

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 77 new fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

NEEDLES, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Andring) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy downed fuels, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Cool weather and light precipitation kept fire activity down. Structure protection is in place for 65 residences.

CRYSTAL CREEK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Incident Management Team (Berndt/Baarspul) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with dead and downed fuels, six miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Higher relative humidity, lower temperature, and light rain slowed the advance of the fire. Structure protection is in place for 110 residences and two commercial properties.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Barnett) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) has been ordered. This fire is in timber, seven miles west of Conconully, WA. Smoldering, creeping, and individual tree torching was observed.

GRIFF, Olympic National Park. This fire is in timber, nine miles south of Port Angeles, WA. Smoldering and some active burning in large fuels was observed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. No fire spread occurred, but Interior burning continued.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Fire activity moderated with rain and cooler temperatures.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLES	WA	OWF	21,300	60	10/15	301	5	9	5	1	10.8M
CRYSTAL CREEK	WA	OWF	1,284	35	UNK	182	4	1	6	0	2.2M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	4,450	40	UNK	494	11	16	5	0	6.8M
GRIFF	WA	OLP	795	2	10/31	6	0	0	0	0	408K
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	98	10/12	85	1	14	2	13	41.1M
MAPLE	WA	OWF	2,500	40	12/15	67	2	0	2	0	2.2M

## NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES

BERG 3, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer, four miles east of Riggins, ID. Active surface fire with isolated torching was observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BERG 3	ID	NPF	1,964	70	10/8	372	12	7	2	0	706K

## 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	9,952	N/A	N/A	92	2	2	2	0	2.1M

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Another cold front will move onto the Northwest Coast today. Mountain rains and valley showers will accompany the front as it passes, with most of the rains falling over higher elevations and west facing slopes. South of the front in northern California, breezy higher elevation southwest wind can be expected. In southern Arizona and New Mexico, moisture from the tropics will be moving into the region. The moisture will produce showers and thunderstorms with some locally heavy rainfall in southern and central New Mexico.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Cloudy with rain over most of the west side. Increasing clouds on the east side with some showers over the higher terrain in northeast Oregon and northeast Washington.	Highs mostly in the 50s and 60s, except in the lower 70s in southeast Oregon. Highs in the 40s over the higher terrain.	Generally 60 to 100% on the west side, and 25 to 40% on the east side.	Southwest 10 to 15 mph on the west side and in the Cascades. Westerly winds at 10 to 20 mph, with gusts to 30 mph in the Columbia Basin and in the Columbia River Gorge.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny. Areas of coastal low clouds and fog in the morning.	80s to lower 90s. Warmest in the inland valleys. Otherwise in the 60s and 70s near the coast and over higher inland terrain.	Mostly 15 to 35%	Southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph, with some areas gusting to around 22 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Patchy morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 72 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 85 to 93 upper desert. 95 to 102 low desert.	15 to 25% desert. 15 to 25% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	Southeast at 5 to 15 mph over the mountains and deserts. Southwest to west at 5 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	70s to low 80s in the northern valleys. 80s in the south. 60s and 70s in the mountains.	10 to 20% valleys. 15 to 25% in the higher elevations. 20 to 30% in the Sierras.	Southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph in the north. West to northwest at 5 to 15 mph in the south.



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

## ***REFUSING RISK (“TURNDOWN” PROTOCOL)***

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A “turndown” is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A “turndown” must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a “turndown” if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			1		3
	ACRES	248	0			1		249
Northern California	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					186		186
Southern California	FIRES				0	3	1	4
	ACRES				41	0	0	41
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	2						2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					52		52
	ACRES					69		69
TOTAL	FIRES	3	1	0	0	71	2	77
	ACRES	250	0	0	41	258	0	549

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	392	14	452
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,123	3,712	247,595	2	574,723
Northwest	FIRES	300	247	11	34	1,803	1,255	3,650
	ACRES	24,276	17,882	12	1,165	49,676	294,155	387,166
Northern California	FIRES	150	71	15	17	2,790	1,227	4,270
	ACRES	233	11,583	603	6,562	72,927	37,728	129,636
Southern California	FIRES	65	135	10	76	2,643	865	3,794
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	773	36,325	7,498	48,743
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,002	71	34	85	969	1,506	3,667
	ACRES	77,964	69,435	23,280	166,669	169,362	359,778	866,488
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	835	7	46	871	995	2,812
	ACRES	19,423	130,865	1,244	2,634	54,181	141,107	349,454
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	451	1	11	118	170	758
	ACRES	1	11,394	79	6	1,976	3,287	16,743
Southwest	FIRES	850	188	5	69	889	2,101	4,102
	ACRES	35,658	5,893	284	11,834	16,185	203,140	272,994
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	184	777	39	48	968	707	2,723
	ACRES	17,714	16,918	1,963	783	17,004	53,134	107,516
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,913	490	11,412
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,675	5,594	176,053
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	12,089	348	12,642
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	192,944	8,890	236,467
TOTAL	FIRES	3,672	2,789	255	443	33,445	9,678	50,282
	ACRES	250,070	307,174	329,968	195,608	968,850	1,114,313	3,165,983

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>70,241</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,998,599</b>

\*\*\*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						2	2
	ACRES						290	290
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			28				28
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1	1			2	4
	ACRES		1,000	1			850	1,851
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4					15	19
	ACRES	420					736	1,156
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		400				360	760
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						215	215
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	4	1	1	0	0	22	28
	ACRES	420	1,400	29	0	0	2,451	4,300

**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	99	24	3		225	379
	ACRES	5,351	25,350	5,835	123		32,296	68,955
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,244	2,193		10,562	34,297
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	79	4	23	363	490
	ACRES	502	3,808	11,688	760	1,750	23,139	41,647
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	32	7		12	37	89
	ACRES	18	33,277	409		2,305	13,738	49,747
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		820		2,084		230	3,134
Southwest	FIRES	20	35	19	8	3	300	385
	ACRES	3,942	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	52,673	130,329
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	32	100	9	13	97	280
	ACRES	1,732	23,674	13,819	9,592	300	16,309	65,426
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	502	220	1,076
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,990	27,274	177,318
Southern Area	FIRES	53		273	72	16,007	1,241	17,646
	ACRES	19,379		96,239	83,793	827,577	940,088	1,967,076
TOTAL	FIRES	168	223	933	138	16,566	2,781	20,809
	ACRES	41,517	114,169	245,897	111,026	914,489	1,129,984	2,557,082

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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				21		3	24
	ACRES				3,382		251	3,633
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			8,239		18,205	26,444
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		74	77
	ACRES				602		55,901	56,503
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		31	37
	ACRES				435		15,433	15,868
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	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	104	0	189	328
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	18,928	0	251,268	314,644

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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	19	12	12	35	8	16			322	219
Northern California	2		9							
Southern California	12		14		7	3			43	5
Northern Rockies	6	6	3	4	2				52	30
Eastern Great Basin	3	1	6	1	3	3			4	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1		12						2	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	43	19	56	40	20	22	0	0	423	254

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