

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2003 – 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 93 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northern California Area. Five large fires were contained, one in the Rocky Mountain Area and two each in the Northern California and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Nevada, North Dakota and Utah.

On 10/29/03, a firefighter was fatally injured while working on the Cedar Fire. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the Old and Grand Prix fires.

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Mortier, Studebaker and Cable) and a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt). This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. Higher relative humidity and cooler temperatures moderated fire behavior. Structure protection is a priority.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Active backing fire with some torching and spotting was observed. The evacuation order for the Baldy Mesa and Oak Hills areas has been lifted. Mandatory evacuation orders remain in effect for Silverwood Lake and Summit Valley. Structure protection is a priority.

CEDAR, Cleveland National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) and a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins). This fire is in chaparral, ten miles east of Ramona, CA. Minimal fire activity was due to higher relative humidity and cooler temperatures. Threatened residences and commercial properties have been evacuated and structure protection is a priority.

PARADISE, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Snell) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, six miles northeast of Escondido, CA. Fire activity was limited to runs along ridge tops caused by strong, gusty winds and low fuel moistures. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences.

SIMI INCIDENT, Ventura County. A Unified Command between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Haines), Ventura County Fire Department (Sanchez), Los Angeles County (Osby) and the City of Los Angeles (West) is in place. This fire is in chaparral and grass, five miles north of Simi Valley, CA. Fire growth was limited to areas where burn out operations were conducted. Structure protection is a priority.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. A California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF) Type 1 Incident Command Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) has been ordered. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Fire acreage growth was due to a significant run on the northeast perimeter. Structure protection is a priority.

PADUA, Angeles National Forest. A transfer of command from Gelobter's Type 1 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is in chaparral, six miles north/northeast of Claremont, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed. All evacuation orders have been lifted. All road closures will remain in effect through today.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OLD	CA	BDF	95,395	15	UNK	2,940	46	469	14	860	5M
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	91,207	75	11/2	1,851	32	173	12	100	14.7M
CEDAR	CA	CNF	272,318	42	11/5	3,682	49	533	4	2,081	5.2M
PARADISE	CA	MVU	56,000	30	11/3	1,466	26	146	11	233	3.4M
SIMI INCIDENT	CA	VNC	107,240	60	11/4	1,518	21	221	7	173	5.9M
PIRU	CA	LPF	63,716	30	UNK	1,135	39	48	11	8	4.8M
PADUA	CA	ANF	10,466	95	11/2	70	2	1	1	0	1.2M
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,298	98	11/15	52	1	0	2	0	1.5M
ALBANITA/HOOKER – WFU	CA	SQF	4,333	N/A	N/A	40	1	2	0	0	150K

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SKI RUN, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, six miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM. Strong, gusty winds caused extreme fire activity and spotting. Voluntary evacuations of the Eagle Creek summer homes are in effect.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SKI RUN	NM	LNF	250	30	11/1	389	8	17	3	0	520K
ROSE - WFU	AZ	GCP	3,694	N/A	N/A	40	1	5	2	0	NR
DRY LAKE COMPLEX – WFU	NM	GNF	94,580	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	3.4M
TURNBO	NM	GNF	18,505	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1.2M

GNF = Gila National Forest GCP = Grand Canyon National Park

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHERRY CREEK 2, Uinta National Forest. This fire is in grass and brush, ten miles east/northeast of Springville, UT. Minimal fire activity and growth was due to precipitation over the fire area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHERRY CREEK 2	UT	UIF	5,900	90	10/31	323	12	14	6	0	684K
SWIFT CREEK – WFU	UT	ASF	321	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	NR

ASF = Ashley National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHEROKEE RANCH, Pike and San Isabel National Forest. This fire is in an urban interface area with ponderosa pine, oak and grass, two miles east of Kellytown, CO. Light snow fell over the fire area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHEROKEE RANCH	CO	PSF	1,200	80	10/31	103	2	11	0	3	229K
OVERLAND	CO	BLX	3,500	100	---	276	9	18	0	62	400K

BLX = Boulder County

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PHINNEYHILL, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and timber, eight miles west of Wynona, OK. Moderate fire activity with short runs and some torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PHINNEY HILL	OK	OSA	1,000	90	10/31	6	0	2	0	0	10K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WHITMORE	CA	SHU	1,004	100	---	1,166	31	72	0	0	2.3M
ORD	CA	BTU	200	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	7K

SHU = Shasta-Trinity Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF) BTU = Butte Unit (CDF)

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: An upper level trough of low pressure continues over the West with an upper high over the Southeast. Between these two systems, a cold front extends from the Great Lakes into Texas and the Southwest

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers moving from north to south. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet over central California and 6,000 feet over southern California.	55 to 65 coastal areas. 35 to 50 mountains. 55 to 65 valleys. 45 to 60 upper desert. 60 to 75 low desert.	40 to 60% desert. 60 to 80% mountains. 60 to 80% valleys. 60 to 80% coast.	Southwest 15 to 25 with higher gusts over the mountains and deserts, otherwise local southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to scattered showers, ending in the north in the morning and farther south around midday, and becoming mostly clear late. Snow level 3500 to 4500'.	30s to near 50 higher terrain, and upper 50s to upper 60s lower terrain inland, with 50s near the coast.	60% or more higher terrain and coastal areas, and 35 to 50% inland areas.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 10 mph lower terrain, and 6 to 12 with gusts to 17 to 20 mph higher terrain.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Areas of light snow or flurries.	Highs 25 to 45, except lower 60s portions of western Colorado.	25 to 35% over portions of southern Colorado, with 40% to 70% elsewhere.	Easterly 5 to 15 mph over the Colorado Front Range and northern Rocky Mountain Area, with a southwest flow 10 to 25 mph over west/southwest Colorado.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly to mostly cloudy and cold with light winds. A slight chance of snow showers in the mountains of Idaho, and snow showers likely over the Bridger-Teton. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly to mostly cloudy and locally breezy a chance of showers. The strong cold front will move through southern Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 35 mountains, 35 to 47 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 27 to 47 northern Utah, 45 to 65 southern Utah and the Arizona Strip.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 48% valleys, 25 to 65% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 18 to 40% southern Utah and the Arizona Strip, 25 to 50% northern Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest or upslope 5 to 10 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: North 5 to 15 mph over northern Utah. West to northwest 10 to 20 mph over southern Utah and the Arizona Strip.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly to mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of snow showers across the north and rain or snow showers across the south.	North: 30s & 40s South: 50s & 60s Mountains: 20s & 30s	Northwest: 25 to 45% Northeast: 45 to 65% South: 25 to 45% Mountains: 55 to 75%	North: East/northeast at 5 to 15 mph South: South at 10 to 20 mph



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IN COUNTRY NOT SEEN IN DAYLIGHT

Often firefighters arrive on a fire after dark. This is recognized as Watchout Situation #2. Before safely fighting fire in country not seen in daylight, firefighters must be able to answer the following questions:

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? Identify whom you might get information from. Can you meet up with the departing crew/engine leaders?
- Can you observe the area/use scouts? List ways you could observe the area you need to work.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted and marked for night use? Talk about what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone; who would identify them; and in what ways might they be marked.
- Have potential dangers been located; can they be mitigated? What are the dangers associated with Watchout Situation #2? How can they be worked around?
- Reduce the risks by:
 - Posting lookouts.
 - Checking communications.
 - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or the situation becomes too complex. Give examples of arriving on a fire after dark and what was done to allow you to fight fire safely in country not seen in daylight.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Northern California	FIRES					19	2	21
	ACRES					127	0	127
Southern California	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		3				0	3
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			3	1	6
	ACRES		5			424	1	430
Eastern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					74		74
Southern Area	FIRES					37	1	38
	ACRES					314	1	315
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	0	81	8	93
	ACRES	1	8	0	0	939	5	953

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	22	11	402	13	465
	ACRES	23	40,821	266,855	3,980	247,925	2	559,606
Northwest	FIRES	306	250	15	50	1,900	1,296	3,817
	ACRES	24,278	18,153	16	1,170	50,568	331,463	425,648
Northern California	FIRES	168	72	17	20	3,089	1,274	4,640
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,879	81,550	38,452	140,360
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	10	76	2,925	859	4,079
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,828	204,532	48,514	259,823
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,038	71	34	86	994	1,537	3,760
	ACRES	88,242	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,442	366,054	883,132
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	846	7	46	906	1,069	2,933
	ACRES	19,424	131,580	1,244	2,733	56,155	143,470	354,606
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	457	1	11	122	177	776
	ACRES	2	11,537	79	6	1,982	3,284	16,890
Southwest	FIRES	937	193	5	69	898	2,136	4,238
	ACRES	35,702	5,917	284	11,834	16,207	203,456	273,400
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	802	40	48	4,221	754	6,050
	ACRES	20,214	17,474	1,964	783	75,003	58,562	174,000
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		67	37	10,364	512	11,942
	ACRES	53,155		6,890	708	116,326	5,796	182,875
Southern Area	FIRES	157		46	15	12,750	368	13,336
	ACRES	21,882		12,130	1,838	196,480	9,082	241,412
TOTAL	FIRES	3,891	2,846	264	469	38,571	9,995	56,036
	ACRES	264,821	310,483	313,705	198,438	1,216,170	1,208,135	3,511,752

Ten Year Average Fires	75,319
Ten Year Average Acres	4,320,285

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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	3					2	5
	ACRES	320					9	329
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		5				303	308
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		160					160
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						128	128
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	0	0	0	6	9
	ACRES	320	165	0	0	0	446	931

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	37	105	34	3		340	519
	ACRES	6,612	27,622	6,432	123		44,879	85,668
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		138	278
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		11,053	35,628
Southern California	FIRES		2	6	9		170	187
	ACRES		27	768	3,335		13,675	17,805
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	96	4	45	430	597
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,448	29,625	55,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	7		19	57	118
	ACRES	18	33,462	409		2,604	22,254	58,747
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	25	37	19	9	3	347	440
	ACRES	4,974	32,711	39,373	8,183	12	59,168	144,421
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	34	101	9	19	221	414
	ACRES	1,777	27,509	13,820	9,592	2,215	20,697	75,610
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		352	16	521	231	1,146
	ACRES	10,640		76,009	1,823	84,961	27,699	201,132
Southern Area	FIRES	54		280	105	16,007	1,270	17,716
	ACRES	19,404		97,519	85,021	827,577	950,866	1,980,387
TOTAL	FIRES	187	236	1,007	177	16,620	3,205	21,432
	ACRES	43,958	129,690	271,419	113,434	921,372	1,180,146	2,660,019

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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			9,278		24,808	34,086
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,754	16,202
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		2		3	30
	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	31	1	93	0	192	327
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	20,142	0	259,146	323,778

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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	3		10						60	
Northern California	16	28	22	70		1			4	124
Southern California	53	171	190	1436	30	37	1		668	1096
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	5	10	8	10	1	6	1		39	7
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	6	2	3	14		3			79	63
Rocky Mountain	7	6	3	42	1				34	48
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area			1	1					2	1
Total	90	217	237	1573	32	47	2	0	890	1339

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