

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2003 – 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 15 new fires reported. One large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and California.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Unified Area Command has been established between a National Area Command Team (Mann), the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Heil) and the San Bernardino County Fire Department (Wurl) to manage the Old and Grand Prix fires. A Unified Area Command has been established between the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Turner) and the Forest Service (Hatcher) to manage the Cedar and Paradise fires.

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Mortier and Cable), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) and local fire agencies. This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed in most areas, however drier areas reported surface fire spread caused by moderate winds.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) and local fire agencies. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Mandatory evacuation orders remain in effect for Silverwood Lake.

CEDAR, Cleveland National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) and a California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins). This fire is in chaparral, ten miles east of Ramona, CA. Smoldering and creeping, with minor flare-ups in oak snags were observed. Road systems were opened allowing residents back into the fire area.

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. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences. La Jolla and Mt. Palomar communities were reopened to residents.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) and a California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF) Type 1 Incident Command Team (Kerrigan). This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OLD	CA	BDF	91,281	78	11/8	4,133	85	356	17	860	24M
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	59,448	95	11/4	622	9	11	2	196	11.5M
CEDAR	CA	CNF	281,298	95	11/3	2,120	31	242	31	2,820	12.2M
PARADISE	CA	MVU	56,700	75	11/6	2,222	62	143	19	366	7.5M
PIRU	CA	LPF	63,991	80	UNK	331	10	0	3	8	6.7M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SKI RUN	NM	LNF	271	100	---	74	4	4	1	0	1.2M

LNF = Lincoln National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PHINNEYHILL, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and timber, eight miles west of Wynona, OK. 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
PHINNEY HILL	OK	OSA	1,670	95	UNK	4	0	1	0	0	10K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system will continue over the West while high pressure remains over the Southeast. The main band of moisture will extend from California and portions of the West then along the northern Plains, Great Lakes and into New England. Much of the Southeast should be dry except for some rain over Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly cloudy with scattered showers over Central California and a chance of showers over Southern California. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet over Central California and 6,000 feet over Southern California.	60 to 70 coastal areas. 40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 65 upper desert. 65 to 75 low desert.	30 to 50% desert. 50 to 70% mountains. 50 to 70% valleys. 50 to 70% coast.	Southwest to northwest 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts over the mountains and deserts, otherwise local southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.



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

ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

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					6		6
	ACRES					0		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					4	5	9
	ACRES					54	94	148
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	5	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	54	94	148

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	22	11	402	13	465
	ACRES	23	40,821	266,855	3,980	247,925	2	559,606
Northwest	FIRES	306	250	15	50	1,919	1,300	3,840
	ACRES	24,278	18,153	16	1,170	50,586	331,464	425,667
Northern California	FIRES	168	72	17	21	3,097	1,275	4,650
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,879	81,551	38,452	140,361
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	10	76	2,935	861	4,091
	ACRES	1,656	42,055	360	1,828	269,562	262,710	578,171
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,038	71	34	86	994	1,537	3,760
	ACRES	88,242	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,442	366,054	883,132
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	846	7	46	907	1,069	2,934
	ACRES	19,424	131,580	1,244	2,733	56,155	143,470	354,606
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	457	1	11	122	177	776
	ACRES	2	11,537	79	6	1,982	3,284	16,890
Southwest	FIRES	937	193	5	69	902	2,136	4,242
	ACRES	35,702	5,917	284	11,834	16,209	203,456	273,402
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	802	40	48	4,221	754	6,050
	ACRES	20,214	17,477	1,964	783	74,582	58,562	173,582
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		67	37	10,369	513	11,948
	ACRES	53,155		6,890	708	116,327	5,797	182,877
Southern Area	FIRES	157		46	15	12,820	375	13,413
	ACRES	21,882		12,130	1,838	196,937	9,177	241,964
TOTAL	FIRES	3,891	2,846	264	470	38,688	10,010	56,169
	ACRES	264,821	349,608	313,705	198,438	1,281,258	1,422,428	3,830,258

Nine Year Average Fires	79,866
Nine Year Average Acres	4,917,898

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in November

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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				1
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						1	1
	ACRES						23	23
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	0	23	24

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	40	105	34	3		347	529
	ACRES	6,911	28,222	6,432	123		45,073	86,761
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		138	278
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		11,053	35,628
Southern California	FIRES		2	6	9		170	187
	ACRES		27	768	3,335		13,675	17,805
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	96	4	45	430	597
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,448	29,625	55,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	8		19	59	121
	ACRES	18	33,462	410		2,604	22,370	58,864
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	25	37	19	9	3	347	440
	ACRES	4,974	32,711	39,373	8,183	12	59,168	144,421
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	34	101	9	19	221	414
	ACRES	1,777	27,509	13,820	9,592	2,215	20,697	75,610
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		352	16	522	231	1,147
	ACRES	10,640		76,009	1,823	84,961	27,699	201,132
Southern Area	FIRES	54		280	105	16,007	1,278	17,724
	ACRES	19,404		97,519	85,021	827,577	952,453	1,981,974
TOTAL	FIRES	190	236	1,008	177	16,621	3,222	21,454
	ACRES	44,257	130,290	271,420	113,434	921,372	1,182,043	2,662,816

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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			9,289		24,808	34,097
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,835	16,283
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		2		3	30
	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	31	1	93	0	192	327
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	20,153	0	259,227	323,870

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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										
Northern California	2									
Southern California	78	123	151	616	21	51			720	906
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			1							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2	2		4		1			3	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area										
Total	82	125	152	620	21	52	0	0	727	906

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