

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 128 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California and Nebraska.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:**

HURRICANE FRANCES / IVAN RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. The Team is managing a base camp at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

RUMSEY, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF), Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Management Team (Streblow) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles south of Williams, CA in brush. Poor accessibility and strong winds have hampered suppression efforts. Wind-driven fire behavior on the southwest flank was observed.

POWER, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This fire is 28 miles southeast of Pollock Pines, CA in brush and timber. Increased fire activity resulted from strong winds over the fire area and spotting throughout the night.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RUMSEY	CA	LNU	29,695	5	10/16	1,222	41	69	14	1	950K
POWER	CA	ENF	475	50	10/19	408	6	15	0	0	2.8M

**OUTLOOK:**

**Red Flag Warning:** For Eureka, Sacramento, and Monterey areas through midday Wednesday for moderate or stronger northeast to east winds, low relative humidity levels, and generally poor relative humidity recovery for mid-slope and above.

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure over the Pacific Northwest and low pressure off the southern California coast will produce warm, dry weather for most of the West.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny, and unseasonably warm.	65 to 75 higher terrain to 87 to 95 warmest areas of lower terrain.	25 to 40% coastal areas and 8 to 20% in drier inland areas.	North/northeast to east 5 to 15 mph, with local gusts 22 to 32 mph on west slope of northern Sierra and portions of Mendocino to Bay Area.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	70 to 85 mountains. 75 to 90 valleys. 75 to 85 upper deserts. 90 to 98 lower deserts.	10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. 10 to 20% deserts.	Local northeast 20 mph with higher gusts Southern California mountains and passes. Otherwise northeast 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Partly cloudy.	60s west. 45 to 55 east.	30 to 40%.	West/northwest 5 to 15 mph with slope/valley 5 to 10 mph mountains Idaho and western Montana.



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

#### FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)

● Continued from above...

- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hikers in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

• To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

#### **FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				8	9
	ACRES		1				1	2
Northern California	FIRES					28		28
	ACRES				234			234
Southern California	FIRES				10	3		13
	ACRES				0	1		1
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5						5
	ACRES	45						45
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		0			1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					67		67
	ACRES				272			272
TOTAL	FIRES	5	2	0	0	108	13	128
	ACRES	45	1	0	0	507	2	555

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	57	82	18	493	24	680
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,813	1,900,922	29,121	3,316,287	6	6,445,258
Northwest	FIREs	360	306	38	62	1,730	1,313	3,809
	ACRES	22,674	4,975	1,370	258	18,264	74,764	122,305
Northern California	FIREs	148	87	12	25	2,723	1,011	4,006
	ACRES	188	8,894	43	482	52,547	10,049	72,203
Southern California	FIREs	38	113	35	44	2,953	793	3,976
	ACRES	671	6,085	1,867	5,095	67,095	11,579	92,392
Northern Rockies	FIREs	986	60	20	13	788	847	2,714
	ACRES	6,410	1,561	1,093	4	17,985	10,589	37,642
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	62	871	2	47	580	731	2,293
	ACRES	522	41,396	1	60	8,801	37,605	88,385
Western Great Basin	FIREs	26	634	13	18	105	152	948
	ACRES	364	22,219	2,666	71	7,882	6,363	39,565
Southwest	FIREs	729	176	5	81	677	1,748	3,416
	ACRES	5,287	6,129	201	515	7,048	282,488	301,668
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	336	467	37	50	457	469	1,816
	ACRES	5,465	5,002	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,266
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		48	31	10,695	505	11,774
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	110	82,722	5,819	96,195
Southern Area	FIREs	140		66	44	25,943	612	26,805
	ACRES	16,015		21,236	3,468	330,572	73,638	444,929
TOTAL	FIREs	3,326	2,771	358	433	47,144	8,205	62,237
	ACRES	68,814	1,289,074	1,933,107	39,221	3,933,634	520,958	7,784,808

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>70,541</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,176,244</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					7		7
	ACRES					275		275
Northern California	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			595		130		725
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			100				100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			1		1
	ACRES		500			5		505
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					189		189
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		2			1	4
	ACRES	300		1,440			15	1,755
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	4	0	0	11	16
	ACRES	300	500	2,135	0	0	614	3,549

**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	39	92	68	1		350	550
	ACRES	8,156	18,859	5,882	30		74,300	107,227
Northern California	FIREs	14	39	107	22		194	376
	ACRES	251	2,097	17,196	4,691		25,013	49,248
Southern California	FIREs		4	21	15		76	116
	ACRES		27	2,086	981		6,213	9,307
Northern Rockies	FIREs	43	9	108	4	101	642	907
	ACRES	2,761	3,336	20,331	1,047	4,405	51,242	83,122
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	31	5	5	26	85	153
	ACRES	149	15,273	2,449	4,753	3,575	29,491	55,690
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,347	541	414		971	4,273
Southwest	FIREs	28	15	7	15		431	496
	ACRES	7,451	4,647	12,769	11,386		92,347	128,600
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	51	53	164	19	14	139	440
	ACRES	7,151	14,874	24,611	13,864	3,349	53,638	117,487
Eastern Area	FIREs	28		375	23	1,101	238	1,765
	ACRES	15,104		45,479	4,443	74,838	37,249	177,113
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	81	395	1,163	1,894
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	86,652	212,772	1,001,069	1,400,847
TOTAL	FIREs	255	254	1,064	188	1,642	3,323	6,726
	ACRES	49,526	94,460	223,195	128,261	321,840	1,371,533	2,188,815

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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				62,266			62,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		13	18
	ACRES				200		1,871	2,071
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				3,165		0	3,165
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	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	13,499	13,509
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		6,996	295	0	2,271	613	10,175
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	43	3	63	0	165	274
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	76,489	2,281	33,436	119,991

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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		13		2					
Northern California	16	46	19	99	2	13			119	214
Southern California					2					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin		1	1							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			3						21	3
Eastern Area									1	3
Southern Area	2	3		2					174	30
Total	21	50	36	101	6	13	0	0	315	250

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