

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2003 0530 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 99 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and the Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Georgia and Indiana.

**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.

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A Unified Command between two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Mortier and Cable), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) and local fire agencies is in place. This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. Minimal fire activity and some small flare-ups within the perimeter were observed.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Smoldering was observed.

PARADISE, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. A California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection 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.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. This fire is in grass, brush and timber, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OLD	CA	BDF	91,281	96	11/8	1,792	41	75	6	1003	32.6M
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	59,448	98	11/4	588	9	6	0	196	11.5M
PARADISE	CA	MVU	56,700	85	11/8	1,611	56	70	16	416	10.3M
PIRU	CA	LPF	63,991	90	11/10	84	3	0	2	8	7.7M
CEDAR	CA	CNF	280,278	100	---	1,478	27	66	13	2,820	27.1M

CNF = Cleveland National Forest

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SWEAT LOOP	FL	FLS	300	100	---	15	0	5	0	0	NR

FLS = Florida Division of Forestry

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** A cold low pressure system will continue to be anchored over the western United States today, with a front draped across the eastern Great Lakes States. There will be a chance of light rain and higher elevation snow showers over northwest California and southern Oregon as some moisture moves onshore from the Pacific Ocean. The east will remain warmer than normal again today under high pressure.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Partly cloudy.	60 to 75 coastal areas. 40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 75 valleys. 55 to 70 upper desert. 70 to 80 low desert.	15 to 30% desert. 30 to 45% mountains. 30 to 45% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.



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

## ***RETARDANT DROP SAFETY***

Having retardant dropped on a fire should be a routine event. However, there are risks associated with retardant drops that can pose serious threats to personnel and equipment. Consider the following for all drops:

- Be aware of the location of lead planes and airtankers during retardant drop operations.
- Be sure you have positive contact with the lead plane or airtanker before the drop.
- Personnel can be injured by the impact of retardant drops. Clear personnel out of the target area when the drop is conducted. If an individual is unable to retreat to a safe place, the best method for minimizing injury from the drop is to:
  - Hold your handtool away from your body.
  - Lie face down with hardhat in place and head toward the oncoming aircraft.
  - Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the retardant.
  - Do not run unless escape is ensured.
  - Get clear of dead snags and tops.
  - Be aware of rolling debris below the drop site in steep terrain.
- Working in an area covered by retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.
- If possible, wash the retardant off your skin to prevent irritation.

# 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			1		1		2
	ACRES			14		0		14
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					2		2
	ACRES					5		5
Southern Area	FIRES					94	1	95
	ACRES					1,677	19	1,696
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	97	1	99
	ACRES	0	0	14	0	1,682	19	1,715

# 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	183	72	17	21	3,097	1,276	4,666
	ACRES	255	12,633	603	6,879	81,551	38,446	140,367
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	11	76	2,946	862	4,104
	ACRES	1,656	42,055	374	1,828	269,564	262,119	577,596
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,038	71	34	86	994	1,541	3,764
	ACRES	88,242	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,442	366,058	883,136
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	847	7	46	907	1,071	2,937
	ACRES	19,424	131,580	1,244	2,733	56,154	143,471	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		114	37	10,374	520	12,007
	ACRES	53,155		8,195	708	116,635	5,804	184,497
Southern Area	FIRES	158		46	16	13,767	397	14,384
	ACRES	21,884		12,130	1,839	209,363	9,348	254,564
TOTAL	FIRES	3,907	2,847	312	471	39,651	10,047	57,235
	ACRES	264,835	349,608	315,024	198,439	1,293,993	1,422,014	3,843,913

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>79,866</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,917,898</b>

\*\*\*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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						15	15
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						181	181
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						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						418	418
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	615	615

**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	43	105	34	3		347	532
	ACRES	7,169	28,222	6,432	123		45,073	87,019
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		140	280
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		11,068	35,643
Southern California	FIRES		2	6	9		93	110
	ACRES		27	768	3,335		13,937	18,067
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	96	4	45	433	600
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,448	29,675	55,682
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	222	415
	ACRES	1,777	27,509	13,820	9,592	2,215	20,698	75,611
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		377	16	522	232	1,173
	ACRES	10,640		68,556	1,823	84,961	28,107	194,087
Southern Area	FIRES	54		281	105	16,007	1,286	17,733
	ACRES	19,404		97,580	85,021	827,577	955,625	1,985,207
TOTAL	FIRES	193	236	1,034	177	16,621	3,160	21,421
	ACRES	44,515	130,290	264,028	113,434	921,372	1,185,951	2,659,590

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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			9,412		24,808	34,220
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	20,276	0	259,227	323,993

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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			3	5	1				18	
Northern California	2	1								
Southern California	48	96	74	141	11	31			679	676
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	2			5	1	1			20	
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area				5					15	15
Total	52	97	77	156	13	32	0	0	736	691

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