

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2003 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 84 new fires were reported. Four new large fires were reported in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Hurricane Isabel, Virginia. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical, operational, planning and resource support. The team will work jointly with GSA, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers, at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The National Park Service All Risk Management Team (Swed) is assigned. The team is assessing hurricane damage and support needs for National Parks in North Carolina and Virginia.

Hurricane Isabel, North Carolina. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Wathen/Pearson, Collins/Col. Holt/Hendricks) are assigned. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for 12 counties. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on 9/18. Through Unified Command, personnel are providing logistical, operational, planning and resource support.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

SPANISH, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy logging slash, 36 miles east of Laytonville, CA. Moderate rates of spread with torching, crowning and spotting were observed. The forest is closed in the area of the fire.

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) is assigned. The fires are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash, 18 miles northwest of Garberville, CA. Fire activity increased from yesterday as weather conditions became less favorable. Structure protection is in place for 177 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SPANISH	CA	MNF	2,000	30	UNK	947	38	37	6	0	50K
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	21,917	85	10/6	2,133	62	133	16	0	25.2M

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

NEEDLES, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy downed fuels, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The fire remained active with torching, spotting and small crown runs. All trails in the vicinity of the fire and the road to Hart's Pass remained closed.

CRYSTAL CREEK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Incident Management Team (Berndt/Baarspul) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with dead and downed fuels, six miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. The fire continued to creep and smolder. Structure protection is in place for 110 residences and two commercial properties. The increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This fire is in timber, seven miles west of Conconully, WA. Single tree torching and some short runs were observed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Minimal fire behavior continued with isolated torching within current perimeters.

GRIFF, Olympic National Park. This fire is in timber, nine miles south of Port Angeles, WA. Torching and spotting were observed in steep, inaccessible terrain.

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NEEDLES	WA	OWF	19,220	40	UNK	353	6	14	6	1	9.3M
CRYSTAL CREEK	WA	OWF	1,253	35	10/18	191	5	1	5	0	850K
ISABEL	WA	OWF	2,440	25	UNK	500	12	16	5	0	4.1M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	98	10/5	116	2	16	3	13	39M
GRIFF	WA	OLP	158	0	10/31	24	1	1	1	0	53K

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

KIBBIE COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This complex is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and brush, 28 miles west/northwest of Sonora, CA. Fire behavior was moderate on the Tuolumne fire.

HOMERS NOSE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in mixed brush and ponderosa pine, 40 miles east of Visalia, CA. Minimal fire spread was reported.

DUNCAN COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, which began on 7/19, is in red fir, lodgepole pine and chaparral, two miles north of Yosemite Village, CA. This incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The Whiskey and Snow fires are the only remaining active fires within the complex. The fire was mainly backing off a prominent ridge. Surfaces spread rates remained low.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KIBBIE COMPLEX	CA	YNP	9,230	88	10/2	541	11	13	5	0	2M
HOMERS NOSE 2	CA	KNP	230	40	10/20	32	1	0	2	0	824K
DUNCAN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	YNP	1,284	N/A	N/A	55	2	2	0	0	100K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	KNP	8,470	N/A	N/A	114	3	3	2	0	1M
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	3,747	N/A	N/A	16	1	0	0	0	813K
MUD COMPLEX WFU	CA	STF	4,960	N/A	N/A	174	5	0	5	0	1.8M
CARGYLE COMPLEX - WFU	CA	SNF	717	N/A	N/A	32	1	0	1	0	64K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

SNF = Sierra National Forest

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

POPLAR COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A transfer of command from Rath's Fire Use Management Team to Van Bateman's Type 2 Incident Management Team occurred yesterday. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, which began on 9/4, is in timber with heavy dead and downed fuels, on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. This incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The Polar fire made some small upslope runs on the north and east flanks; the Big fire continued to back downhill to the south; and the Corral fire is contained.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	7,654	N/A	N/A	158	2	6	6	0	1.5M

GCP = Grand Canyon National Park

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES

ROCKING CHAIR RANCH, Texas Forest Service. This wind-driven fire is in open grassland, four miles west of Childress, TX.

WEATHERLY, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in open grassland, 75 miles northeast of Lubbock, TX. The fire made significant runs due to the high winds.

FERREL, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in open grassland, 75 miles northeast of Lubbock, TX. The fire made significant runs due to the high winds. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

HULVER, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in open grassland, 75 miles northeast of Lubbock, TX. The fire made significant runs due to the high winds.

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ROCKING CHAIR RANCH	TX	TXS	2,000	60	10/2	48	0	7	0	0	NR
WEATHERLY	TX	TXS	1,500	95	10/1	16	0	3	0	0	NR
FERREL	TX	TXS	1,000	95	10/1	12	0	3	0	0	NR
HULVER	TX	TXS	500	95	10/1	5	0	2	0	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure over the interior west will give way to a low pressure system that will be tracking into the Great Basin today into Friday. The low will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms primarily across the western Great Basin. In California, temperatures will be returning to normal as the low pulls onshore. In the Florida Panhandle, dry northeast flow will produce low relative humidity along with breezy conditions.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> A few afternoon cumulus over the higher terrain along and east of the Cascade-Sierra crest, with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly sunny with low clouds and fog near the coast.	60s and 70s near the coast and higher terrain, and 80s inland valleys.	12 to 22% east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.	South to southwest 5 to 10 mph with a few higher gusts most areas. Over the higher elevations and east of the Sierra Cascade crest Southwest 7 to 15 mph with gusts 25 to 35 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Morning low clouds and fog coastal basins, otherwise sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 80s valleys. 85 to 90 upper desert. 97 to 103 low desert.	10 to 20% desert. 15 to 30% mountains. 30 to 45% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Southwest to west 10 to 20 mph except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny with above normal temperatures. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny with above normal temperatures.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 58 to 71 mountains, 71 to 85 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 65 to 78 mountains, 78 to 97 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 11 to 25% valleys, 15 to 30% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 10 to 23%	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Upslope and light. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope and light.



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

### **MANAGING VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN SMOKE**

Smoke has the potential to cause safety hazards to vehicle traffic in the vicinity of active fires (both wildfires and prescribed), especially at night. The following traffic-related items should be considered and addressed in local unit planning documents prior to an incident/project.

- Identification, location, and phone numbers of local units that have law enforcement and traffic control responsibilities in the smoke-impacted areas. Review any local agreements with these agencies presently in place.
- Identification of important, public roads that may be impacted by smoke
- Identification of adequate equipment and trained personnel to control traffic. This may include warning signs, communications equipment (preferably not using the active fire frequency) and vehicles equipped with warning or flashing lights.
- Identification and phone numbers of radio and television stations that can issue traffic advisories for the smoke-impacted area
- Identification of alternative traffic routes as part of the incident/project traffic plan
- Identification of traffic routes subject to temperature inversions as well as contributory factors such as fog and ice
- When potential smoke-related problems are identified:
  - Advise the Incident Commander, Burn Boss, or Agency Administrator that severe smoke exists.
  - Notify local law enforcement units and highway departments of a potential problem.
  - Implement preplanned actions such as posting smoke warning signs.
  - Ensure that proper equipment is ready and appropriate personnel are briefed on contingency plans and are available to control traffic.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs	1		0	1	5		7
	ACRES	0		65	0	5		70
Northern California	FIREs				11	1		12
	ACRES				256	0		256
Southern California	FIREs			0	9	1		10
	ACRES			20	1	0		21
Northern Rockies	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0			1	0		1
	ACRES	140			5	8		153
Western Great Basin	FIREs	1						1
	ACRES	65						65
Southwest	FIREs					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1						1
	ACRES	300						300
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs				48			48
	ACRES				5,207			5,207
TOTAL	FIREs	1	2	0	0	71	10	84
	ACRES	300	205	0	85	5,469	13	6,072

**FIREs AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	392	14	452
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,123	3,712	247,595	2	574,723
Northwest	FIRES	297	243	11	55	1,784	1,218	3,608
	ACRES	24,028	17,877	12	3,262	49,399	292,971	387,549
Northern California	FIRES	145	70	15	17	2,704	1,202	4,153
	ACRES	232	11,583	603	6,562	72,522	31,677	123,179
Southern California	FIRES	64	134	10	76	2,591	855	3,730
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	611	36,181	7,345	48,284
Northern Rockies	FIRES	991	61	33	85	962	1,501	3,633
	ACRES	77,630	107,435	23,265	166,669	169,355	364,110	908,464
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	818	7	46	663	956	2,548
	ACRES	19,423	131,834	1,244	2,634	53,708	141,089	349,932
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	433	1	11	116	168	736
	ACRES	1	11,247	79	6	1,976	3,287	16,596
Southwest	FIRES	836	188	5	66	884	2,080	4,059
	ACRES	35,650	5,893	284	3,553	16,173	203,138	264,691
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	183	776	39	47	967	703	2,715
	ACRES	17,714	16,918	1,963	783	17,003	53,134	107,515
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,881	488	11,378
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,358	5,583	175,725
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,843	337	12,385
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	190,107	8,841	233,581
TOTAL	FIRES	3,637	2,737	254	460	32,787	9,522	49,397
	ACRES	249,479	345,991	329,953	189,262	964,377	1,111,177	3,190,239

Ten Year Average Fires	69,222
Ten Year Average Acres	3,955,472

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	0	1					1
	ACRES	1,500	40					1,540
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES							1,237
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						46	46
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					0	1
	ACRES	55					10	65
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES							2,248
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	8	10
	ACRES	0	1,555	40	0	0	3,541	5,136

**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	28	99	24	3		218	372
	ACRES	5,351	24,325	5,835	123		30,809	66,443
Northern California	FIREs	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,216	2,193		10,562	34,269
Southern California	FIREs		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIREs	12	9	73	4	23	336	457
	ACRES	502	3,808	11,084	760	1,750	16,677	34,581
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	30	4		12	35	82
	ACRES	18	30,735	400		2,115	12,874	46,142
Western Great Basin	FIREs		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		520		2,084		230	2,834
Southwest	FIREs	14	35	19	8	3	269	348
	ACRES	3,653	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	47,856	125,223
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	29	27	100	9	11	88	264
	ACRES	1,732	20,349	13,819	9,592	190	9,297	54,979
Eastern Area	FIREs	23		315	16	502	205	1,061
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,990	26,971	177,015
Southern Area	FIREs	53		270	72	14,130	1,225	15,750
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,793	779,616	936,270	1,914,903
TOTAL	FIREs	162	215	921	138	14,687	2,674	18,797
	ACRES	41,228	106,977	244,862	111,026	866,228	1,105,221	2,475,542

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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					3	3	
	ACRES					251	251	
Northern California	FIREs					4	4	
	ACRES					1	1	
Southern California	FIREs	2		52		55	109	
	ACRES	0		7,917		15,178	23,095	
Northern Rockies	FIREs			3		74	77	
	ACRES			602		55,882	56,484	
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs			6		30	36	
	ACRES			435		15,352	15,787	
Western Great Basin	FIREs		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIREs			8		19	27	
	ACRES			3,555		159,608	163,163	
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		26		2		3	31
	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	2	32	1	81	0	188	304
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	15,224	0	248,141	307,813

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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	82	8	24	35	14	12			299	173
Northern California	32	76	39	144	6	19			66	347
Southern California	31	7	28	3	24	6	1		207	28
Northern Rockies			2	2						
Eastern Great Basin	12	9	28	11	4	3			80	38
Western Great Basin			1	4	1					1
Southwest	2		6		1	5			86	4
Rocky Mountain	1	1	17		1				20	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	11			3	15				228	152
Total	171	102	151	211	50	45	1	0	986	743

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