

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in Southern California and light elsewhere. Nationally, 450 new fires were reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern California Area and Eastern Areas. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and the Southern Areas and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROBLAR 2, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. A Unified Command between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Domanski) and the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Clayton) is in place. This fire is in chaparral, six miles west of Fallbrook, CA. Strong winds caused upslope and upcanyon runs, and extreme fire behavior was observed on the north and northeast flanks. A voluntary evacuation notice has been issued for the community of De Luz.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Torching and spotting occurred within the perimeter; extreme fire behavior was observed at the front and on ridgetops.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clara, CA. Moderate fire behavior with occasional upslope and fuel driven runs were observed.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire, previously reported as part of the Kaweah-Kern Complex, is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Higher humidity moderated fire behavior. Spotting from roll-out along ridge tops and in drainages continued.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRG LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROBLAR 2	CA	MCP	3,885	35	UNK	1,210	32	101	7	0	1.8M
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	3,500	17	10/30	1,096	39	61	11	0	1.2M
PIRU	CA	LPF	1,000	0	UNK	NR	12	14	3	0	NR
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,230	90	11/15	103	3	0	2	0	1.3M
ALBANITA/HOOKER-WFU	CA	SQF	2,772	N/A	N/A	43	1	1	1	0	70K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX WFU	CA	KNP	11,317	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	756K
PASS	CA	RRU	2,857	100	---	211	9	15	1	26	1.7M

RRU = Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

RED LAKE 612, Red Lake Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in pine and hardwoods, four miles northeast of Ponemah, MN. A backing fire through pine stands was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED LAKE 612	MN	RLA	210	70	10/24	15	0	4	1	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TWENTY FOUR, Standing Rock Reservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in tall grass and sage brush, six miles southwest of Fort Yates, ND. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TWENTY FOUR	ND	SRA	2,500	80	UNK	76	0	28	0	0	40K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TABOR FIRE	TX	TXS	116	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HILL CITY BLUES 2	ID	SIX	1,655	100	---	135	3	18	1	0	NR
BEE	ID	IFD	1,150	100	---	22	0	3	0	0	NR

SIX = Southern Idaho Dispatch, Private

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: In northern Monterey, San Benito and San Joaquin Valley, and a Fire Weather Watch in southern California mountains and below canyons and passes for northeast winds and low humidity.

Fire Weather Watches/ Red Flag Warnings: A fire weather watch for western Klamath National Forest for Friday and Saturday nights – windy on ridges with poor relative humidity recovery. A red flag warning in southern Humboldt county, Mendocino National Forest and Mendocino CDF Unit, the greater San Francisco Bay area and the Sacramento valley and surrounding foothills and slopes tonight through Saturday for low humidity and windy conditions.

Red Flag Warning: For downslope winds and low humidity over portions of Utah.

Weather Discussion: High pressure rebuilding over the West will produce Santa Ana winds in southern California and strong north to east winds in northern California. Windy conditions will also be found over portions of Utah, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas. The cold front which moved across the west Thursday will be tracking across the central states today.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 85 to 95 upper desert. 95 to 105 low desert.	5 to 15% desert. 5 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% valleys. 15 to 30% coast.	Northeast 5 to 15 mph, locally 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts below and through canyons and passes.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear skies, with locally gusty north to northeast winds.	65 to 75 in higher mountain areas, otherwise 70 to 90, warmest in the Sacramento Valley.	10 to 15% inland and 28 to 50% near the coast.	North to northeast 8 to 20 mph, with gusts 27 to 35 mph in upper Sacramento drainage, eastern Mendocino NF ridges, and locally on south Cascade/ northern Sierra west slopes during the morning.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy and cool with light northwest winds. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny, breezy to windy, and cooler.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 40 to 53 mountains, 53 to 66 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 50 to 67 mountains, 67 to 83 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 9 to 25% valleys, 12 to 35% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 4 to 15% valleys, 8 to 24% mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest or upslope 5 to 15 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: North 10 to 20 mph with local downslope winds 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny. A few clouds lingering across the northeast.	60s to 70s north 70s to 80s south 50s Mountains	15 to 25% North 5 to 15% South	Upslope/upvalley in the morning becoming east-northeast at 5 to 15 mph.



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POWER LINE SAFETY

Operating near or under power lines poses unique hazards, and the following precautions should be followed to reduce potential equipment damage or injury:

- If possible, the power company should deactivate lines in the fire area.
- Don't operate heavy equipment under power lines.
- Don't use right-of-ways as a jump or cargo drop spot.
- Don't drive with long antennas under power lines.
- Don't stand near power lines during retardant drops.
- Don't park under power lines. The magnetic field around energized power lines can induce an electrical charge in ungrounded vehicles or equipment. This charge can shock anyone who touches the vehicle.
- Don't apply straight stream to power lines.
- All personnel should be cautioned that smoke may become charged and conduct the electrical current. Deactivated transmission and distribution lines may continue to pose a hazard due to induction.
- If power lines fall on your vehicle, DON'T leave the vehicle until the power company arrives. If the vehicle is on fire or fire is near, jump clear, don't hang on, keep feet together, and bunny hop away.

FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		1	4		2		7
	ACRES		220	4		40		264
Northern California	FIREs				9	2		11
	ACRES				1	0		1
Southern California	FIREs				13	2		15
	ACRES				4	1,003		1,007
Northern Rockies	FIREs				3	5		8
	ACRES				10	10		20
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1		3	4		8
	ACRES		300		2,150	520		2,970
Western Great Basin	FIREs	1			1	1		3
	ACRES	1			5	0		6
Southwest	FIREs				6			6
	ACRES				4			4
Rocky Mountain	FIREs				3	2		5
	ACRES				1	0		1
Eastern Area	FIREs	6			31	2		39
	ACRES	5			111	37		153
Southern Area	FIREs	1			346	1		348
	ACRES	5			472	9		486
TOTAL	FIREs	8	2	4	0	417	19	450
	ACRES	11	520	4	0	2,798	1,579	4,912

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	304	249	15	50	1,883	1,271	3,772
	ACRES	24,276	17,921	16	1,170	50,523	294,165	388,071
Northern California	FIRES	162	72	17	19	2,969	1,245	4,484
	ACRES	242	12,633	603	6,562	81,058	38,433	139,531
Southern California	FIRES	68	137	10	76	2,821	833	3,945
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,693	38,075	10,279	54,996
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,011	71	34	86	987	1,525	3,714
	ACRES	78,041	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,436	365,943	872,814
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	841	7	46	893	1,053	2,899
	ACRES	19,424	131,441	1,244	2,733	56,888	141,690	353,420
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	454	1	11	122	176	773
	ACRES	2	11,408	79	6	1,982	3,288	16,765
Southwest	FIRES	898	192	5	69	898	2,126	4,188
	ACRES	35,695	5,897	284	11,834	16,207	203,158	273,075
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	797	40	48	4,212	748	6,030
	ACRES	20,214	17,319	1,964	783	70,778	58,359	169,417
Eastern Area	FIRES	955		67	37	10,314	509	11,882
	ACRES	52,567		6,890	708	115,776	5,750	181,691
Southern Area	FIRES	155		46	13	12,705	356	13,275
	ACRES	21,871		12,130	783	194,276	8,978	238,038
TOTAL	FIRES	3,808	2,828	263	466	38,205	9,856	55,426
	ACRES	254,011	309,808	329,973	196,778	1,042,653	1,130,045	3,263,268

Ten Year Average Fires	74,163
Ten Year Average Acres	4,328,637

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	11			10		21
	ACRES	290	617			418		1,325
Northern California	FIRES		0			1		1
	ACRES		30			35		65
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					744		744
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1				2		3
	ACRES	16				1,575		1,591
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1		0		1		2
	ACRES	40		300		605		945
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					42		42
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		5		3	1	10
	ACRES	30		3,369		147	96	3,642
Southern Area	FIRES				1		6	7
	ACRES				600		856	1,456
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	16	1	3	25	48
	ACRES	30	346	4,016	900	147	4,371	9,810

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	104	34	3		296	465
	ACRES	5,351	26,120	6,432	123		40,492	78,518
Northern California	FIREs	2	7	112	19		136	276
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		10,953	35,528
Southern California	FIREs		2	5	9		170	186
	ACRES		27	698	3,335		13,675	17,735
Northern Rockies	FIREs	12	10	96	4	42	407	571
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,441	29,050	55,050
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	34	7		14	53	109
	ACRES	18	33,772	409		2,358	20,412	56,969
Western Great Basin	FIREs		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIREs	23	36	19	9	3	338	428
	ACRES	4,148	26,986	39,373	7,883	12	58,027	136,429
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	34	101	9	18	221	413
	ACRES	1,777	27,349	13,820	9,592	1,715	20,697	74,950
Eastern Area	FIREs	25		347	16	517	225	1,130
	ACRES	10,610		72,640	1,823	84,797	27,652	197,522
Southern Area	FIREs	53		275	105	16,007	1,264	17,704
	ACRES	19,379		96,341	85,021	827,577	946,669	1,974,987
TOTAL	FIREs	174	234	996	177	16,607	3,111	21,299
	ACRES	41,816	122,613	266,802	113,134	920,455	1,167,857	2,632,677

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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			8,901		23,288	32,189
Northern Rockies	FIREs	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,465	15,913
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	10	32	1	93	0	192	328
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	19,765	0	257,337	321,592

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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			21			1			46	
Northern California			1							
Southern California	32	74	111	111	22	10	1		217	194
Northern Rockies	2		3						5	
Eastern Great Basin	1	3	40		1	2			38	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			4		3					
Southern Area										
Total	35	77	180	111	26	13	1	0	306	194

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