

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2003 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 43 new fires reported. Three large fires were contained, one in the Rocky Mountain Area and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California and Utah.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Unified Area Command has been established between a National Area Command Team (Mann), the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Heili) and the San Bernardino County Fire Department (Wurl) to manage the Old and Grand Prix fires. A Unified Area Command has been established between the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Turner) and the Forest Service (Hatcher) to manage the Cedar and Paradise fires.

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Mortier and Cable), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) and local fire agencies. This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. Active fire behavior on uncontrolled perimeters with minimal fire activity in other areas was reported.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) and local fire agencies. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Minimal fire activity occurred due to higher relative humidity and cooler temperatures. Mandatory evacuation orders remain in effect for Silverwood Lake and the East end of Summit Valley.

CEDAR, Cleveland National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) and a California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins). This fire is in chaparral, ten miles east of Ramona, CA. Minimal fire activity occurred due to continued higher relative humidity and cooler temperatures. Threatened residences and commercial properties have been evacuated and structure protection is a priority.

PARADISE, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Snell) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, six miles northeast of Escondido, CA. Fire activity continued in areas that did not receive rain. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences.

SIMI INCIDENT, Ventura County. A Unified Command between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Haines), Ventura County Fire Department (Sanchez), Los Angeles County (Osby) and the City of Los Angeles (West) is in place. This fire is in chaparral and grass, five miles north of Simi Valley, CA. Moderate fire activity was observed on southwest facing slopes until mid afternoon when rain was received.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) and a California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF) Type 1 Incident Command Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed due to continued higher relative humidity and rain in the fire area.

PADUA, Angeles National Forest. This fire is in chaparral, six miles north/northeast of Claremont, CA. No new information was reported.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. 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
OLD	CA	BDF	91,281	45	11/8	3,812	42	408	16	860	7.8M
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	59,358	95	11/2	1,847	36	178	14	100	17.2
CEDAR	CA	CNF	275,833	65	11/3	4,275	42	667	4	2,744	8M
PARADISE	CA	MVU	56,700	50	11/3	1,579	30	157	13	348	4.4M
SIMI INCIDENT	CA	VNC	108,304	85	11/1	1,476	31	181	6	315	6.8M
PIRU	CA	LPF	63,991	40	UNK	1,038	26	37	11	8	6.2
PADUA	CA	ANF	10,466	95	11/2	70	2	1	1	0	1.2M
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,298	98	11/15	52	1	0	2	0	1.5M
ALBANITA/HOOKER WFU	CA	SQF	4,483	N/A	N/A	15	0	2	0	0	150K

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SKI RUN, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, six miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM. Minimal fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SKI RUN	NM	LNF	250	60	11/1	432	11	17	3	0	784K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PHINNEYHILL, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and timber, eight miles west of Wynona, OK. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PHINNEY HILL	OK	OSA	1,670	95	UNK	4	0	1	0	0	10K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHERRY CREEK 2	UT	UIF	5,900	100	---	15	0	1	2	0	684M
SWIFT CREEK WFU	UT	ASF	321	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

UIF = Uinta National Forest ASF = Ashley National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHEROKEE RANCH	CO	PSF	1,200	100	---	45	1	4	0	3	300K

PSF = Pike and San Isabel National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A cold front with precipitation will stretch from the Great Lakes across the central states into southern California. A low pressure system remains parked over the West with high pressure centered over the Southeast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers mainly in the morning. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet.	55 to 65 coastal areas. 35 to 50 mountains. 55 to 65 valleys. 45 to 60 upper desert. 60 to 75 low desert.	30 to 50% desert. 50 to 70% mountains. 50 to 70% valleys. 50 to 70% coast.	South to southwest 15 to 25 with higher gusts over the mountains and deserts, otherwise local south to southwest 10 to 20 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly Sunny with a few clouds over the mountains.	40s to lower 60s	22 to 40%	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Areas of light snow or flurries, except mixed rain and snow over the lower elevations.	Highs 35 to 55.	40 to 65%.	Easterly 5 to 18 mph over the Colorado Front Range and northern and eastern Rocky Mountain Area, with a southwest flow of 15 to 25 mph over west-southwest Colorado.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly to mostly cloudy and cold with light winds. A slight chance of snow showers in the mountains of Idaho, and snow showers likely over the Bridger-Teton and southeast Idaho. Utah, Arizona Strip: Cold with rain or snow likely, mainly in the mountains and north. Windy over southern Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 35 mountains, 35 to 47 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 25 to 45 northern Utah, 40 to 60 southern Utah and the Arizona Strip.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 48% valleys, 25 to 65% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 25 to 65%	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: upslope 5 to 10 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: upslope 5 to 15 mph over northern Utah. Southwest 20 to 30 mph over southern Utah and the Arizona Strip.



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

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
 - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
 - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter’s right and responsibility.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES				1	8		9
	ACRES				0	1		1
Southern California	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					65,028		65,028
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					2		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					20	2	22
	ACRES					216	7	223
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	37	5	43
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	65,247	8	65,255

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	22	11	402	13	465
	ACRES	23	40,821	266,855	3,980	247,925	2	559,606
Northwest	FIRES	306	250	15	50	1,900	1,300	3,821
	ACRES	24,278	18,153	16	1,170	50,568	331,464	425,649
Northern California	FIRES	168	72	17	21	3,097	1,274	4,649
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,879	81,551	38,452	140,361
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	10	76	2,929	859	4,083
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,828	269,560	198,750	475,087
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,038	71	34	86	994	1,537	3,760
	ACRES	88,242	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,442	366,054	883,132
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	846	7	46	907	1,069	2,934
	ACRES	19,424	131,580	1,244	2,733	56,155	143,470	354,606
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	457	1	11	122	177	776
	ACRES	2	11,537	79	6	1,982	3,284	16,890
Southwest	FIRES	937	193	5	69	902	2,136	4,242
	ACRES	35,702	5,917	284	11,834	16,209	203,456	273,402
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	802	40	48	4,221	754	6,050
	ACRES	20,214	17,477	1,964	783	74,582	58,562	173,582
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		67	37	10,369	513	11,948
	ACRES	53,155		6,890	708	116,327	5,797	182,877
Southern Area	FIRES	157		46	15	12,769	370	13,357
	ACRES	21,882		12,130	1,838	196,695	9,089	241,634
TOTAL	FIRES	3,891	2,846	264	470	38,612	10,002	56,085
	ACRES	264,821	310,486	313,705	198,438	1,280,996	1,358,380	3,726,826

Nine Year Average Fires	79,866
Nine Year Average Acres	4,917,898

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in November

and

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	3					5	8
	ACRES	299					78	377
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						116	116
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						1,110	1,110
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	0	0	0	13	16
	ACRES	299	0	0	0	0	1,304	1,603

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	40	105	34	3		345	527
	ACRES	6,911	28,222	6,432	123		44,957	86,645
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		138	278
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		11,053	35,628
Southern California	FIRES		2	6	9		170	187
	ACRES		27	768	3,335		13,675	17,805
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	96	4	45	430	597
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,448	29,625	55,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	7		19	59	120
	ACRES	18	33,462	409		2,604	22,370	58,863
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	25	37	19	9	3	347	440
	ACRES	4,974	32,711	39,373	8,183	12	59,168	144,421
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	34	101	9	19	221	414
	ACRES	1,777	27,509	13,820	9,592	2,215	20,697	75,610
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		352	16	522	231	1,147
	ACRES	10,640		76,009	1,823	84,961	27,699	201,132
Southern Area	FIRES	54		280	105	16,007	1,276	17,722
	ACRES	19,404		97,519	85,021	827,577	951,976	1,981,497
TOTAL	FIRES	190	236	1,007	177	16,621	3,218	21,449
	ACRES	44,257	130,290	271,419	113,434	921,372	1,181,450	2,662,222

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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				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						2	2
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			9,289		24,808	34,097
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,835	16,283
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		2		3	30
	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	10	31	1	93	0	192	327
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	20,153	0	259,227	323,870

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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	21		3						23	
Northern California	7	6	16	5		1				
Southern California	74	194	202	1454	28	40	1		800	1194
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin		3	5		2	1	1		5	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	9	2	3	14		3			86	34
Rocky Mountain		2	1	14	1					8
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			1	1					2	1
Total	111	207	231	1488	31	45	2	0	916	1237

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