

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Southern California Area, moderate in the Northern California Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 49 new fires were reported. Five new large fires were reported, two each in the Southern California and the Eastern Great Basin Areas, and one in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California and Idaho.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CEDAR, Cleveland National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlton) is assigned. A Unified Command between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team and Carlton's Type 2 Incident Management Team has been requested. A CDF Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is in chaparral, 10 miles east of Ramona, CA. High winds caused rapid rates of spread.

OTAY, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team has been ordered. This fire is in chaparral, five miles south of Dulzura, CA. This wind-driven fire made major runs with rapid rates of spread (10,000 acres in six hours).

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Extreme fire behavior with torching, spotting, fire whirls and intense runs was observed. The fire continued to burn in a westerly direction. Evacuations of Upland, San Antonio, Mt Baldy Village and Lytle Creek are in effect.

SIMI INCIDENT, Ventura County. A Unified Command between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Haines) and Ventura County Fire Department (Sanchez) is in place. This fire is in chaparral and grass, five miles north of Simi Valley, CA. Rapid rates of spread and long range spotting due to high winds continue to hamper control efforts. Evacuation centers have been opened and structure protection is in place in the Simi Valley area. Road closures for State Routes 188, 126 and 23 are in effect.

VERDALE, Los Angeles County. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Osby/Vandenbossche) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral and oak grass, four miles west of Santa Clarita, CA. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

ROBLAR 2, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Domanski) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral, six miles west of Fallbrook, CA. Fire activity was limited to the west flank.

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A transfer of command from Walker's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Mortier's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today. This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences and commercial properties. Extreme wind-driven fire behavior with spotting was observed. Evacuation of the north end of San Bernardino continues.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dorn) is assigned. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clara, CA. High winds caused extreme fire behavior with long range spotting and high rates of spread. Structure protection is in place for 300 residences and two commercial properties.

PARADISE, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Snell) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, six miles northeast of Escondido, CA. Extreme fire behavior due to Santa Ana winds was observed. Evacuation of residences has occurred.

MOUNTAIN, Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is in heavy brush and hardwood slash, 13 miles northeast of Ternecula, CA. Winds have caused aggressive fire behavior with rapid rates of spread. Evacuation of residences has occurred.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Unseasonably warm and dry conditions persist, causing fire behavior to increase significantly. Fire activity continues in well developed thermal belts, and roll-out spotting along ridge tops and in drainages within containment lines continues to occur.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CEDAR	CA	CNF	6,000	0	UNK	456	67	22	0	1	NR
OTAY	CA	MVU	10,000	0	10/30	142	8	6	0	0	200K
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	52,184	25	10/30	2,506	43	347	15	65	7.2M
SIMI INCIDENT	CA	VNC	80,000	5	10/29	728	0	144	6	6	912K
VERDALE	CA	LAC	8,680	85	10/31	620	21	45	0	1	1.7M
ROBLAR 2	CA	MCP	6,892	85	UNK	520	13	34	0	0	4.6M
OLD	CA	BDF	24,000	5	UNK	1,291	30	180	8	310	NR
PIRU	CA	LPF	25,000	5	UNK	824	5	30	5	1	1.1M
PARADISE	CA	MVU	15,000	0	10/30	222	14	55	0	160	100K
MOUNTAIN	CA	RRU	2,000	0	UNK	352	0	38	3	26	NR
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,297	97	11/15	52	2	0	2	0	1.4M
ALBANITA/HOOKER - WFU	CA	SQF	3,750	N/A	N/A	30	1	1	0	0	100K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	KNP	11,317	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	771K

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SHEPARD, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. This fire is in grass and oak brush, four miles east of Farmington, UT. Minimal fire activity was reported.

CHERRY CREEK 2, Uinta National Forest. This fire is in grass and brush, ten miles east/northeast of Springville, UT. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SHEPARD	UT	WCF	391	95	10/27	43	1	0	1	0	350K
CHERRY CREEK 2	UT	UIF	500	5	10/29	103	3	6	4	0	75K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROSE, Grand Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is in timber and litter, 15 miles northeast of North Rim Developed Area. Active ground fire with occasional torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROSE - WFU	AZ	GCP	1,800	N/A	N/A	59	2	4	2	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: For southern California mountains and below canyons and passes for northeast winds and low humidity.

Red Flag Warning: For much of northern California west of the Sierra/Cascade crest through Monday midday for low humidity and moderate easterly winds.

Weather Discussion: Santa Ana winds to continue over southern California as high pressure covers the West with winds diminishing on Tuesday. A new frontal system will drop down from Canada into the Dakotas with another front lingering along the East coast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 85 to 95 upper desert. 95 to 105 low desert.	5 to 15% desert. 5 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% valleys. 15 to 30% coast.	Northeast 5 to 15 mph, except 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts in Red Flag areas.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear.	80s to near 100.	7 to 19%.	Northeast to southeast 4 to 12 mph gusts 22 to 28 mph over the ridges in the morning.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny.	60s to 70s north 70s to 80s south 60s to 70 Mountains	15 to 20% North 5 to 15% South 15 to 20% Mountains	Upslope/Upvalley in the morning becoming east/northeast at 5 to 15 mph.



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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENCOUNTERS

Employees who may encounter hazardous materials in the field should be trained as mandated by OSHA 1910.120 (q), First Responder Awareness Level. However, employees should always recognize that hazmat encounters require special precautions.

● Hazardous materials in the field include, but are not limited to:

- Clandestine drug waste – waste as a result of “meth” labs, etc., which may look like common household trash at first glance. Drug lab waste can be identified by the presence of gallon plastic jugs, large plastic bags, 5-gallon buckets, and laboratory equipment (tubes and beakers).
- Midnight dumping – may be recognized by the presence of barrels or other containers, discoloration of land, plants, or water, and/or dead vegetation and animals.
- Transportation accidents – truck, rail, or pipeline accidents may result in the spillage or release of hazardous materials that may result in danger to life, property, or resources.

● In all instances, self-protection is your primary responsibility.

● Respond to all encounters by implementing the Three Rs:

- Recognize: Attempt to identify the substance using the North American Emergency Response Guide, occupancy/location, placards/labels, container shapes/colors, and/or MSDS shipping papers.
- Retreat: Move upwind, upgrade, or upstream; isolate the material; and deny entry to the site. Guidelines for isolation distances include: 150 feet for a minor incident (1 drum, 1 bag, etc.); 500 feet for a major incident (more than 1 drum, etc.); 300 feet for a residential and light commercial incident; 1,000 feet for an open area; 2,500 feet for an incident with BLEVE potential; 2,500 feet for the staging area (must be upwind with vehicles in a headed-out position)
- Report: Notify your supervisor and agency dispatcher. Request hazmat assistance via a safe route.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Northern California	FIRES				1	20	3	24
	ACRES				3	36	0	39
Southern California	FIRES				0	19	2	21
	ACRES				91	3	8,960	9,054
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						6	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					3		3
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	42	6	49
	ACRES	0	0	0	94	45	8,966	9,105

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	304	250	15	50	1,888	1,288	3,795
	ACRES	24,276	18,153	16	1,170	50,549	331,454	425,618
Northern California	FIRES	166	72	17	20	3,031	1,250	4,556
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,565	81,208	38,453	139,705
Southern California	FIRES	69	139	10	76	2,863	845	4,002
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,828	38,081	43,514	88,372
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,032	71	34	86	991	1,527	3,741
	ACRES	79,164	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,439	365,943	873,940
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	841	7	46	895	1,057	2,905
	ACRES	19,424	131,441	1,244	2,733	56,898	141,910	353,650
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	454	1	11	122	176	773
	ACRES	2	11,408	79	6	1,982	3,288	16,765
Southwest	FIRES	898	193	5	69	898	2,130	4,193
	ACRES	35,695	5,917	284	11,834	16,207	203,164	273,101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	797	40	48	4,213	752	6,035
	ACRES	20,214	17,319	1,964	783	70,779	58,409	169,468
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		67	37	10,348	511	11,925
	ACRES	53,155		6,890	708	115,888	5,786	182,427
Southern Area	FIRES	155		46	14	12,572	357	13,144
	ACRES	21,871		12,130	808	194,998	9,001	238,808
TOTAL	FIRES	3,841	2,832	263	468	38,222	9,907	55,533
	ACRES	255,723	310,060	329,973	196,941	1,043,683	1,200,924	3,337,304

Ten Year Average Fires	74,581
Ten Year Average Acres	4,383,484

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					11	13
	ACRES	202					1,386	1,588
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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	0	11	13
	ACRES	202	0	0	0	0	1,386	1,588

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	34	104	34	3		330	505
	ACRES	5,729	27,620	6,432	123		44,520	84,424
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		137	277
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		10,983	35,558
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	410	574
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,441	29,430	55,430
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	7		14	53	109
	ACRES	18	33,772	409		2,358	20,412	56,969
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	23	36	19	9	3	345	435
	ACRES	4,148	26,986	39,373	8,183	12	59,157	137,859
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	34	101	9	18	221	413
	ACRES	1,777	27,349	13,820	9,592	1,715	20,697	74,950
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		352	16	520	225	1,139
	ACRES	10,640		76,009	1,823	84,944	27,652	201,068
Southern Area	FIRES	54		280	105	16,007	1,266	17,712
	ACRES	19,404		97,519	85,021	827,577	950,089	1,979,610
TOTAL	FIRES	182	234	1,006	177	16,610	3,158	21,367
	ACRES	42,249	124,113	271,349	113,434	920,602	1,176,845	2,648,592

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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			9,267		23,288	32,555
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,496	15,944
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	10	32	1	93	0	192	328
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	20,131	0	257,368	321,989

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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		24			2			35	
Northern California	4	1	1	3	1					
Southern California	39	177	135	798	27	20	1		368	780
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1	3	3	3	3	2			17	4
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1	1	5		2				20	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	46	182	168	804	33	24	1	0	440	784

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