

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 28 fires reported.

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** A cool and wet weather system will move into southern California today, providing plenty of rain and high elevation snows. Light showers can also be expected today over the northern parts of the Great Basin. Conditions will remain dry along the Southeast Coast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Cloudy with periods of rain and snow, heavy at times. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet over Central California and 6,000 feet over Southern California.	30 to 45 mountains. 50 to 60 valleys. 45 to 55 upper deserts. 60 to 70 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)

**BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNSHILL WITH FIRE BELOW**

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?

- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
  - If the answer is "no" to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
  - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter's right and responsibility.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		0	0	3	1		4
	ACRES		5,427	96,302	0	27,914		129,643
Northwest	FIREs						7	7
	ACRES						331	331
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs				2	3		5
	ACRES				0	21		21
Northern Rockies	FIREs	2						2
	ACRES	33						33
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs					9		9
	ACRES					7		7
TOTAL	FIREs	2	0	0	3	13	10	28
	ACRES	33	5,427	96,302	0	27,921	352	130,035

**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	363	306	38	62	1,761	1,326	3,856
	ACRES	22,696	4,975	1,370	258	18,556	75,150	123,005
Northern California	FIREs	150	87	12	25	2,794	1,025	4,093
	ACRES	188	8,894	43	482	81,925	34,554	126,086
Southern California	FIREs	39	115	35	38	3,025	808	4,060
	ACRES	676	6,085	1,867	5,095	67,132	11,603	92,458
Northern Rockies	FIREs	992	63	20	13	790	851	2,729
	ACRES	6,595	1,564	1,093	4	17,985	10,589	37,830
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	62	878	2	47	540	741	2,270
	ACRES	522	41,838	1	60	9,072	37,675	89,168
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	179	5	82	690	1,775	3,509
	ACRES	5,327	6,130	201	516	7,056	282,532	301,762
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	336	469	39	51	477	476	1,848
	ACRES	5,465	5,004	1,274	37	24,527	8,060	44,367
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		48	29	10,799	508	11,879
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	111	82,825	5,825	96,305
Southern Area	FIREs	140		72	44	26,073	618	26,947
	ACRES	16,015		21,637	3,468	330,744	73,667	445,531
TOTAL	FIREs	3,387	2,791	366	431	47,553	8,324	62,852
	ACRES	70,088	1,295,360	2,095,824	39,945	3,995,030	546,034	8,042,281

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>74,581</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,388,484</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		8				15	23
	ACRES		204				794	998
Northern California	FIRES		0				9	9
	ACRES		3				1,020	1,023
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	400	401
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		1	0	0	1
	ACRES		81		4	75	197	357
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					0	3	3
	ACRES					565	233	798
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						60	60
TOTAL	FIRES	0	8	0	1	1	33	43
	ACRES	0	288	0	4	641	2,729	3,662

**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	59	120	68	1		451	699
	ACRES	11,045	21,609	5,882	30		79,280	117,846
Northern California	FIREs	14	40	22	22		253	351
	ACRES	251	2,102	17,511	4,696		30,996	55,556
Southern California	FIREs	2	5	22	15		107	151
	ACRES	195	43	2,166	981		7,197	10,582
Northern Rockies	FIREs	46	10	110	5	134	802	1,107
	ACRES	2,808	2,872	20,581	1,053	4,872	54,563	86,749
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	33	5	5	37	108	189
	ACRES	149	15,634	2,449	4,793	3,625	34,384	61,034
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	5	3		6	24
	ACRES		2,432	541	414		977	4,364
Southwest	FIREs	30	15	7	16		499	567
	ACRES	12,797	4,651	12,769	11,406		104,397	146,020
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	51	55	165	19	15	154	459
	ACRES	7,151	18,382	24,661	13,864	8,129	55,446	127,633
Eastern Area	FIREs	28		377	23	1,104	252	1,784
	ACRES	15,104		45,607	4,443	74,884	37,709	177,747
Southern Area	FIREs	51		217	81	395	1,172	1,916
	ACRES	8,503		95,424	86,652	212,772	1,003,719	1,407,070
TOTAL	FIREs	282	289	998	190	1,690	3,804	7,253
	ACRES	58,003	100,725	227,591	128,332	327,183	1,408,668	2,250,502

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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		3	14
	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		6,996	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	166	275
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	81,140	2,281	33,416	124,622

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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								5	
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin					1				2	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										3
Eastern Area									1	
Southern Area										
Total	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	3

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