

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, November 2, 2006 - 0530 MST
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (33 new fires)

New large fires: 0 (*)

Large fires contained: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Area Command Teams:

Type 1 IMTs committed:

Type 2 IMTs committed:

Fire Use Teams:

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

On October 31st a USDA Forest Service firefighter passed away from injuries received on October 26th on the Esperanza fire near Cabazon, CA. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

Western Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Birch Creek, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Nine miles southeast of Austin, NV. Brush, juniper, pinyon pine and grass. No new information reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Birch Creek	NV	HTF	700	30	UNK	19	0	7	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion

It will be turning dry and windy in southern California starting Sunday. Southern California will be mild through the weekend. Fire potential will be increasing Sunday with gusty northeast winds, warmer temperatures and low humidity.



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)
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- 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
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Northern California	FIREs					3	2	5
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIREs					3	1	4
	ACRES					1	1	2
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs					2	0	2
	ACRES					37	15	52
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs					4		4
	ACRES					39		39
Southern Area	FIREs					17		17
	ACRES					77		77
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	0	29	4	33
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	154	18	172

Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	17	9	3	265	2	301
	ACRES	65	3,900	82,654	1,322	182,276	3	270,220
Northwest	FIRES	229	456	41	41	1,240	1,711	3,718
	ACRES	8,374	403,222	4,623	5,564	149,638	395,587	967,008
Northern California	FIRES	156	76	9	30	3,345	981	4,597
	ACRES	255	5,960	206	110	103,964	209,424	319,919
Southern California	FIRES	87	97	13	55	2,216	842	3,310
	ACRES	307	5,245	7	6,471	111,826	241,951	365,807
Northern Rockies	FIRES	942	62	50	20	1,166	1,239	3,479
	ACRES	53,916	115,860	82,966	17,677	481,279	367,970	1,119,668
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	76	1,175	3	56	946	891	3,147
	ACRES	6,604	759,061	3	14,018	165,710	288,420	1,233,816
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	831	33	24	188	166	1,248
	ACRES	31	1,010,938	41,289	505	256,948	31,277	1,340,988
Southwest	FIRES	933	344	12	129	2,148	1,856	5,422
	ACRES	15,914	32,694	10,161	7,641	499,663	182,121	748,194
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	929	756	37	58	1,250	614	3,644
	ACRES	43,388	28,930	1,978	688	353,067	37,642	465,693
Eastern Area	FIRES	596		52	61	12,506	671	13,886
	ACRES	5,862		1,495	255	86,330	47,987	141,929
Southern Area	FIRES	1,605		179	48	42,259	1,076	45,167
	ACRES	200,844		16,810	19,212	2,193,372	54,725	2,484,963
TOTAL	FIRES	5,564	3,814	438	525	67,529	10,049	87,919
	ACRES	335,560	2,365,810	242,192	73,463	4,584,073	1,857,107	9,458,205

Ten Year Average Fires	72,406
Ten Year Average Acres	6,010,401

*** 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		2				11	13
	ACRES		158				382	540
Northern California	FIREs			2		5		7
	ACRES			1,085		428		1,513
Southern California	FIREs			0		0		0
	ACRES			20		20		40
Northern Rockies	FIREs				2			2
	ACRES				85			85
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1		1	2		4
	ACRES		160		25	31		216
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs				0		3	3
	ACRES				7		150	157
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						316	316
TOTAL	FIREs	0	3	0	2	3	22	30
	ACRES	0	318	0	1,112	110	1,327	2,867

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs			1		7		8
	ACRES			9,610		2,429		12,039
Northwest	FIREs	37	143	81	2	1	747	1,011
	ACRES	11,327	24,817	9,334	131	180	54,559	100,348
Northern California	FIREs	17	27	26	12	14	164	260
	ACRES	207	4,726	27,978	3,051	22	8,341	44,325
Southern California	FIREs		6	14	10	3	78	111
	ACRES		990	1,257	1,426	43	3,506	7,222
Northern Rockies	FIREs	1	25	146	4	133	483	792
	ACRES	40	5,059	24,921	281	6,491	49,242	86,034
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	7	38	9	8	15	115	192
	ACRES	1,759	5,854	2,909	2,940	237	37,470	51,169
Western Great Basin	FIREs		14	4	3		2	23
	ACRES		3,159	14	183		1,115	4,471
Southwest	FIREs	39	24	5	12		204	284
	ACRES	5,458	13,720	8,456	4,181		58,572	90,387
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	35	33	115	16	38	128	365
	ACRES	5,494	7,831	22,909	9,031	2,000	31,764	79,029
Eastern Area	FIREs	42		607	36	1,575	156	2,416
	ACRES	15,222		67,093	5,059	78,302	29,312	194,988
Southern Area	FIREs	22		185	68	14,983	838	16,096
	ACRES	6,639		78,117	36,017	962,440	685,812	1,769,025
TOTAL	FIREs	200	310	1,193	171	16,769	2,915	21,558
	ACRES	46,146	66,156	252,598	62,300	1,052,144	959,693	2,439,037

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WFU Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs			2		1		3
	ACRES			307		10		317
Northwest	FIREs		1		4		4	9
	ACRES		3		3,000		9,288	12,291
Northern California	FIREs				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		1,495	1,495
Southern California	FIREs				33		14	47
	ACRES				9,971		12,166	22,137
Northern Rockies	FIREs				6		110	116
	ACRES				2,206		32,435	34,641
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1			3		81	85
	ACRES	105			1,417		36,949	38,471
Western Great Basin	FIREs		6		7			13
	ACRES		3,026		323			3,349
Southwest	FIREs				19		33	52
	ACRES				315		35,927	36,242
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		6		1		6	13
	ACRES		0		0		10,230	10,230
Eastern Area	FIREs						3	3
	ACRES						1,697	1,697
Southern Area	FIREs				3		1	4
	ACRES				63		3,739	3,802
TOTAL	FIREs	1	13	2	77	1	260	354
	ACRES	105	3,029	307	17,295	10	143,926	164,672

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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				13						16
Northern California	4			14		2				7
Southern California			6	15	10	1	1		125	82
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin				7	1				33	4
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	4	6	49	11	3	1	0	0	181	86

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