

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 49 fires reported. Very high fire indices were reported in California and Nebraska.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

POWER, Eldorado National Forest. This fire is 17 miles east of Pioneer, CA in brush and timber. Adverse weather continues over the fire area. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POWER	CA	ENF	16,800	90	10/21	249	4	2	2	0	7.7M

**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. The Team is also continuing pre-use inspections for mobile homes and trailers staged at Saufley Field and supporting the Damage Assessment Team as they continue their housing inspection surveys.

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** More rain and mountain snow is expected for much of the West as a strong storm moves through the area. The heaviest precipitation is expected over California and the Great Basin.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly cloudy with showers over Central California. Cloudy with rain, heavy at times, over Southern California turning to showers overnight. The snow level will be around 6,000 feet over Central California and 7,000 feet over Southern California overnight.	35 to 50 mountains. 50 to 65 valleys. 50 to 65 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	60 to 80%.	Southeast to southwest 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts.



[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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			6		35	1	42
	ACRES			401		29	1	431
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	6	0	42	1	49
	ACRES	0	0	401	0	29	1	431

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	57	82	18	496	44	703
	ACRES	7,131	1,193,008	1,967,800	29,835	3,319,410	16	6,517,200
Northwest	FIRES	363	306	38	62	1,749	1,314	3,832
	ACRES	22,675	4,975	1,370	258	18,293	74,778	122,349
Northern California	FIRES	150	87	12	25	2,793	1,025	4,092
	ACRES	188	8,894	43	482	81,925	34,554	126,086
Southern California	FIRES	39	115	35	38	2,998	804	4,029
	ACRES	676	6,085	1,867	5,095	67,122	11,581	92,426
Northern Rockies	FIRES	990	63	20	13	788	851	2,725
	ACRES	6,562	1,564	1,093	4	17,985	10,589	37,797
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	62	878	2	47	540	740	2,269
	ACRES	522	41,838	1	60	9,072	37,685	89,178
Western Great Basin	FIRES	26	628	13	19	108	152	946
	ACRES	364	22,435	2,666	79	7,884	6,363	39,791
Southwest	FIRES	731	178	5	82	683	1,768	3,447
	ACRES	5,287	6,130	201	516	7,053	282,520	301,707
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	469	37	51	458	472	1,823
	ACRES	5,465	5,004	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,268
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		48	29	10,724	506	11,802
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	111	82,738	5,823	96,216
Southern Area	FIRES	140		72	44	26,020	613	26,889
	ACRES	16,015		21,637	3,468	330,659	73,639	445,418
TOTAL	FIRES	3,338	2,781	364	428	47,357	8,289	62,557
	ACRES	69,994	1,289,933	2,000,386	39,945	3,966,572	545,606	7,912,436

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>73,696</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,317,080</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD 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	3	1				12	16
	ACRES	380	62				215	657
Northern California	FIRES				0		3	3
	ACRES				1		1,458	1,459
Southern California	FIRES	1					0	1
	ACRES	55					185	240
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					8	9
	ACRES	11					123	134
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	4	6
	ACRES					115	210	325
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						1,050	1,050
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			1	3	4
	ACRES		3			3,900	117	4,020
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			13				13
	ACRES			3,573				3,573
TOTAL	FIRES	5	1	13	0	3	36	58
	ACRES	446	65	3,573	1	4,015	3,358	11,458

**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	47	93	68	1		389	598
	ACRES	8,920	20,846	5,882	30		77,037	112,715
Northern California	FIRES	14	40	22	22		205	303
	ACRES	251	2,099	17,511	4,692		27,104	51,657
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	21	15		77	119
	ACRES	55	43	2,086	981		6,424	9,589
Northern Rockies	FIRES	44	10	110	4	130	713	1,011
	ACRES	2,772	2,872	20,581	1,047	4,864	52,784	84,920
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	5	5	28	97	170
	ACRES	149	15,375	2,449	4,753	3,690	32,407	58,823
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,432	541	414		971	4,358
Southwest	FIRES	28	15	7	16		463	529
	ACRES	7,451	4,648	12,769	11,406		99,736	136,010
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	51	55	165	19	15	146	451
	ACRES	7,151	18,381	24,661	13,864	7,249	54,737	126,043
Eastern Area	FIRES	28		375	23	1,104	247	1,777
	ACRES	15,104		45,479	4,443	74,884	37,323	177,233
Southern Area	FIRES	51		217	81	395	1,170	1,914
	ACRES	8,503		95,424	86,652	212,772	1,003,616	1,406,967
TOTAL	FIRES	265	263	995	189	1,677	3,512	6,901
	ACRES	50,356	99,696	227,383	128,282	326,360	1,392,139	2,224,216

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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				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	13,445	13,455
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	81,140	2,281	33,382	124,588

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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	1				3					
Northern California	8		9		1	2			69	21
Southern California			1							
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			1							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain									1	3
Eastern Area									2	3
Southern Area									55	15
Total	9	0	11	0	4	2	0	0	127	42

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