-hour duty day
- 8 hours flight time per day
- 2 days off in 14 calendar days

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			6		7
	ACRES		1			6		7
Northern California	FIRES			1		12	4	17
	ACRES			600		2,020	1,800	4,420
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	13	2	17
	ACRES		0		3	58	0	61
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3					1	4
	ACRES	1					0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			1		2	0	3
	ACRES			2		5	28	35
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					35		35
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					31	1	32
	ACRES					59	1	60
TOTAL	FIRES	3	2	2	1	68	17	93
	ACRES	1	1	602	3	2,183	1,831	4,621

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	392	14	452
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,123	3,712	247,595	2	574,723
Northwest	FIRES	297	242	11	55	1,780	1,213	3,598
	ACRES	24,028	17,877	12	3,197	49,219	292,966	387,299
Northern California	FIRES	145	70	15	17	2,693	1,211	4,151
	ACRES	232	11,583	603	6,562	72,266	31,714	122,960
Southern California	FIRES	64	134	10	76	2,582	854	3,720
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	591	36,180	7,345	48,263
Northern Rockies	FIRES	988	61	33	85	953	1,501	3,621
	ACRES	77,629	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,111	364,110	895,219
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	811	7	46	661	948	2,531
	ACRES	19,423	135,783	1,244	2,634	48,613	141,089	348,786
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	432	1	11	116	168	735
	ACRES	1	11,182	79	6	1,976	3,287	16,531
Southwest	FIRES	836	188	5	66	884	2,077	4,056
	ACRES	35,650	5,893	284	3,553	16,173	203,249	264,802
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	776	39	47	967	703	2,714
	ACRES	17,414	16,918	1,963	783	17,003	53,134	107,215
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,870	488	11,367
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,356	5,583	175,723
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,808	337	12,350
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	187,049	8,841	230,523
TOTAL	FIRES	3,633	2,728	254	460	32,706	9,514	49,295
	ACRES	249,178	349,875	329,953	189,177	942,541	1,111,320	3,172,044

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>69,216</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,945,026</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		2					2
	ACRES		550					550
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					550		550
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	2					355	357
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	0	1	2	6
	ACRES	2	550	0	0	550	405	1,507

**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	99	23	3		218	371
	ACRES	5,351	22,825	5,795	123		30,809	64,903
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	73	4	23	336	457
	ACRES	502	3,808	11,084	760	1,750	16,677	34,581
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	30	4		12	35	82
	ACRES	18	30,480	400		2,115	11,637	44,650
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		520		2,084		230	2,834
Southwest	FIRES	14	35	19	8	3	268	347
	ACRES	3,653	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	47,806	125,173
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	25	100	9	11	88	262
	ACRES	1,732	20,269	13,819	9,592	190	9,212	54,814
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	502	205	1,061
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,990	26,971	177,015
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	72	14,130	1,219	15,744
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,793	779,616	934,022	1,912,655
TOTAL	FIRES	162	213	920	138	14,687	2,667	18,787
	ACRES	41,228	105,142	244,822	111,026	866,228	1,101,601	2,470,047

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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			7,904		14,698	22,602
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		74	77
	ACRES				602		55,882	56,484
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		30	36
	ACRES				435		15,349	15,784
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	188	304
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	15,211	0	247,658	307,317

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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	28	8	24	36	11	15			304	167
Northern California	28	76	37	164	15	18			115	473
Southern California	37	7	31	11	28	9	1		204	46
Northern Rockies			2	2						
Eastern Great Basin	11	11	13	10	5	7	2		84	36
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2		4		1	3			68	1
Rocky Mountain	1		17	2	1				33	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	9								233	209
Total	116	102	128	225	61	52	3	0	1041	932

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