

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 54 new fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NEEDLE, 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. Continued warm and dry weather has kept fire activity higher. Most of the activity has been in the McGee Creek and Driveway Butte areas.

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. Fire behavior was similar to yesterday with individual tree torching and continued consumption of jackpots of fuel. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This fire is in timber, seven miles west of Conconully, WA. The fire continued to back towards the Loomis State Forest.

GRIFF, Olympic National Park. This fire is in timber, nine miles south of Port Angeles, WA. Very little fire activity and no increase in size were reported.

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. The uncontained portion of the complex is due to areas of difficult access. Minimal fire behavior with some isolated torching was observed.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Low to moderate fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	20,391	56	10/15	319	6	12	5	1	10.4M
CRYSTAL CREEK	WA	OWF	1,125	35	UNK	163	3	1	8	0	1.8M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	3,600	30	UNK	476	12	16	5	0	6.1M
GRIFF	WA	OLP	600	0	UNK	36	1	2	2	0	406K
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	98	10/8	88	1	12	3	13	41M
MAPLE	WA	OWF	2,500	40	12/15	67	2	0	2	0	2.1M

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 rollouts causing short uphill runs was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BERG 3	ID	NPF	1,200	30	10/8	320	12	6	3	0	150K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 2 Incident Command Team (Moranda) is assigned. These fires are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash, 18 miles northwest of Garberville, CA. Backing surface fire on the flanks was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	22,114	97	10/6	685	21	30	6	0	29.6M
SPANISH	CA	MNF	6,050	100	---	605	13	28	2	0	5.3M

MNF = Mendocino National Forest

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	9,896	N/A	N/A	91	1	2	2	0	2M

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

POPLAR COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. This complex is in timber with heavy dead and downed fuels, on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX	AZ	GCP	8,281	10	12/1	18	0	1	0	0	1.9M

OUTLOOK:

Discussion: A cold front will enter the Pacific Northwest today. The front will bring rain to the Washington Coast today, eventually spreading over the Washington Cascades and the northern Oregon Cascades overnight. Moisture and instability may also lead to some thunderstorm activity across southern Arizona as well.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Night and morning coastal fog and low clouds. Otherwise clear with a few mid and high clouds.	60s and 70s near the coast and over higher inland terrain, with mostly 80s in the warmer inland valleys	Driest inland areas 14 to 24%.	Southwest to west 3 to 8 mph gusts 12 to 18 mph over the ridges.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly cloudy most of the state, with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the northeast.	70s to near 80 northern valleys, 80s in the far south, 60s and 70s mountains.	15 to 25% valleys, 20 to 35% mountains.	Southeast to southwest at 5 to 10 mph or upslope/upvalley.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL 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)
- 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				4	4	9
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					11	10	21
	ACRES					4	5,791	5,795
Southern California	FIRES				0	7	2	9
	ACRES				30	0	1	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	75						75
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					1	1	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					3		3
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	0	0	31	20	54
	ACRES	75	1	0	30	10	5,793	5,909

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	299	246	11	55	1,795	1,246	3,652
	ACRES	24,028	17,882	12	3,688	49,673	294,193	389,476
Northern California	FIRES	150	71	15	17	2,759	1,226	4,238
	ACRES	233	11,583	603	6,562	72,735	37,722	129,438
Southern California	FIRES	65	135	10	76	2,634	863	3,783
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	722	36,300	7,497	48,666
Northern Rockies	FIRES	997	71	34	85	968	1,506	3,661
	ACRES	77,885	69,435	23,280	166,669	169,362	359,778	866,409
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	835	7	46	870	990	2,806
	ACRES	19,423	130,865	1,244	2,634	54,180	141,106	349,452
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	2,100	4,101
	ACRES	35,658	5,893	284	11,834	16,185	203,140	272,994
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	184	777	39	48	968	706	2,722
	ACRES	17,714	16,918	1,963	783	17,004	53,134	107,516
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,903	490	11,402
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,665	5,594	176,043
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	12,023	340	12,568
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	192,864	8,857	236,354
TOTAL	FIRES	3,666	2,788	255	464	33,319	9,651	50,143
	ACRES	249,743	307,174	329,968	198,080	968,539	1,114,310	3,167,814

Ten Year Average Fires	70,143
Ten Year Average Acres	3,987,545

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							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		1					1
	ACRES		1,250					1,250
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1,500					1,500
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	2,750	0	0	0	10	2,760

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		220	374
	ACRES	5,351	25,350	5,835	123		31,678	68,337
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,216	2,193		10,562	34,269
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	371	498
	ACRES	502	3,808	11,688	760	1,750	19,032	37,540
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	31	5		12	35	84
	ACRES	18	32,277	406		2,305	12,888	47,894
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		820		2,084		230	3,134
Southwest	FIRES	16	35	19	8	3	285	366
	ACRES	3,705	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	51,832	129,251
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	31	100	9	11	97	277
	ACRES	1,732	24,349	13,819	9,592	220	15,949	65,661
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	502	207	1,063
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,990	26,976	177,020
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	164	221	931	138	16,564	2,754	20,772
	ACRES	41,280	113,844	245,866	111,026	914,409	1,122,910	2,549,335

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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			8,059		16,240	24,299
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	83	0	189	307
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	15,366	0	249,303	309,117

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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	26	11	17	35	8	36			314	193
Northern California	9	30	36	32	3	6			104	189
Southern California	20		5		10	3			48	6
Northern Rockies	6	6	2	4	3				40	9
Eastern Great Basin	3	1	12	1	6	2			4	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			9		1					
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	64	48	81	72	31	47	0	0	510	397

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