

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2003 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 15 new fires reported. One large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and California.

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 (Heil) 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. Minimal fire activity was observed in most areas, however drier areas reported surface fire spread caused by moderate winds.

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 behavior was observed. Mandatory evacuation orders remain in effect for Silverwood Lake.

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. Smoldering and creeping, with minor flare-ups in oak snags were observed. Road systems were opened allowing residents back into the fire area.

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. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences. La Jolla and Mt. Palomar communities were reopened to residents.

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). This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. No new information was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| OLD | CA | BDF | 91,281 | 78 | 11/8 | 4,133 | 85 | 356 | 17 | 860 | 24M |
| GRAND PRIX | CA | BDU | 59,448 | 95 | 11/4 | 622 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 196 | 11.5M |
| CEDAR | CA | CNF | 281,298 | 95 | 11/3 | 2,120 | 31 | 242 | 31 | 2,820 | 12.2M |
| PARADISE | CA | MVU | 56,700 | 75 | 11/6 | 2,222 | 62 | 143 | 19 | 366 | 7.5M |
| PIRU | CA | LPF | 63,991 | 80 | UNK | 331 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 6.7M |

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| SKI RUN | NM | LNF | 271 | 100 | --- | 74 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1.2M |

LNF = Lincoln National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PHINNEYHILL, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and timber, eight miles west of Wynona, OK. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| PHINNEY HILL | OK | OSA | 1,670 | 95 | UNK | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10K |

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system will continue over the West while high pressure remains over the Southeast. The main band of moisture will extend from California and portions of the West then along the northern Plains, Great Lakes and into New England. Much of the Southeast should be dry except for some rain over Florida.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|---|---|---|--|
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly cloudy with scattered showers over Central California and a chance of showers over Southern California. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet over Central California and 6,000 feet over Southern California. | 60 to 70 coastal areas. 40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 65 upper desert. 65 to 75 low desert. | 30 to 50% desert. 50 to 70% mountains. 50 to 70% valleys. 50 to 70% coast. | Southwest to northwest 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts over the mountains and deserts, otherwise local southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph. |



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

ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

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 | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | 6 | | 6 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| 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 | | | | | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 54 | 94 | 148 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 94 | 148 |

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 | 1,919 | 1,300 | 3,840 |
| | ACRES | 24,278 | 18,153 | 16 | 1,170 | 50,586 | 331,464 | 425,667 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 168 | 72 | 17 | 21 | 3,097 | 1,275 | 4,650 |
| | ACRES | 243 | 12,633 | 603 | 6,879 | 81,551 | 38,452 | 140,361 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 69 | 140 | 10 | 76 | 2,935 | 861 | 4,091 |
| | ACRES | 1,656 | 42,055 | 360 | 1,828 | 269,562 | 262,710 | 578,171 |
| 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 | 12,820 | 375 | 13,413 |
| | ACRES | 21,882 | | 12,130 | 1,838 | 196,937 | 9,177 | 241,964 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 3,891 | 2,846 | 264 | 470 | 38,688 | 10,010 | 56,169 |
| | ACRES | 264,821 | 349,608 | 313,705 | 198,438 | 1,281,258 | 1,422,428 | 3,830,258 |

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| 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

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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 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| 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 | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| 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 | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 23 | 23 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 24 |

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 | | 347 | 529 |
| | ACRES | 6,911 | 28,222 | 6,432 | 123 | | 45,073 | 86,761 |
| 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 | 8 | | 19 | 59 | 121 |
| | ACRES | 18 | 33,462 | 410 | | 2,604 | 22,370 | 58,864 |
| 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 | 1,278 | 17,724 |
| | ACRES | 19,404 | | 97,519 | 85,021 | 827,577 | 952,453 | 1,981,974 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 190 | 236 | 1,008 | 177 | 16,621 | 3,222 | 21,454 |
| | ACRES | 44,257 | 130,290 | 271,420 | 113,434 | 921,372 | 1,182,043 | 2,662,816 |

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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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern California | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern California | 78 | 123 | 151 | 616 | 21 | 51 | | | 720 | 906 |
| Northern Rockies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | 2 | 2 | | 4 | | 1 | | | 3 | |
| Rocky Mountain | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Area | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Southern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 82 | 125 | 152 | 620 | 21 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 727 | 906 |

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