

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2003 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally 37 new fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming.

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

NEEDLES, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from Andring's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is in timber and heavy downed fuels, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The burning out of the interior occurred.

CRYSTAL CREEK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in mixed conifer with dead and downed fuels, six miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Creeping and smoldering was observed.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from Anderson's Type 1 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is in timber, seven miles west of Conconully, WA. Creeping and smoldering was 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 activity occurred.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLES	WA	OWF	21,300	94	10/15	89	2	2	2	1	11.3M
CRYSTAL CREEK	WA	OWF	1,584	80	UNK	84	1	0	4	0	2.5M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	4,535	95	10/11	304	5	12	2	0	7.8M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	98	10/17	59	1	10	1	13	41.2M

**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. Low surface fire was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BERG 3	ID	NPF	2,102	75	10/12	401	13	8	2	0	1.1M

**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	10,180	N/A	N/A	107	1	2	3	0	2.2M

KNP = Sequoia &amp; Kings Canyon National Park

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

ROTHSAY, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in grass four miles northwest of Rothsay, MN. 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
ROTHSAY	MN	MNS	2,500	30	UNK	0	0	0	0	1	NR

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RABBIT CREEK	WY	PLX	1,663	100	--	73	2	10	0	0	NR

PLX = Platte County, Wyoming

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** With unstable air over the Pacific Northwest, low elevation rain showers and high elevation snow showers will occur today mainly in the Washington Cascades. It will continue to be breezy today in Montana and northern Wyoming behind a cold front. South of the front in northern and central California, dry offshore wind in the Northern Sacramento Valley and into the Bay Area will persist this morning. In southern Arizona and New Mexico, moisture from the tropics will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms. Northern Minnesota will also have a chance of showers today as a cold front pushes through the region.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Rain west side decreasing to showers by afternoon. Scattered showers on the east side, mainly over the higher terrain.	Highs mostly in the 50s north, and to the 60s in the south. 40s over the higher terrain.	Generally above 50 to 70% in western Oregon and western Washington. 30 to 55% east side, except as low as 15 to 20% in southeast Oregon.	Winds becoming southwest to west 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Stronger gusts over the higher terrain of the Cascades and on the east side.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Morning low clouds and fog over lower coastal valleys of Southern California. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 78 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90 to 95 upper desert. 98 to 102 low desert.	12 to 25% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph, except west to northwest 5 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Partly to mostly cloudy in the far north, with a 20% chance of showers in the far northwest. Partly cloudy to mostly sunny elsewhere.	50s to 60s near the coast and higher elevations, and in the mid 60s to upper 70s in the inland valleys.	60% or more near the coast, 35 to 50% at the higher elevations, 25 to 35% in the inland valleys, and 18 to 28% east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.	West to northwest at 7 to 15 mph, with gusts 25 to 35 mph over the coastal areas and high elevations. Southwest to northwest at 5 to 12 mph with gusts to 25 mph in inland valleys.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny skies with a few morning clouds in the far south.	Upper 50s to near 70 north, 80s to low 90s south, 50s & 60s higher elevations.	12 to 22% valleys, 15 to 25% at the higher elevations.	Northeast to Northwest at 10 to 25 mph in the north and northeast. 5 to 15 mph across the rest of the state.



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## ***UNFAMILIAR WITH WEATHER AND LOCAL FACTORS INFLUENCING FIRE BEHAVIOR***

- Can you ask questions of local experts? What kinds of questions would you ask?
- Does the operational period plan give you adequate weather and information? What kinds of weather forecasts can you get? What other weather or local information do you look for in the shift plan?
- Can you get information from resources that have been on the fire? What questions will you ask of the crew that you are replacing?
- Is there any other way to obtain information? List common sources of information on weather and local factors.
- To reduce risks:
  - Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior.
  - Post lookouts.
  - Establish escape routes and safety zones.
  - Take extra caution! Discuss a fire where you relied on information from the local unit (perhaps where your fire knowledge and experience was very different from how they did things—Southeast or Alaska).

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES				15	2		17
	ACRES				5	1		6
Southern California	FIRES			0	4	1		5
	ACRES			37	6	0		43
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			1	2	1		4
	ACRES			20	1	0		21
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					4		4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					35		35
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				2		3
	ACRES	1				5		6
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				2			2
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	1	27	8	37
	ACRES	1	0	0	57	19	40	117

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	2	15	21	11	401	14	464
	ACRES	23	40,821	283,123	3,827	247,654	2	575,450
Northwest	FIREs	300	247	11	50	1,831	1,261	3,700
	ACRES	24,276	17,882	12	1,170	49,826	294,162	387,328
Northern California	FIREs	151	71	15	17	2,830	1,235	4,319
	ACRES	233	11,583	603	6,562	80,454	38,416	137,851
Southern California	FIREs	65	136	10	76	2,658	873	3,818
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	876	36,332	7,504	48,859
Northern Rockies	FIREs	1,004	71	34	85	978	1,511	3,683
	ACRES	77,966	69,435	23,280	166,669	169,387	363,214	869,951
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	58	835	7	47	876	999	2,822
	ACRES	19,423	130,865	1,244	2,654	54,183	141,108	349,477
Western Great Basin	FIREs	7	451	1	11	121	172	763
	ACRES	1	11,394	79	6	1,977	3,288	16,745
Southwest	FIREs	850	192	5	69	890	2,111	4,117
	ACRES	35,658	5,897	284	11,834	16,193	203,145	273,011
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	184	778	39	48	971	709	2,729
	ACRES	17,714	16,918	1,963	783	18,005	53,169	108,552
Eastern Area	FIREs	909		66	35	9,919	490	11,419
	ACRES	52,189		6,890	706	110,760	5,594	176,139
Southern Area	FIREs	150		46	12	12,118	348	12,674
	ACRES	21,782		12,130	764	192,999	8,890	236,565
TOTAL	FIREs	3,680	2,796	255	461	33,593	9,723	50,508
	ACRES	250,119	307,728	329,968	195,851	977,770	1,118,492	3,179,928

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>70,895</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,017,098</b>

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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					2		2
	ACRES						945	945
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						550	550
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						80	80
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	0	2
	ACRES		627			400	1,020	2,047
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	4	6
	ACRES	0	627	0	0	400	2,595	3,622

**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		228	382
	ACRES	5,351	25,350	5,835	123		33,699	70,358
Northern California	FIREs	2	7	112	16		128	265
	ACRES	31	267	21,284	2,193		10,566	34,341
Southern California	FIREs		2	4	8		170	184
	ACRES		27	621	3,307		13,675	17,630
Northern Rockies	FIREs	12	10	79	4	23	371	499
	ACRES	502	6,972	11,688	760	1,750	25,989	47,661
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	32	7		12	44	96
	ACRES	18	33,277	409		2,305	16,558	52,567
Western Great Basin	FIREs		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIREs	20	35	19	8	3	317	402
	ACRES	3,942	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	54,455	132,111
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	29	33	101	9	14	215	401
	ACRES	1,732	24,779	13,820	9,592	700	17,799	68,422
Eastern Area	FIREs	23		315	16	505	223	1,082
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	84,365	27,446	180,865
Southern Area	FIREs	53		273	102	16,007	1,241	17,676
	ACRES	19,379		96,239	83,798	827,577	940,088	1,967,081
TOTAL	FIREs	168	225	934	169	16,570	2,938	21,004
	ACRES	41,517	118,738	245,938	111,063	918,264	1,140,505	2,576,025

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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						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIREs	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			8,243		18,736	26,979
Northern Rockies	FIREs				3		74	77
	ACRES				602		55,965	56,567
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	92	0	189	316
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	19,094	0	251,863	315,405

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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	9	7	10	19	9	6			239	65
Northern California	3	12	10	3		1				43
Southern California	11		9		5	4			59	11
Northern Rockies	6	7	4	4	2				44	50
Eastern Great Basin			1		1					
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1	4	7	21		1			3	12
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	30	30	41	47	17	12	0	0	345	181

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