

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 29, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 25 new fires reported. One new large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Colorado.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
2004-17-0500	FL	FLS	200	100	---	13	0	1	0	0	NR

FLS = Florida Division of Forestry

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** A cold fall weather system will move out of the West today as another system arrives overnight in the Pacific Northwest. Some light snow shower activity will remain over higher elevations, but most locations across the West will see little in the way of precipitation.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 55 to 65 upper deserts. 70 to 80 lower deserts.	40 to 60%.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](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						1	1
	ACRES						0	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					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					4	15	19
	ACRES					204	152	156
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	17	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	208	153	361

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	57	82	21	497	44	707
	ACRES	7,131	1,198,435	2,063,237	29,835	3,347,324	16	6,645,978
Northwest	FIRES	363	306	38	62	1,761	1,329	3,859
	ACRES	22,696	4,975	1,370	258	18,556	75,174	123,029
Northern California	FIRES	150	87	12	25	2,794	1,027	4,095
	ACRES	188	8,894	43	482	81,925	34,552	126,084
Southern California	FIRES	39	115	35	38	6,010	810	7,047
	ACRES	676	6,085	1,867	5,095	134,264	11,604	159,591
Northern Rockies	FIRES	992	63	20	13	790	851	2,729
	ACRES	6,595	1,564	1,093	4	17,985	10,589	37,830
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	62	878	2	47	540	742	2,271
	ACRES	522	41,838	1	60	9,072	37,676	89,169
Western Great Basin	FIRES	26	637	13	19	107	152	954
	ACRES	364	22,435	2,666	79	7,884	6,363	39,791
Southwest	FIRES	778	179	5	84	692	1,778	3,516
	ACRES	5,327	6,130	201	517	7,058	282,536	301,769
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	469	39	51	477	476	1,848
	ACRES	5,465	5,004	1,274	37	24,527	8,060	44,367
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		48	29	10,820	509	11,901
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	111	82,832	5,826	96,313
Southern Area	FIRES	140		79	83	26,123	633	27,058
	ACRES	16,015		21,645	5,066	331,120	73,819	447,665
TOTAL	FIRES	3,387	2,791	373	472	50,611	8,351	65,985
	ACRES	70,088	1,295,360	2,095,832	41,544	4,062,547	546,215	8,111,586

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>74,771</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,342,514</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD 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	3	4			1	47	55
	ACRES	4,447	437			10	891	5,785
Northern California	FIRES		0	1	1		4	6
	ACRES		33	45	85		286	449
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						32	32
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		0	0	0	0
	ACRES		3		1	20	70	94
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						433	433
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					1,090	23	1,113
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						-51	-51
	ACRES						-382	-382
TOTAL	FIRES	3	4	1	1	3	9	21
	ACRES	4,447	473	45	86	1,120	1,353	7,524

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIRES	62	130	68	1	1	516	778
	ACRES	15,492	22,604	5,882	30	10	80,977	124,995
Northern California	FIRES	14	40	23	23		270	370
	ACRES	251	2,135	17,556	4,781		31,602	56,325
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	22	15		108	152
	ACRES	205	43	2,166	981		7,255	10,650
Northern Rockies	FIRES	46	10	110	5	134	814	1,119
	ACRES	2,808	2,872	20,581	1,053	4,872	55,389	87,575
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	33	5	5	37	110	191
	ACRES	149	15,639	2,449	4,803	3,645	34,720	61,405
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		6	24
	ACRES		2,432	541	414		977	4,364
Southwest	FIRES	30	15	7	16		511	579
	ACRES	12,797	4,651	12,769	11,406		104,930	146,553
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	51	55	165	19	17	156	463
	ACRES	7,151	18,382	24,661	13,864	9,219	55,491	128,768
Eastern Area	FIRES	28		377	23	1,104	256	1,788
	ACRES	15,104		45,607	4,443	74,884	37,786	177,824
Southern Area	FIRES	51		274	101	395	1,124	1,945
	ACRES	8,503		102,438	88,291	212,772	1,007,283	1,419,287
TOTAL	FIRES	285	299	1,056	211	1,693	3,871	7,415
	ACRES	62,460	101,758	234,650	130,066	328,303	1,416,410	2,273,647

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				66,917			66,917
Northwest	FIRES				5		13	18
	ACRES				200		1,871	2,071
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				3,165		0	3,165
Southern California	FIRES				11		3	14
	ACRES				4,712		222	4,934
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	49	50
	ACRES				0	10	13,479	13,489
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15		2			17
	ACRES		494		0			494
Southwest	FIRES				10		28	38
	ACRES				1,703		14,820	16,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	3	2	0	6	39
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	613	10,175
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	43	3	63	0	166	275
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	81,140	2,281	33,416	124,622

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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								5	
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				1						4
Total	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	4

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