

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

*** SAFETY COMES FIRST ON EVERY FIRE, EVERY TIME ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Large fire activity continued in southern California. Decreased Santa Ana winds allowed firefighters to make progress on several large fires. MAFFS airtankers were activated by California State yesterday. Resource mobilization through NICC included airtankers, helicopters, communications equipment and engines.

Southern California Large Fires:

SUR, Los Padres NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is ordered. The fire is located 3 miles south of Big Sur, CA. The fire has jumped the Big Sur River and is burning in steep, inaccessible terrain. Strong winds and low humidities are contributing to erratic fire behavior. No structures are threatened.

HARMONY, San Diego Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Heil) is assigned. The fire is located south of Highway 78 and west of Interstate 15 in the Escondido area. Seventy structures, including at least 12 homes, have been destroyed with many more threatened. Evacuation centers have been established in Carlsbad and San Marcos. Two civilians were injured, one with critical burns.

CALABASAS, Los Angeles County, California. This fire is burning in grass and brush south of Highway 101, in the Calabasas and Malibu area. Structure protection in Malibu is a top priority. Five homes and a mobile home have been destroyed. Six structural firefighters were injured yesterday afternoon in a burnover in Corral Canyon. One is in critical condition, another serious, two are being monitored and two were treated and released. An investigation team has been established. Another city firefighter was injured in an engine rollover.

Otay #322, San Diego Ranger Unit, California State. This fire is burning on the outskirts of San Diego and Chula Vista and is backing across the border into Mexico. Strong winds drove the fire over 4,000 acres in 2 hours. Steep terrain and a predicted wind shift are control problems. Watershed, four state correctional facilities and travellers on foot in the area are threatened. A campground has been evacuated.

RINCON, San Diego Ranger Unit, California State. This fire is burning northeast of Escondido on the Rincon Indian Reservation. No new information received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
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SUR	LPF	CA	1,040	60	UNK	711	29	22	7	1	8K	1.8M
CALABASAS	LAC	CA	14,000	20	UNK	2500	18	26	10	6	NR	NR
HARMONY	MVU	CA	8,600	48	10/24	629	8	32	5	98	NR	NR
RINCON	MVU	CA	1,800	25	10/23	374	12	27	0	6	NR	NR
OTAY #322	MVU	CA	11,000	0	10/23	86	0	13	5	0	NR	NR

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

Two fires are in a confine or contain suppression strategy totaling 21,340 acres.

OUTLOOK:

High pressure over the Great Basin will weaken resulting in a significant decrease in the Santa Ana winds in southern California. Winds will be from the northeast and east at 10 to 15 MPH and gusty below passes and canyons. Winds will become onshore along the coast at 5 to 10 MPH during the afternoon. Humidities will be a little higher with minimums at 15 to 25 percent. Both Arizona and southern California will be sunny with high temperatures ranging from the 50's to mid 60's in the mountains, 70's along the coast and near 80 in the lower deserts.

AREA	FIRES: Yesterday						TOTAL
	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	
ALASKA							NR
NORTHWEST							0
CA-NORTH					13	1	14
CA-SOUTH				1		1	2
NORTHERN							0
GB-EAST							NR
GB-WEST		1					1
SOUTHWEST							0
ROCKY MTN							0
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN					31	3	34
USA	0	1	0	1	44	5	51

AREA	ACRES BURNED: Yesterday						TOTAL
	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	
ALASKA							NR
NORTHWEST							0
CA-NORTH					223	0	223
CA-SOUTH					14,750	360	15,110
NORTHERN							0
GB-EAST							NR
GB-WEST		0					0

SOUTHWEST								0
ROCKY MTN								0
EASTERN								NR
SOUTHERN					134		31	165
USA	0	0	0	0	15,107	391	15,498	

AREA	RESOURCE STATUS:				Committed Resources					
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST										
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH	28	39	35	85	9	15	8	26	NR	NR
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	28	39	35	85	9	15	8	26	0	0

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = NO REPORT

FIRES: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	7	45	34	6	572	17	681
NORTHWEST	216	471	16	40	1,827	1,552	4,122
CA-NORTH	61	105	2	26	2,626	960	3,780
CA-SOUTH	10	323	3	281	4,196	1,063	5,876
NORTHERN	822	106	47	29	707	1,506	3,217
GB-EAST	54	1,003		27	500	1,001	2,585
GB-WEST		875	3	61	117	238	1,294
SOUTHWEST	1,265	362	13	107	1,473	2,315	5,535
ROCKY MTN	960	884		74	1,189	734	3,841
EASTERN	256			61	13,029	357	13,703
SOUTHERN	2		109	109	47,608	1,207	49,035
USA	3,653	4,174	227	821	73,844	10,950	93,669

AREA	BIA	ACRES BURNED: Year to date					
		BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	179,029	138,906	4,379	273,281	166	595,777
NORTHWEST	133,156	230,086	5,557	5	29,497	261,255	659,556
CA-NORTH	247	9,188	272	384	17,807	127,370	155,268
CA-SOUTH	2,032	40,866	31	59,800	173,976	197,929	474,634

NORTHERN	27,953	15,123	9,414	5,266	113,532	69,674	240,962
GB-EAST	406	1,057,381		8,055	120,060	117,931	1,303,833
GB-WEST		429,149		885	288	90,593	83,965
SOUTHWEST	36,688	9,611	3,155	5,492	73,475	209,970	338,391
ROCKY MTN	19,992	189,887		10,642	31,355	41,551	293,427
EASTERN	1,068			533	157,732	18,310	177,643
SOUTHERN	45		30,331	14,623	1,059,606	42,907	1,147,512
USA	221,603	2,160,320	188,551	109,467	2,140,914	1,171,028	5,991,883

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