

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2004 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 129 new fires reported for the week. No new large fires were reported during the week.

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** The South will remain dry through today with showers expected over much of the area Saturday through Wednesday. Dry weather returns on Thursday. A storm system over the Pacific Northwest will drop down into the Southwest over the weekend. This storm system will shift east on Tuesday while a new system affects the West Coast Tuesday through Thursday.



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

**BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS**

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
  - Lookouts are posted.
  - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
  - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

**FIRE AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		5			7		12
	ACRES			40		3		43
Northern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					42		42
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				4	1		5
	ACRES				2	0		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES				60	1		61
	ACRES				768	5		773
Southern Area	FIRES		1		47			48
	ACRES			6		118		124
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	1	0	111	12	129
	ACRES	0	40	6	0	888	50	984

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	57	82	21	497	44	707
	ACRES	7,131	1,198,435	2,063,237	29,835	3,347,324	16	6,645,978
Northwest	FIREs	364	322	38	74	1,768	1,338	3,904
	ACRES	22,721	5,019	1,360	393	18,356	74,536	122,385
Northern California	FIREs	150	129	12	24	2,794	1,165	4,274
	ACRES	188	19,128	43	482	81,925	34,659	136,425
Southern California	FIREs	39	115	35	44	3,053	823	4,109
	ACRES	676	6,085	1,867	5,095	67,169	11,608	92,500
Northern Rockies	FIREs	993	63	20	13	791	856	2,736
	ACRES	6,599	1,564	1,093	4	17,985	10,590	37,835
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	62	883	2	47	541	744	2,279
	ACRES	522	41,844	1	60	9,073	37,682	89,182
Western Great Basin	FIREs	26	637	13	19	107	152	954
	ACRES	364	22,435	2,666	79	7,884	6,363	39,791
Southwest	FIREs	778	189	5	85	698	1,783	3,538
	ACRES	5,327	6,139	201	518	7,063	283,338	302,586
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	338	488	39	51	542	507	1,965
	ACRES	5,473	5,004	1,274	37	25,169	8,049	45,006
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		48	29	11,097	521	12,190
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	111	84,182	6,027	97,864
Southern Area	FIREs	141		80	86	26,716	665	27,688
	ACRES	16,016		21,651	5,072	337,197	74,433	454,369
TOTAL	FIREs	3,392	2,883	374	493	48,604	8,598	64,344
	ACRES	70,126	1,305,653	2,095,828	41,686	4,003,327	547,301	8,063,921

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>78,649</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,003,898</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2				15	17
	ACRES		8				439	447
Northern California	FIRES		0				28	28
	ACRES		4				1,685	1,689
Southern California	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		54				15	69
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1	0	0		1
	ACRES			3	6	120		129
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					222		222
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						428	428
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		10				94	104
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						40	40
Southern Area	FIRES			1	5	1		7
	ACRES			3,000	1,195	1,417		5,612
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	2	2	8	56	70
	ACRES	0	12	64	3,003	1,423	4,238	8,740

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIREs	67	158	73	1	4	771	1,074
	ACRES	17,538	24,007	6,282	30	1,113	96,463	145,433
Northern California	FIREs	15	23	23	27		376	464
	ACRES	262	2,139	19,356	3,651		36,627	62,035
Southern California	FIREs	2	6	23	15		168	214
	ACRES	205	93	2,220	981		9,419	12,918
Northern Rockies	FIREs	48	10	110	6	134	871	1,179
	ACRES	2,968	2,872	20,581	1,056	6,081	56,372	89,930
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	31	5	8	96	130	271
	ACRES	149	15,639	2,449	4,811	7,967	35,302	66,317
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	5	3		6	24
	ACRES		2,432	541	414		1,013	4,400
Southwest	FIREs	31	19	7	16		653	726
	ACRES	12,845	4,814	12,769	11,406		110,109	151,943
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	52	57	167	20	19	176	491
	ACRES	7,170	15,657	24,911	13,877	10,369	47,202	119,186
Eastern Area	FIREs	29		386	25	1,119	266	1,825
	ACRES	15,115		50,891	4,628	76,373	40,463	187,470
Southern Area	FIREs	51		286	107	407	1,171	2,022
	ACRES	8,503		106,000	111,242	215,477	1,031,211	1,472,433
TOTAL	FIREs	296	315	1,085	228	1,784	4,588	8,296
	ACRES	64,755	100,653	246,000	152,096	340,281	1,464,181	2,367,966

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				66,917			66,917
Northwest	FIRES		1		5		13	19
	ACRES		7		200		1,871	2,078
Northern California	FIRES				12		5	17
	ACRES				3,435		0	3,435
Southern California	FIRES				11		28	39
	ACRES				4,712		222	4,934
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	49	50
	ACRES				0	10	13,479	13,489
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15		2			17
	ACRES		494		0			494
Southwest	FIRES				10		28	38
	ACRES				1,703		14,820	16,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	3	2	0	6	39
	ACRES		6,649	295	0	2,271	613	9,828
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	44	3	65	0	193	305
	ACRES	0	7,150	295	81,410	2,281	33,416	124,552

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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										
Northern California										
Southern California				1						
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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