

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2003 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 54 new fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Andring) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy downed fuels, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Continued warm and dry weather has kept fire activity higher. Most of the activity has been in the McGee Creek and Driveway Butte areas.

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. Fire behavior was similar to yesterday with individual tree torching and continued consumption of jackpots of fuel. 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. The fire continued to back towards the Loomis State Forest.

GRIFF, Olympic National Park. This fire is in timber, nine miles south of Port Angeles, WA. Very little fire activity and no increase in size were reported.

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. The uncontained portion of the complex is due to areas of difficult access. Minimal fire behavior with some isolated torching was observed.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Low to moderate fire behavior was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|--------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| NEEDLE | WA | OWF | 20,391 | 56 | 10/15 | 319 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 10.4M |
| CRYSTAL CREEK | WA | OWF | 1,125 | 35 | UNK | 163 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 1.8M |
| ISABEL | WA | OWF | 3,600 | 30 | UNK | 476 | 12 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 6.1M |
| GRIFF | WA | OLP | 600 | 0 | UNK | 36 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 406K |
| B&B COMPLEX | OR | DEF | 90,769 | 98 | 10/8 | 88 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 13 | 41M |
| MAPLE | WA | OWF | 2,500 | 40 | 12/15 | 67 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2.1M |

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES

BERG 3, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer, four miles east of Riggins, ID. Active surface fire with rollouts causing short uphill runs was observed.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| BERG 3 | ID | NPF | 1,200 | 30 | 10/8 | 320 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 150K |

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 2 Incident Command Team (Moranda) is assigned. These fires are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash, 18 miles northwest of Garberville, CA. Backing surface fire on the flanks was observed.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|------------------|----|------|--------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| CANOE / HONEYDEW | CA | HUU | 22,114 | 97 | 10/6 | 685 | 21 | 30 | 6 | 0 | 29.6M |
| SPANISH | CA | MNF | 6,050 | 100 | --- | 605 | 13 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 5.3M |

MNF = Mendocino National Forest

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------------------|----|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX - WFU | CA | KNP | 9,896 | N/A | N/A | 91 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2M |

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

POPLAR COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. This complex is in timber with heavy dead and downed fuels, on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. No new information was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|----------------|----|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| POPLAR COMPLEX | AZ | GCP | 8,281 | 10 | 12/1 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.9M |

OUTLOOK:

Discussion: A cold front will enter the Pacific Northwest today. The front will bring rain to the Washington Coast today, eventually spreading over the Washington Cascades and the northern Oregon Cascades overnight. Moisture and instability may also lead to some thunderstorm activity across southern Arizona as well.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|--|---|---|--|
| NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Night and morning coastal fog and low clouds. Otherwise clear with a few mid and high clouds. | 60s and 70s near the coast and over higher inland terrain, with mostly 80s in the warmer inland valleys | Driest inland areas 14 to 24%. | Southwest to west 3 to 8 mph gusts 12 to 18 mph over the ridges. |
| WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly cloudy most of the state, with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the northeast. | 70s to near 80 northern valleys, 80s in the far south, 60s and 70s mountains. | 15 to 25% valleys, 20 to 35% mountains. | Southeast to southwest at 5 to 10 mph or upslope/upvalley. |



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 | 1 | | | | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| | ACRES | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 4 | 5,791 | 5,795 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | 0 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | | | 30 | 0 | 1 | 31 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | 75 | | | | | | 75 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 3 | | 3 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 20 | 54 |
| | ACRES | 75 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 10 | 5,793 | 5,909 |

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 | 299 | 246 | 11 | 55 | 1,795 | 1,246 | 3,652 |
| | ACRES | 24,028 | 17,882 | 12 | 3,688 | 49,673 | 294,193 | 389,476 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 150 | 71 | 15 | 17 | 2,759 | 1,226 | 4,238 |
| | ACRES | 233 | 11,583 | 603 | 6,562 | 72,735 | 37,722 | 129,438 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 65 | 135 | 10 | 76 | 2,634 | 863 | 3,783 |
| | ACRES | 854 | 2,933 | 360 | 722 | 36,300 | 7,497 | 48,666 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 997 | 71 | 34 | 85 | 968 | 1,506 | 3,661 |
| | ACRES | 77,885 | 69,435 | 23,280 | 166,669 | 169,362 | 359,778 | 866,409 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 58 | 835 | 7 | 46 | 870 | 990 | 2,806 |
| | ACRES | 19,423 | 130,865 | 1,244 | 2,634 | 54,180 | 141,106 | 349,452 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 7 | 451 | 1 | 11 | 118 | 170 | 758 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 11,394 | 79 | 6 | 1,976 | 3,287 | 16,743 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 850 | 188 | 5 | 69 | 889 | 2,100 | 4,101 |
| | ACRES | 35,658 | 5,893 | 284 | 11,834 | 16,185 | 203,140 | 272,994 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 184 | 777 | 39 | 48 | 968 | 706 | 2,722 |
| | ACRES | 17,714 | 16,918 | 1,963 | 783 | 17,004 | 53,134 | 107,516 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 908 | | 66 | 35 | 9,903 | 490 | 11,402 |
| | ACRES | 52,188 | | 6,890 | 706 | 110,665 | 5,594 | 176,043 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 147 | | 46 | 12 | 12,023 | 340 | 12,568 |
| | ACRES | 21,739 | | 12,130 | 764 | 192,864 | 8,857 | 236,354 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 3,666 | 2,788 | 255 | 464 | 33,319 | 9,651 | 50,143 |
| | ACRES | 249,743 | 307,174 | 329,968 | 198,080 | 968,539 | 1,114,310 | 3,167,814 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 70,143 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 3,987,545 |

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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 |
| | 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 | | 1,250 | | | | | 1,250 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 10 | 10 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 1,500 | | | | | 1,500 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 2,750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2,760 |

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 | | 220 | 374 |
| | ACRES | 5,351 | 25,350 | 5,835 | 123 | | 31,678 | 68,337 |
| 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 | 79 | 4 | 23 | 371 | 498 |
| | ACRES | 502 | 3,808 | 11,688 | 760 | 1,750 | 19,032 | 37,540 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 31 | 5 | | 12 | 35 | 84 |
| | ACRES | 18 | 32,277 | 406 | | 2,305 | 12,888 | 47,894 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 7 | | 3 | | 1 | 11 |
| | ACRES | | 820 | | 2,084 | | 230 | 3,134 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 16 | 35 | 19 | 8 | 3 | 285 | 366 |
| | ACRES | 3,705 | 26,946 | 39,373 | 7,383 | 12 | 51,832 | 129,251 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 29 | 31 | 100 | 9 | 11 | 97 | 277 |
| | ACRES | 1,732 | 24,349 | 13,819 | 9,592 | 220 | 15,949 | 65,661 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 23 | | 315 | 16 | 502 | 207 | 1,063 |
| | ACRES | 10,562 | | 56,669 | 1,823 | 80,990 | 26,976 | 177,020 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 53 | | 273 | 72 | 16,007 | 1,241 | 17,646 |
| | ACRES | 19,379 | | 96,239 | 83,793 | 827,577 | 940,088 | 1,967,076 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 164 | 221 | 931 | 138 | 16,564 | 2,754 | 20,772 |
| | ACRES | 41,280 | 113,844 | 245,866 | 111,026 | 914,409 | 1,122,910 | 2,549,335 |

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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 | | | 8,059 | | 16,240 | 24,299 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | 3 | | 74 | 77 |
| | ACRES | | | | 602 | | 55,901 | 56,503 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | 6 | | 31 | 37 |
| | ACRES | | | | 435 | | 15,433 | 15,868 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 6 | | | | | 6 |
| | ACRES | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | 10 | | 19 | 29 |
| | 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 | 83 | 0 | 189 | 307 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 1,648 | 42,800 | 15,366 | 0 | 249,303 | 309,117 |

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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 | 26 | 11 | 17 | 35 | 8 | 36 | | | 314 | 193 |
| Northern California | 9 | 30 | 36 | 32 | 3 | 6 | | | 104 | 189 |
| Southern California | 20 | | 5 | | 10 | 3 | | | 48 | 6 |
| Northern Rockies | 6 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | | | 40 | 9 |
| Eastern Great Basin | 3 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 2 | | | 4 | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rocky Mountain | | | 9 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Eastern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 64 | 48 | 81 | 72 | 31 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 510 | 397 |

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