

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally 156 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported, one in the Northern Rockies Area and two in the Southern California Area. One large fire was contained in the Northern Rockies. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROBLAR2, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. This fire is in six foot tall chaparral, six miles west of Fallbrook, CA. Rapid easterly runs, fire whirls and spotting were observed.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Rapid rates of spread with 100 foot flame lengths were reported.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire, previously reported as part of the Kaweah-Kern Complex, is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Fire activity and spread on the north and east flanks continue. Spotting from roll-out along ridge tops and in drainages has occurred.

ALBANITA/HOOKER, Sequoia National Forest. This Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is burning in mixed conifer and chaparral ten miles north-northwest of Kennedy Meadows, CA. Backing fire with occasional short runs and small group torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROBLAR2	CA	MCP	800	5	10/24	218	6	30	5	0	175K
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	825	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,162	75	11/15	110	3	0	2	0	1.2M
ALBANITA/HOOKER-WFU	CA	SQF	2,490	N/A	N/A	28	1	1	0	0	60K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	10,643	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	741K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PARDUE FIRE	MT	BFA	9,000	100	---	32	0	4	0	5	200K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure over the West will continue to bring warm, dry weather to the region except for rain west of the Cascades in the Pacific Northwest. In the East, a frontal system will be moving off the East Coast with some lingering precipitation in the northeastern states, while a weak front drops down out of Canada into the western Great Lakes region.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny with a few high clouds.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 100 valleys. 85 to 100 upper desert. 95 to 110 low desert.	10 to 20% desert. 10 to 25% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. 40 to 60% coast.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Variable high cloudiness, some chance of light showers in the northwest corner tonight.	Mid 60s to mid 80s.	10 to 24%.	South to west 5 to 15 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny.	70s to 80s north. 80s to 90s south. 60s to 70s mountains.	5 to 15% valleys. 10 to 20% mountains.	Upslope/upvalley in the morning then southwest at 5 to 15 mph across southeastern Nevada, and 10 to 25 mph across northwestern Nevada.



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HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

- Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):
 - Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
 - Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
 - Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.

- Step 5—Evaluation:
 - Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
 - Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
 - Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
 - Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
 - Maintain feedback line.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					154		154
Northern California	FIRES	1				5	1	7
	ACRES	0				2	0	2
Southern California	FIRES				0	14	1	15
	ACRES				198	18	0	216
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	34						34
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		1				6	7
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	1,000					0	1,000
Eastern Area	FIRES	20				50	3	73
	ACRES	300				234	8	542
Southern Area	FIRES				0	42	1	43
	ACRES				14	145	1	160
TOTAL	FIRES	24	1	0	0	120	11	156
	ACRES	1,334	1	0	212	553	15	2,115

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	21	11	401	14	464
	ACRES	23	40,821	283,123	3,827	247,654	2	575,450
Northwest	FIRES	302	249	11	50	1,877	1,271	3,760
	ACRES	24,276	17,921	12	1,170	50,472	294,165	388,016
Northern California	FIRES	159	72	17	19	2,952	1,259	4,478
	ACRES	241	12,633	603	6,562	80,827	38,420	139,286
Southern California	FIRES	68	137	10	76	2,789	807	3,887
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,693	36,569	7,977	51,188
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,007	71	34	85	981	1,514	3,692
	ACRES	78,001	69,435	23,280	166,669	169,388	365,933	872,706
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	840	7	47	888	1,043	2,884
	ACRES	19,424	131,141	1,244	2,704	54,735	141,150	350,398
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	454	1	11	121	175	770
	ACRES	1	11,408	79	6	1,977	3,288	16,759
Southwest	FIRES	897	192	5	69	892	2,126	4,181
	ACRES	35,670	5,897	284	11,834	16,203	203,158	273,046
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	797	39	48	4,204	742	6,015
	ACRES	18,714	17,319	1,963	783	70,776	58,348	167,903
Eastern Area	FIRES	949		67	35	10,253	504	11,808
	ACRES	52,562		6,890	706	115,231	5,673	181,062
Southern Area	FIRES	153		46	13	12,309	353	12,874
	ACRES	21,841		12,130	783	193,502	8,959	237,215
TOTAL	FIRES	3,789	2,827	258	464	37,667	9,808	54,813
	ACRES	252,409	309,508	329,968	196,737	1,037,334	1,127,073	3,253,029

Ten Year Average Fires	74,220
Ten Year Average Acres	4,324,624

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				21	23
	ACRES		125				1,685	1,810
Northern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				30			30
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					0	2	2
	ACRES					30	147	177
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				200		135	335
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		2,500			309		2,809
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		1	1	4
	ACRES			116		126	110	352
Southern Area	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						1,187	1,187
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	2	2	2	30	39
	ACRES	0	2,625	116	230	465	3,264	6,700

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	102	24	3		270	427
	ACRES	5,351	25,575	5,835	123		38,011	74,895
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		134	274
	ACRES	31	267	21,734	2,513		10,848	35,393
Southern California	FIRES		2	5	9		170	186
	ACRES		27	698	3,335		13,675	17,735
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	96	4	42	402	566
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,441	28,031	54,031
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	32	7		14	51	105
	ACRES	18	32,277	409		2,358	17,325	52,387
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	23	35	19	9	3	334	423
	ACRES	4,148	26,946	39,373	7,583	12	57,237	135,299
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	34	101	9	18	221	412
	ACRES	1,732	27,349	13,820	9,592	1,715	20,615	74,823
Eastern Area	FIRES	24		339	16	513	224	1,116
	ACRES	10,580		66,119	1,823	84,638	27,556	190,716
Southern Area	FIRES	53		274	103	16,007	1,255	17,692
	ACRES	19,379		96,281	83,799	827,577	943,369	1,970,405
TOTAL	FIRES	172	229	977	175	16,603	3,062	21,218
	ACRES	41,741	120,533	259,594	111,612	920,296	1,156,897	2,610,673

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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				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						2	2
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			8,529		23,166	31,695
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		74	77
	ACRES				602		56,807	57,409
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		33	39
	ACRES				435		15,435	15,870
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	92	0	192	319
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	19,380	0	257,138	320,966

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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							1		12	
Northern California			1							
Southern California	10	6	18	25	11	3	1		159	18
Northern Rockies	1		7						10	
Eastern Great Basin	2	1	7	1	3	1			2	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area				2	3					
Southern Area										
Total	13	7	33	28	17	5	1	0	183	18

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