

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, October 23, 2007 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (186 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires:	11
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0
Fire Use Teams committed:	0

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	44
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	11
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5

Witch, Monte Vista Unit, CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE IMT 1 (Kerschen). One mile east of Ramona, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Extreme wind-driven fire behavior with long-range spotting. Multiple communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Ranch, Angeles NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Six miles north of Castaic, CA. Chaparral and oak woodland. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs and short-range spotting. Numerous structures and utility infrastructure threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Buckweed, Los Angeles County FD. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Opliger), CAL FIRE and LA County. Fourteen miles west of Palmdale, CA. Chaparral and grass. Moderate wind-driven fire behavior. Multiple communities threatened. Transportation and utility infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Harris, Monte Vista County FD. CAL FIRE IMT 1 (Windsor). Two miles southeast of Potrero, CA. Brush and grass. Wind-driven fire behavior with rapid rates of spread. Multiple communities and utility infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Santiago, Orange County FD. Twelve miles east of Santa Ana, CA. Brush and grass. Wind-driven fire behavior. Multiple communities and utilities threatened. Road closures in effect.

Canyon, Los Angeles County FD. Two miles north of Malibu, CA. Chaparral. High rates of spread and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Rice, Monte Vista Unit, CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE IMT 1 (Morris). Seven miles east of Fallbrook, CA. Brush and grass. Extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread and long-range spotting. Fallbrook and Oceanside communities threatened.

Magic, Los Angeles County FD. Three miles west of Santa Clarita, CA. Chaparral and grass. Wind-driven fire activity with rapid rates of spread and spotting. Multiple communities threatened. Transportation and oil infrastructures threatened.

Poomacha, Monte Vista Unit, CAL FIRE. Seven miles east of Pauma Valley, CA. Chaparral and grass. Extreme rates of spread and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

McCoy, Cleveland NF. Four miles southwest of Julian, CA. Grass. Minimal fire activity with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Coronado Hills, San Marcos County FD. Two miles south of San Marcos, CA. Chaparral. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Witch	CA	MVU	145,000	135,000	0	UNK	625	256	9	87	0	650	NR	ST
Ranch	CA	ANF	54,518	25,518	10	10/31	767	114	16	66	4	7	2.0M	FS
Buckweed	CA	LAC	37,812	17,812	27	UNK	1,014	369	42	139	0	32	1.5M	CNTY
Harris	CA	MVU	70,000	50,000	5	UNK	275	0	6	37	2	200	1.3M	ST
Santiago	CA	ORC	15,365	7,865	30	UNK	492	0	2	94	1	8	NR	CNTY
Canyon	CA	LAC	3,800	1,400	8	10/26	1,765	319	24	210	15	8	1.6M	CNTY
* Rice	CA	MVU	6,100	---	0	UNK	170	---	6	55	0	500	NR	ST
* Magic	CA	LAC	1,200	---	0	UNK	428	---	4	60	1	0	NR	CNTY
* Poomacha	CA	MVU	1,000	---	0	UNK	62	---	0	15	0	0	NR	ST
McCoy	CA	CNF	300	-100	50	10/23	28	0	0	5	0	2	NR	FS
Coronado Hills	CA	SMC	300	---	0	UNK	77	---	0	23	0	0	NR	CNTY
Sedgewick	CA	LPF	710	0	100	---	472	60	16	23	4	0	1.1M	CNTY
Roca	CA	RRU	269	0	100	---	108	-195	3	13	0	2	NR	ST

LPF – Los Padres NF

RRU – Riverside Unit, CAL FIRE

Predictive Services Discussion: Dry and windy conditions will continue in southern California through Wednesday. A strong Santa Ana wind event will continue to impact the southern California mountains, valleys and coastal areas through Wednesday, with strongest winds tapering off by Tuesday afternoon. Dry and windy conditions will develop over eastern and southern New Mexico into northwest Texas. Much of the East will see precipitation through Wednesday.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Instructions And Assignments Not Clear

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
 - Task
 - Location
 - Communications
 - Hazards
 - Who, when, etc.
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
 - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
 - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
 - What is to be done.
 - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
 - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
 - Hazards.
 - Communication plan frequencies.
 - Weather and fire behavior.
 - Status of adjoining forces.

Fires And Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					3		3
Southern California	FIRES					39	5	44
	ACRES					6	42,757	42,763
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						60	60
Eastern Area	FIRES					4	3	7
	ACRES					14	3	17
Southern Area	FIRES	2				128		130
	ACRES	22				899		921
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	176	8	186
	ACRES	22	0	0	0	922	42,820	43,764

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	31	38	18	350	7	447
	ACRES	3	2,450	63,309	605	458,650	2	525,019
Northwest	FIRES	306	284	49	39	1,895	1,074	3,647
	ACRES	60,665	280,893	82,509	327	155,897	224,884	805,175
Northern California	FIRES	209	47	5	34	2,553	708	3,556
	ACRES	220	534	105	33	81,744	125,634	208,270
Southern California	FIRES	65	166	15	39	3,733	673	4,691
	ACRES	2,479	10,049	36	2,224	23,671	351,607	390,066
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,008	73	21	37	1,114	1,022	3,275
	ACRES	62,606	33,199	823	21,460	307,553	651,304	1,076,945
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	650	4	47	845	734	2,333
	ACRES	24,652	1,107,645	9	7,214	350,728	926,609	2,416,857
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	493	7	25	211	113	865
	ACRES	7,748	541,923	38	379	225,116	114,741	889,945
Southwest	FIRES	788	156	9	80	939	1,511	3,483
	ACRES	16,169	1,963	1,540	674	72,164	48,352	140,862
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,058	583	14	36	1,088	498	3,277
	ACRES	29,299	10,988	567	316	116,464	9,487	167,121
Eastern Area	FIRES	487		75	31	10,939	600	12,132
	ACRES	8,464		1,581	521	142,289	46,309	199,164
Southern Area	FIRES	416		106	77	37,161	949	38,709
	ACRES	20,917		344,348	67,682	866,748	164,166	1,463,861
TOTAL	FIRES	4,409	2,483	343	463	60,828	7,889	76,415
	ACRES	233,222	1,989,644	494,865	101,435	2,801,024	2,663,095	8,283,285

Ten Year Average Fires	69,971
Ten Year Average Acres	5,846,438

*** Changes in some agency YTD 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						148	148
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						58	58
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						26	26
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				4		39	43
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						25	25
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	4	0	296	300

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					20,650		20,650
Northwest	FIRES	31	89	65	8		1,618	1,811
	ACRES	10,286	21,634	14,814	1,180		48,215	96,129
Northern California	FIRES		8	8	18	45	359	438
	ACRES		448	19,979	339	5,061	18,008	43,835
Southern California	FIRES		4	15	14	6	95	134
	ACRES		305	3,336	1,437	77	9,890	15,045
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	23	90	15	114	323	571
	ACRES	891	4,547	20,784	671	3,444	29,087	59,424
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	29	9	7	22	87	159
	ACRES	2,164	12,957	3,337	564	10,567	23,124	52,713
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	5	6		1	21
	ACRES		4,069	1,415	3,889		1,391	10,764
Southwest	FIRES	57	69	11	22		263	422
	ACRES	12,810	17,957	2,876	4,633		77,847	116,123
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	50	44	106	19	42	138	399
	ACRES	5,446	18,089	24,456	7,046	6,272	41,293	102,602
Eastern Area	FIRES	46		354	36	1,525	147	2,108
	ACRES	15,866		58,819	4,241	95,685	35,682	210,293
Southern Area	FIRES	29		320	73	14,926	929	16,277
	ACRES	20,321		129,396	63,070	949,627	894,201	2,056,615
TOTAL	FIRES	224	275	983	218	16,684	3,960	22,344
	ACRES	67,784	80,006	279,212	87,070	1,091,383	1,178,738	2,784,193

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		22	18	15	3		58
	ACRES		39,045	55,993	29,188	542		124,768
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						802	802
Northern California	FIRES				3	1	6	10
	ACRES				1	1	19	21
Southern California	FIRES				20		7	27
	ACRES				618		92	710
Northern Rockies	FIRES				9		74	83
	ACRES				3,232		90,448	93,680
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				5	0	47	52
	ACRES				30	75	147,598	147,703
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		3,631					3,631
Southwest	FIRES		1	5	1	39		46
	ACRES		10	5,672	149	30,002		35,833
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		11	2		8		21
	ACRES		387	0		69		456
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIRES				18		3	21
	ACRES				2,753		3,888	6,641
TOTAL	FIRES	0	40	18	77	5	189	329
	ACRES	0	43,073	55,993	41,494	767	272,929	414,256

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