

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 69 new fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Hurricane Isabel, Virginia. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical, operational, planning and resource support. The team will work jointly with GSA, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers, at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The National Park Service All Risk Management Team (Swed) is assigned. The team will be assessing hurricane damage and support needs for National Parks in North Carolina and Virginia.

Hurricane Isabel, North Carolina. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Wathen/Pearson, Custer, Collins/Col. Holt/Hendricks) are assigned. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for 12 counties. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on 9/18. Through Unified Command, personnel are providing logistical, operational, planning and resource support.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) is assigned. The fires, located 16 miles north of Garberville, CA, are burning in old growth redwoods, brush and logging slash. Inaccessibility continued to hamper containment efforts on both the Canoe and Honeydew fires. Hot and dry conditions increased fire behavior. Structure protection is in place for 450 residences and 20 commercial properties.

GRINDSTONE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This complex, comprised of 39 fires, is in chaparral and mixed conifer, 30 miles west of Willows, CA. Fires within the complex continued to smolder.

LOMA, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 21 miles west of Weaverville, CA. Burn out operations have been completed. Moderate fire behavior generated runs on sloped terrain. Highway 299 has been opened to the public traffic.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	11,950	40	9/28	1,984	68	75	14	0	11.2M
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	8,019	82	9/24	761	18	41	3	17.1M	15.9M
LOMA	CA	SHF	3,890	95	9/22	594	15	16	4	0	4M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Active fire behavior in heavy down fuels included torching and spotting. All trails in the vicinity of the fire and the road to Hart's Pass remained closed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Fires within the complex continued to smolder and creep.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from Jennings' Washington Interagency Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur on 9/23. This fire is ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. There was moderate fire activity along Isabel Creek and within the Peak Creek drainage; the remainder of the fire continued to creep and smolder.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	17,600	39	UNK	238	5	0	5	1	6.8M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	95	UNK	467	8	15	4	13	36.5M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	870	15	UNK	147	4	1	1	0	1.6M
MAPLE	WA	OWF	1,633	70	UNK	49	1	1	1	0	2.4M

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. This incident, comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Ball Creek, Wounded Buck, Doe, Wildcat, Upper Lid, Dead Buck and Blackfoot Lake fires, is in timber, 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT. No new information was reported.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. This incident, comprised of the Mineral-Primm, Stewart Peak, Upper Rattlesnake, and Boles Meadows fires, is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	29,836	85	9/30	228	4	0	0	0	20M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	25,202	78	UNK	129	0	0	1	0	22.9M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	16	0	0	0	1	16.5M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	3,800	N/A	N/A	80	1	1	2	0	125K
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	4,050	N/A	N/A	112	3	0	2	0	195K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	2,420	N/A	N/A	17	1	0	0	0	157K

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

GANNETT, Southern Idaho Dispatch, Private. This fire is in sage and grass, one mile east of Gannett, ID. Fire activity was moderate with flare-ups on the east flank.

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GANNETT	ID	SIX	1,000	85	9/22	54	1	14	2	0	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

SOUTH SAGE, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This fire is in timber and hardwood slash, 10 miles east of Ely, NV. Fire activity was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOUTH SAGE	NV	HTF	330	95	9/22	179	5	7	2	4	657K

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: For gusty northeast to east winds and low humidity in the coastal mountains, Sacramento Valley, and Bay Area of California.

Weather Discussion: High pressure will continue over the West. Offshore flow will bring another day of hot weather with low humidity over the coastal ranges from central California into southwest Oregon.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear.	70s and 80s coast and 90s to 105 inland.	6 to 18% driest areas with poor nighttime recovery on the mid and upper slopes.	Northeast to southeast 8 to 16 mph gusts 22 to 6 mph decreasing during the day.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 80 to 100 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper desert. 105 to 115 low desert.	8 to 15% desert. 8 to 15% mountains. 15 to 25% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph, except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.



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TRANSFER OF COMMAND

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transfer of command periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. There is a high potential for fatalities, serious injuries, or incidents with potential during transfer of command periods (some have occurred in the past). Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES—Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

- Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:
 - No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel
 - Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed
 - Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.
 - Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
 - Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.

- Mitigation actions to take:
 - Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
 - Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
 - Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				1	3	5
	ACRES	0				3	0	3
Northern California	FIRES	2		7		14	2	25
	ACRES	5		1		41	2,961	3,008
Southern California	FIRES				1	17	6	24
	ACRES				15	22	30	67
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	5	7
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		1		1	2
	ACRES		500		0		1	501
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					75	75	150
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	7	2	38	19	69
	ACRES	5	500	1	15	141	3,068	3,730

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	391	14	451
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,056	3,712	248,107	2	575,168
Northwest	FIRES	293	243	11	55	1,723	1,208	3,533
	ACRES	20,246	17,868	12	3,081	48,915	292,936	383,058
Northern California	FIRES	143	69	14	17	2,575	1,161	3,979
	ACRES	232	11,583	3	6,562	49,458	28,795	96,633
Southern California	FIRES	64	132	10	74	2,483	829	3,592
	ACRES	854	2,875	360	356	36,035	7,272	47,752
Northern Rockies	FIRES	977	61	33	84	950	1,488	3,593
	ACRES	77,621	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,080	364,104	895,174
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	807	6	46	633	941	2,491
	ACRES	19,423	134,774	1,242	2,634	47,448	137,098	342,619
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	429	1	11	112	167	727
	ACRES	1	11,097	79	6	1,941	3,206	16,330
Southwest	FIRES	792	186	5	70	881	2,062	3,996
	ACRES	36,582	5,893	284	3,553	16,172	203,235	265,719
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	775	39	47	967	697	2,707
	ACRES	17,414	16,917	1,963	783	17,003	53,132	107,212
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,800	485	11,294
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,368	5,582	175,734
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,666	330	12,201
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	186,176	8,832	229,641
TOTAL	FIRES	3,572	2,716	252	461	32,181	9,382	48,564
	ACRES	246,320	348,713	329,284	188,826	917,703	1,104,194	3,135,040

Ten Year Average Fires	67,399
Ten Year Average Acres	3,902,876

Changes in some agency YTD agency 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		1					1
	ACRES		400					400
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						164	164
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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	5	6
	ACRES	0	400	0	0	0	164	564

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	93	18	3		217	359
	ACRES	5,351	11,308	4,812	123		29,009	50,603
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,146	2,193		9,712	33,349
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	71	4	23	321	440
	ACRES	502	3,808	10,388	760	1,750	15,199	32,407
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	26	3		10	25	65
	ACRES	18	19,250	300		1,510	8,050	29,128
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		420		2,084		230	2,734
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	8	3	251	328
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	7,383	12	45,331	122,328
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	20	90	9	11	75	233
	ACRES	1,730	3,374	12,778	9,572	164	5,883	33,501
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	493	204	1,051
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,648	26,936	176,638
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	71	14,130	1,210	15,734
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,789	779,616	933,454	1,912,083
TOTAL	FIRES	160	197	902	137	14,676	2,601	18,673
	ACRES	40,906	65,350	241,932	111,002	865,255	1,087,479	2,411,924

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			5,804		9,621	15,425
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		71	74
	ACRES				602		54,652	55,254
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		29	35
	ACRES				435		14,787	15,222
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1	81	0	184	300
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	13,111	0	240,789	298,348

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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	15	8	15	18	4	10			311	122
Northern California	44	66	69	78	6	17	1		219	341
Southern California	14	5	11	5	10	2			75	4
Northern Rockies			2	2					12	1
Eastern Great Basin	4	1	36		7				15	
Western Great Basin	3	2	3	4	2				52	
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			1	4						
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	2	4							60	1524
Total	82	86	137	111	29	29	1	0	744	1992

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