

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. 59 new fires were reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Western Great Basin and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Southern California, and the Northern Rockies Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Utah.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. Active ground fire with upslope runs due to steep slopes and rolling material was reported. Highway 299 is closed due to rolling material. Structure protection is in place for 12 residences and one commercial property.

GRINDSTONE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A transfer of command from Vail's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Dietrich's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today. This complex, comprised of 39 fires, is in chaparral and mixed conifer, 30 miles west of Willows, CA. There was active fire spread and spotting on unburned islands of fuel.

HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This fire is in timber and logging slash, 16 miles north of Garberville, CA. Rapid fire spread was observed on the Honeydew fire; active fire behavior with slow rate of spread was observed on the Canoe fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LOMA	CA	SHF	2,260	10	9/20	1,033	33	31	8	0	1.5M
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	7,884	60	UNK	931	20	66	6	0	13.7M
HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES	CA	HUU	1,815	30	9/28	711	19	7	7	0	7.9M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from Hart's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Furlong's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today. This fire is in timber, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Creeping and single tree torching was observed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned to the portion of the Booth fire that is west of the Cascade Divide. 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 creep and smolder.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. Even after light rain and snow, large fuels continued to burn and an occasional single tree torched.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. The fire exhibited very little activity; it continued to smolder with some burning in patches of heavy fuels within the perimeter.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in timber, brush and heavy downed fuels, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. The complex is in monitor status and reconnaissance will be done on an as-needed basis.

MINERAL PARK, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is in heavy timber, brush and deep duff, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. The fire is in monitor status.

MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX, Mount Rainer National Park. This complex, comprised of the Panther, Redstone and Chenuis fires, is in heavy timber with heavy downed fuels, 13 miles northeast of Packwood, WA. No significant fire activity was observed on the Panther or Redstone fire.

SQUARE LAKE FIRE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber and brush, 20 miles west 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	17,300	73	UNK	420	7	0	8	1	5.8M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	91	9/19	1,194	25	34	7	13	34.6M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	490	NR	UNK	189	5	1	2	0	1.2M
MAPLE	WA	OWF	1,633	70	10/1	80	2	1	2	0	2.2M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	704	50	10/31	2	0	0	0	0	192K
MINERAL PARK	WA	MSF	3,651	50	10/31	1	0	0	0	0	81K
MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX	WA	MRP	374	15	10/31	17	0	1	0	0	1.7M
SQUARE LAKE FIRE	WA	OWF	1,097	40	9/30	2	0	0	0	0	1.7M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

DEXTER, Inyo National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is in Jeffery pine and sagebrush, 15 miles southeast of June Lake, CA. Fire behavior was moderate due to decreased wind. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEXTER – WFU	CA	INF	1,700	N/A	N/A	125	4	5	4	0	NR
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	3,570	N/A	N/A	83	2	0	2	0	48K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	2,210	N/A	N/A	17	1	0	0	0	150K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	2,746	N/A	N/A	54	0	0	0	0	110K
MICHAELS	CA	BBD	388	100	---	188	4	7	2	0	461K

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

BBD = Bakersfield District, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. 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. The fire smoldered below the snow level of 4000 feet.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This complex, which includes the Middle Fork, Rampage and Trapper Creek Complexes, is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and downed fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The fires continued to creep and smolder.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Light snow fell above the 5000 foot level and the fire continued to smolder and creep. Area closures remain in effect.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A transfer of command from Larsen's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur on Friday, 9/19. This incident, comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, is 35 miles west of Missoula, MT. Rain and snow showers continued throughout the day and no fire activity was observed.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Larsen) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Mineral-Primm, Stewart Peak, Upper Rattlesnake, and Boles Meadows fires, is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Rain and snow showers continued throughout the day and no fire activity was observed.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	29,836	82	9/30	499	12	6	0	0	19.2M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	70,406	40	10/1	0	0	0	0	1	3.5M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	57,570	70	10/1	401	4	14	2	3	30.7M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	39,956	75	9/28	70	1	4	0	0	24.4M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	25,202	78	9/20	296	6	2	1	0	22.7M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	60	1	0	1	1	NR
CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	4,088	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	9.2M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

SOUTH SAGE, ELY Field Office Bureau of Land Management. This fire, burning in timber and hardwood slash, is 10 miles east of Ely, NV. Fire spread was minimal; isolated torching occurred. Structure protection is in place for ten residences; four structures were lost.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOUTH SAGE	NV	ELD	200	30	9/19	NR	5	8	0	4	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HANSON	ID	IFD	519	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: As a cold pool of air dives into the central United States, wind will shift to a more offshore direction today in Northern California. This will keep temperatures warm along with a decrease in relative humidity. In the east, heavy rains and strong wind from hurricane Isabel will affect coastal North Carolina and Virginia.

Red Flag Warning: For strong winds and low relative humidity through Thursday morning for the northern and western Sacramento Valley, nearby foothills, and adjacent portions of the coastal range.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern California Mostly sunny.	60s near the coast and 70s to near 90 inland.	12 to 28% inland and 40 to 60% near the coast.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 10 mph with local gusts to 15 to 20 mph, mainly in the Sacramento Valley and surrounding foothills in the morning, becoming southwest to northwest 5 to 10 mph by afternoon.
Northern Rockies Partly cloudy	West of the Divide: 50 to 70 East of the Divide: 50 to 65	West of the Divide: 30 to 40% East of the Divide: 25 to 35%	West of the Divide: Diurnal winds East of the Divide: northwest to southwest 10 to 20 mph
Southern California A few high clouds. Otherwise sunny except patchy night and morning fog along the immediate coastline.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 78 to 94 mountains. 88 to 98 valleys. 95 to 100 upper desert. 98 to 108 low desert.	8 to 15% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 25% valleys. 30 to 45% coast.	Northeast 5 to 15 mph most areas in the morning and southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon.
Western Great Basin Mostly sunny, cool morning, mild afternoon.	60s and 70s north, 70s and 80s south, 60s in the mountains.	Less than 10% south, 10 to 20% central and north, 15 to 25% northern mountains and Sierra's.	East at 5 to 15 mph



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Topic of Choice

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				3	1	5
	ACRES	1				10	1	12
Northern California	FIRES	3				9	1	13
	ACRES	1				1	940	942
Southern California	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					6	0	6
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						270	270
Southwest	FIRES					2	0	2
	ACRES					2	250	252
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					6	2	8
	ACRES					21	1	22
Southern Area	FIRES					17		17
	ACRES					17		17
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	0	0	45	10	59
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	58	1,462	1,522

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	384	14	444
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,056	3,712	248,106	2	575,167
Northwest	FIRES	290	234	11	55	1,717	1,207	3,514
	ACRES	20,246	17,923	12	3,081	48,813	292,941	383,016
Northern California	FIRES	137	69	7	17	2,507	1,153	3,890
	ACRES	218	11,583	2	6,562	48,963	24,413	91,741
Southern California	FIRES	64	131	10	73	2,431	816	3,525
	ACRES	854	2,875	360	326	35,946	7,217	47,578
Northern Rockies	FIRES	952	61	33	84	928	1,477	3,535
	ACRES	77,835	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,072	362,241	893,517
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	804	4	45	610	937	2,458
	ACRES	17,518	142,032	1,060	2,634	30,444	137,004	330,692
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	428	1	11	112	166	725
	ACRES	1	11,096	79	6	1,941	2,906	16,029
Southwest	FIRES	792	186	5	70	876	2,059	3,988
	ACRES	36,582	5,893	284	3,553	16,171	202,974	265,457
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	775	39	47	966	693	2,702
	ACRES	17,414	16,917	1,963	783	16,928	53,055	107,060
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,794	460	11,263
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,352	5,576	175,712
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,597	330	12,132
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	185,942	8,832	229,407
TOTAL	FIRES	3,538	2,702	243	459	31,922	9,312	48,176
	ACRES	244,615	356,025	329,101	188,796	899,678	1,097,161	3,115,376
Ten Year Average Fires								66,758
Ten Year Average Acres								3,873,657

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							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					1		1
	ACRES					32		32
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	32	10	42

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	92	17	3		217	357
	ACRES	5,351	10,907	4,484	123		29,009	49,874
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	70	4	23	316	434
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,574	760	1,750	15,035	31,429
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	25	3		10	24	63
	ACRES	18	15,250	300		1,510	8,000	25,078
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		420		2,031		230	2,681
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	237	313
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	6,927	12	43,802	120,343
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	19	90	9	11	75	232
	ACRES	1,730	3,129	12,778	9,542	164	5,883	33,226
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	493	202	1,049
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,648	26,899	176,601
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	194	900	136	14,676	2,579	18,645
	ACRES	40,906	60,704	240,790	110,463	865,255	1,085,699	2,403,817

Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

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		46	100
	ACRES	0			4,285		8,495	12,780
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		70	73
	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				3,500		159,608	163,108
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	174	290
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	11,537	0	239,663	295,648

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	6	0	2,473	250,970
Yukon Territory	0	0	70	32,411
Alberta	7	0	1,073	55,812
Northwest Territory	0	0	158	126,068
Saskatchewan	1	3,443	619	131,671
Manitoba	16	64	1,148	430,173
Ontario	17	749	1,009	301,858
Quebec	29	1,434	689	84,523
Newfoundland	4	10,216	168	35,109
New Brunswick	12	2	219	190
Nova Scotia	2	0	250	1,362
Prince Edward Island	10	11	10	11
National Parks	0	0	110	135,393
Total	104	11,410	7,996	1,585,550

*** This is the last weekly update for CIFFC for the 2003 season.***

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	24	20	16	29	10	13			510	316
Northern California	46	48	89	26	10	14	1		243	348
Southern California	20	1	13	5	15	2			155	22
Northern Rockies	20	5	8	45		4			360	169
Eastern Great Basin	4	2	16		1				2	
Western Great Basin	3	2	5	4			2		40	
Southwest									1	
Rocky Mountain	1		4	1	1				5	3
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	118	78	151	110	37	33	3	0	1316	858

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