

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in Southern California Area and Northern California Area, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 167 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, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Oregon, Montana, North Dakota and Utah.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

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, and extreme fire behavior was observed at the fire front and on ridgetops.

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. Fire behavior was extreme in the interior and light along current containment lines. A voluntary evacuation notice has been issued for the community of De Luz.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clara, CA. Active fire behavior with spotting on the north and west flanks was observed.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire, is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Fire activity continues in well developed thermal belts, and roll-out along ridge tops and in drainages has caused interior surface fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	12,600	19	10/30	2,167	45	220	15	6	3M
ROBLAR 2	CA	MCP	4,680	50	UNK	1,304	38	92	6	0	3.2M
PIRU	CA	LPF	1,250	30	UNK	821	25	47	6	0	NR
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,230	90	11/15	99	3	0	2	0	1.3M
ALBANITA/HOOKER - WFU	CA	SQF	3,240	N/A	N/A	43	1	1	1	0	100K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX WFU	CA	KNP	11,317	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	756K

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. No new information 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	UNK	15	0	4	1	0	NR

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TWENTY FOUR	ND	SRA	1,425	100	---	9	0	3	0	0	80K

SRA = Standing Rock Reservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs

## OUTLOOK:

**RED FLAG WARNING:** For much of northern California west of the Sierra/Cascade crest through Sunday morning for low humidity and moderate easterly winds.

**RED FLAG WARNING:** For strong downslope winds and low humidity over the southwest corner of Utah.

**Weather Discussion:** Santa Ana winds will continue over southern California as high pressure builds over the West. Strong north to east winds will extend from Oregon to southern California, with windy conditions continuing over portions of Utah and Colorado. Elsewhere, a cold front will extend from the Great Lakes southward into Texas.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny and cool with light north winds. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny, breezy to windy, and cooler.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 40 to 51 mountains, 51 to 62 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 47 to 63 mountains, 63 to 79 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 10 to 24% valleys, 12 to 31% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 4 to 15% valleys, 8 to 24% mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: North or upslope 5 to 15 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: North 10 to 20 mph with local downslope winds 20 to 35 mph in southern Utah.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear skies, with locally gusty easterly winds	Mostly 70s and 80s with some lower 90s in the warmest valleys and some mid and upper 60s in higher mountain areas.	8 to 18% inland and 24 to 40% near the coast.	Easterly 8 to 18 mph with areas of gusts 25 to 35 mph in the morning, moderating to mostly 5 to 15 mph with gusts to around 20 mph in the afternoon.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	60s to 70s north 70s to 80s south 50s Mountains	15 to 20% North 5 to 15% South 15 to 25% Mountains	Upslope/upvalley in the morning becoming east-northeast at 5 to 15 mph.



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

## ***PROPER USE OF TRIGGER POINTS***

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits ("trigger points") ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
  - RH
  - Winds
  - Fire Behavior
  - Topographical boundaries
  - Time constraints/Time of day
  - Time/distance to safety zones
  - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
  - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
  - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
  - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
  - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
  - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
  - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
  - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
  - Account for all your people
  - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

# 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	3				15		18
	ACRES	1				29		30
Southern California	FIRES		1			8	6	15
	ACRES		0			0	275	275
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					10	120	130
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	4	5
	ACRES					1	50	51
Eastern Area	FIRES	5				3	1	9
	ACRES	291				1	1	293
Southern Area	FIRES					114	1	115
	ACRES					441	25	466
TOTAL	FIRES	8	1	0	0	142	16	167
	ACRES	292	0	0	0	482	471	1,245

**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	250	15	50	1,883	1,287	3,789
	ACRES	24,276	18,153	16	1,170	50,523	331,454	425,592
Northern California	FIRES	165	72	17	19	2,984	1,245	4,502
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,562	81,087	38,433	139,561
Southern California	FIRES	68	138	10	76	2,829	838	3,959
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,693	38,075	10,554	55,271
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,032	71	34	86	991	1,527	3,741
	ACRES	79,164	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,439	365,943	873,940
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	841	7	46	894	1,056	2,903
	ACRES	19,424	131,441	1,244	2,733	56,898	141,810	353,550
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	4,213	752	6,035
	ACRES	20,214	17,319	1,964	783	70,779	58,409	169,468
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		67	37	10,348	511	11,925
	ACRES	53,155		6,890	708	115,888	5,786	182,427
Southern Area	FIRES	155		46	13	12,490	357	13,061
	ACRES	21,871		12,130	783	194,772	9,003	238,559
TOTAL	FIRES	3,839	2,830	263	466	38,053	9,889	55,340
	ACRES	255,723	310,040	329,973	196,778	1,043,304	1,167,840	3,303,658

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>74,264</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,328,435</b>

\*\*\*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	2	0				11	13
	ACRES	75	1,500				832	2,407
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				300			300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	25					3,420	3,445
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	0	0	0	14	17
	ACRES	100	1,500	0	300	0	4,282	6,182

**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	30	104	34	3		311	482
	ACRES	5,426	27,620	6,432	123		41,647	81,248
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		137	277
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		10,983	35,558
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	410	574
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,441	29,430	55,430
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	339	429
	ACRES	4,148	26,986	39,373	8,183	12	58,127	136,829
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	26		352	16	520	225	1,139
	ACRES	10,640		76,009	1,823	84,944	27,652	201,068
Southern Area	FIRES	54		275	105	16,007	1,266	17,707
	ACRES	19,404		96,341	85,021	827,577	950,089	1,978,432
TOTAL	FIRES	178	234	1,001	177	16,610	3,133	21,333
	ACRES	41,946	124,113	270,171	113,434	920,602	1,172,942	2,643,208

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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			8,958		23,288	32,246
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,496	15,944
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	19,822	0	257,368	321,680

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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	2		29			1			46	
Northern California										
Southern California	46	81	99	271	23	14	1		276	259
Northern Rockies	2		2						5	
Eastern Great Basin			3		1	1				
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			3							
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	50	81	136	271	24	16	1	0	327	259

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