

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 117 new fires were reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest and Northern California Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Northern California, Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, 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 in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash. Inaccessibility continued to hamper containment efforts on both fires. Hot and dry conditions continued to increase fire behavior. The south and west flanks on the Canoe fire were the most intense; local erratic winds on the Honeydew fire increased activity on the northern perimeter. Structure protection is in place for 450 residences and 20 commercial properties.

MOUSE TWO, Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is in second growth redwood and Douglas-fir, four miles west of Navarro, CA. Inaccessibility has hampered containment efforts. Hot and dry conditions produced intense fire behavior.

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 in heavy downed fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	12,715	52	9/28	1,648	57	65	15	0	12.3M
MOUSE TWO	CA	MEU	100	NR	UNK	320	8	31	3	0	NR
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	8,019	93	9/24	704	18	30	2	0	17.6M
LOMA	CA	SHF	3,740	100	---	279	8	3	4	0	4.3M

SHF = Shasta-Trinity National Forest

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 downed fuels included short up hill runs, 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 has been delayed. This fire is ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. Fire activity rapidly increased after the inversion lifted in the early afternoon. A very intense five hour run burned into and across Peak Creek and produced a smoke column reaching 10,000 to 12,000 feet.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	17,600	39	UNK	269	5	0	6	1	7.1M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	95	UNK	440	8	15	2	13	36.9M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	870	15	UNK	127	3	1	1	0	1.7M
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. 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
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	16	0	0	0	1	16.5M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SUMMIT COMPLEX, Inyo National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fires Use (WFU) incident, which began on 8/27, is seven miles west of Olancho, CA. This fire is in sagebrush and timber and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SUMMIT COMPLEX	CA	INF	2,554	N/A	N/A	17	1	1	1	0	NR
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	4,250	N/A	N/A	79	1	1	3	0	300K
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	3,698	N/A	N/A	74	1	0	1	0	256K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	2,490	N/A	N/A	15	1	0	0	0	159K

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

POPLAR COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This complex is comprised of the Big and Poplar fires in the north rim area, 20 miles north/northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. Active ground fire spread in timber and heavy downed fuel was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX	AZ	GCP	450	N/A	N/A	41	1	2	0	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GANNETT	ID	SIX	750	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

SIX = Southern Idaho Dispatch, Private

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOUTH SAGE	NV	HTF	330	100	---	179	5	6	2	4	752K

HTF = Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Stable, sunny and warm conditions will persist over most of the west under high pressure centered over the Western Great Basin. One more day of light offshore flow will bring continued hot weather with low humidity over the coastal ranges from central California into southwest Oregon. Moisture from Tropical Storm Marty will cross into extreme southern California and Arizona today, providing the instability necessary for thunderstorms. A front will enter northeast Montana as well, picking up wind speeds and dropping temperatures during the day.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear with night and morning coastal fog and low clouds.	60s and 70s coast and upper 80s to 102 inland.	8 to 18% driest areas with poor nighttime recovery on the mid and upper slopes.	Southeast to southwest 4 to 9 mph in the afternoon with higher gusts.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny, except partly cloudy over the southern California mountains and deserts east and south of Cajon Pass with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 95 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 90 to 100 upper desert. 100 to 110 low desert.	10 to 20% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph, except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.
NORTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny.	Mostly 70s and 80s except locally into the 90s in southwest Oregon.	Dry. Single digits and teens across eastern Oregon and parts of southwest Oregon. Washington and northwest Oregon generally 20 to 35%.	Generally north to northeast wind 5 to 15 mph increasing in western Oregon to 10 to 20 mph after dark.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny.	80s north, 90s south, 70s to low 80s in the mountains.	3 to 10% all areas except 8 to 18% northern mountains the Sierra Nevada range.	West at 5 to 12 mph.



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AVIATION MISHAP RESPONSE ACTIONS

Having a written mishap response action posted and accessible to all employees is an important first step. Having a list of actions to follow will ensure that nothing is missed in a stressful, time-critical period.

- Immediate, positive action is necessary. Any delay may affect someone's chances of survival.

- Conduct rescue operations keeping the following priorities in mind:
 - Preserve life.
 - Do whatever is necessary to extricate injured occupants and to extinguish fires, keeping in mind the necessity of protecting and preserving evidence.
 - Document and/or photograph the location of any debris that must be disturbed in order to carry out rescues and/or fire suppression activities.
 - Secure the area. Treat the crash site as a crime scene. Arrange for security at the accident scene if necessary. Determine if hazardous materials were on the aircraft. Deny access except to credentialed officials and escorted media.

- Be aware that crash sites can be dangerous due to hazardous cargo, flammable and toxic fluids, sharp objects, disease, adverse terrain, hot/cold weather conditions, and fire.

- Exercise good judgment, utilize available protective devices and clothing, and use extreme caution when working near the wreckage site.

- Do not exceed your physical limitations.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				6	3	10
	ACRES	0				1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES					20	19	39
	ACRES					112	832	944
Southern California	FIRES				0	18	1	19
	ACRES				29	14	0	43
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	5	6
	ACRES					6	2	8
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				90	90
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Southwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					33		33
	ACRES					78		78
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	0	81	33	117
	ACRES	0	0	0	29	212	929	1,170

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	294	242	11	55	1,729	1,211	3,542
	ACRES	20,246	17,868	12	3,081	48,916	292,936	383,059
Northern California	FIRES	143	69	14	17	2,595	1,169	4,007
	ACRES	232	11,583	3	6,562	49,570	29,627	97,577
Southern California	FIRES	64	132	10	74	2,501	830	3,611
	ACRES	854	2,875	360	385	36,049	7,272	47,795
Northern Rockies	FIRES	977	61	33	84	951	1,493	3,599
	ACRES	77,621	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,086	364,107	895,183
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	808	6	46	634	942	2,494
	ACRES	19,423	134,774	1,242	2,634	47,450	137,188	342,711
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	429	1	11	112	168	728
	ACRES	1	11,097	79	6	1,941	3,211	16,335
Southwest	FIRES	792	186	5	70	882	2,064	3,999
	ACRES	36,582	5,893	284	3,553	16,172	203,237	265,721
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	776	39	47	967	698	2,709
	ACRES	17,414	16,918	1,963	783	17,003	53,132	107,213
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,807	485	11,301
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,372	5,582	175,738
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,669	330	12,204
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	186,180	8,832	229,645
TOTAL	FIRES	3,573	2,717	252	461	32,238	9,404	48,645
	ACRES	246,320	348,714	329,284	188,855	917,846	1,105,126	3,136,145

Ten Year Average Fires	67,638
Ten Year Average Acres	3,902,876

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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		2					2
	ACRES		1,903					1,903
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			70				70
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						40	40
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		1,000				1,100	2,100
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						550	550
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						150	150
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						200	200
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	0	0	6	9
	ACRES	0	2,903	70	0	0	2,040	5,013

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	95	18	3		217	361
	ACRES	5,351	13,211	4,850	123		29,009	52,544
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,216	2,193		9,712	33,419
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	322	441
	ACRES	502	3,808	10,388	760	1,750	15,239	32,447
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	26	3		10	26	66
	ACRES	18	28,639	300		1,510	9,150	39,617
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		420		2,084		230	2,734
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	8	3	253	330
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	7,383	12	45,881	122,878
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	20	90	9	11	76	234
	ACRES	1,730	4,454	12,778	9,572	164	6,033	34,731
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	1,211	15,735
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,789	779,616	933,654	1,912,283
TOTAL	FIRES	160	199	902	137	14,676	2,607	18,681
	ACRES	40,906	77,722	242,040	111,002	865,255	1,089,519	2,426,444

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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			6,130		9,691	15,821
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	13,437	0	240,859	298,744

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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	12	7	9	18	4	9			287	122
Northern California	33	68	42	98	6	20	1		197	302
Southern California	14	5	7	13	11	4			83	9
Northern Rockies			4	2	1				17	1
Eastern Great Basin	2	1	15	2	2					
Western Great Basin	3	2	3	3	2				52	
Southwest	1		2							
Rocky Mountain			5	3					2	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1	4			1				48	1556
Total	66	87	87	139	27	33	1	0	686	1990

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