INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003 – 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 83 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern and the Eastern Great Basin Areas, and two in the Rocky Mountain Area. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California, Northern California, Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oklahoma and Utah.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. High winds and dry conditions caused extreme fire behavior in areas of beetle killed timber and urban interface. Aggressive uphill and canyon runs with crowning and long range spotting were observed. Structure protection is a priority.

CEDAR, Cleveland National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) and various fire agencies in San Diego County. This fire is in chaparral, ten miles east of Ramona, CA. The fire continued to move in all directions in areas of brush and urban interface. Continued extreme fire behavior with flame lengths over 200 feet and long range spotting was observed. Threatened residences and commercial properties have been evacuated and structure protection is a priority.

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. Continuous wind-driven runs caused rapid rates of spread and spotting. The evacuation order for the Lytle Creek area has been lifted. Mandatory evacuation orders are in effect for Oak Hills, Baldy Mesa, Silverwood Lake and Summit Valley. Structure protection is a priority.

SIMI INCIDENT, Ventura County. A Unified Command between a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Haines), Ventura County Fire Department (Sanchez), Los Angeles County (Osby) and the City of Los Angeles (West) is in place. This fire is in chaparral and grass, five miles north of Simi Valley, CA. Strong gusty winds caused fire activity to vary from moderate to extreme. Structure protection is a priority. An evacuation of Stevenson Ranch took place during the peak burning period.

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 conditions resulted in sustained hard runs. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences.

PADUA, Angeles National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral, six miles north/northeast of Claremont, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed. The evacuation order for the Mt. Baldy Village area remains in effect.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. A California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF) Type 1 Incident Command Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. The recent weather change with higher relative humidity contributed to the decreased fire spread. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is a priority.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Moderate fire activity was reported.

ROBLAR 2, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. This fire is in chaparral, six miles west of Fallbrook, CA. 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
OLD	CA	BDF	47,960	10	UNK	2,392	44	371	11	860	4M
CEDAR	CA	CNF	251,000	15	11/5	3,662	51	533	4	1,800	2.5M
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	91,207	40	10/31	1,808	35	169	13	98	13M
SIMI INCIDENT	CA	VNC	105,665	40	11/4	1,575	24	261	10	95	4.8M
PARADISE	CA	MVU	49,800	20	11/1	1,315	30	133	8	233	2.3M
PADUA	CA	ANF	10,466	90	10/31	455	8	50	3	0	600K
PIRU	CA	LPF	68,022	30	UNK	1,512	44	113	5	8	4.9M
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	1,298	98	11/15	52	1	0	2	0	1.5M
ROBLAR 2	CA	MCP	8,592	85	UNK	68	2	4	2	0	5.4M
ALBANITA/HOOKER – WFU	CA	SQF	4,292	N/A	N/A	40	1	2	0	0	150K
MOUNTAIN	CA	RRU	10,331	100	---	339	10	28	3	61	1.9M

SQF = Sequoia National Forest RRU = Riverside Unit (CDF)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WHITMORE, Shasta-Trinity Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, six miles east/northeast of Whitmore, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
WHITMORE	CA	SHU	1,004	90	10/30	1,146	28	81	7	0	1.8M
XOWANNUTUK	CA	RWP	315	100	---	300	11	10	1	0	NR

RWP = Redwood National Park

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SKI RUN, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, six miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM. Minimal fire activity occurred.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
SKI RUN	NM	LNF	250	30	11/1	298	7	14	4	0	200K
ROSE - WFU	AZ	GCP	3,694	N/A	N/A	40	1	5	2	0	NR

GCP = Grand Canyon National Park

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

OVERLAND, Boulder County. This fire is in Douglas fir, ponderosa pine and grass, one half mile west/northwest of Jamestown, CO. Continuous winds with gusts near 50 mph and varying directions caused rapid fire growth. The communities of Jamestown and Lefthand Canyon have been evacuated.

CHEROKEE RANCH, Pike and San Isabel National Forest. This fire is in an urban interface area with ponderosa pine, oak and grass, two miles east of Kellytown, CO. Active fire with running, torching and spotting was observed. Over 100 residences have been evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
OVERLAND	CO	BLX	3,500	0	UNK	173	2	37	1	0	NR
CHEROKEE RANCH	CO	PSF	300	5	10/31	198	2	51	0	3	5K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHERRY CREEK 2, Uinta National Forest. This fire is in grass and brush, ten miles east/northeast of Springville, UT. Major fire growth was due to winds associated with a passing cold front.

SWIFT CREEK, Ashley National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
CHERRY CREEK 2	UT	UIF	4,500	30	11/1	291	12	8	6	0	500K
SWIFT CREEK – WFU	UT	ASF	321	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	NR
OWL	ID	IFD	600	100	---	20	0	5	0	2	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PHINNEYHILL, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and timber, eight miles west of Wynona, OK. Extreme fire activity was reported. Structure protection is in place for two residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
PHINNEY HILL	OK	OSA	1,000	20	UNK	23	0	9	0	0	2K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
CLIFF SPRING	MT	CNF	120	100	---	33	0	0	0	0	NR

CNF = Custer National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: For parts of eastern California from Lake Tahoe south for strong gusty west to northwest winds and low humidity.

Red Flag Warning: For strong winds, dry fuels, and low relative humidity over western and southern Colorado.

Fire Weather Watch: For southern and eastern Utah.

Weather Discussion: Upper level trough developing over the West will produce gusty winds from California to Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. In the East, high pressure is building over the area except for a disturbance moving across the Great Lakes.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning fog in coastal basins, otherwise partly cloudy.	60 to 70 coastal areas. 50 to 65 mountains. 65 to 75 valleys. 65 to 75 upper desert. 78 to 88 low desert.	5 to 15% desert. 20 to 35% mountains. 35 to 50% valleys. 50 to 70% coast.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph in the morning and southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph in the afternoon.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to scattered showers, more numerous in northwestern mountains. Snow level dropping to 3000 to 3500'.	Upper 30s to near 50 at higher terrain, and upper 50s to upper 60s lower terrain inland, with 50s near the coast.	60% or more higher terrain and coastal areas, and 35 to 50% inland areas.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 10 mph with gusts to 15 to 20 mph lower elevations inland, and northwest to north 7 to 15 mph with gusts 20 to 25 mph higher terrain and near the coast.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Partly cloudy over Colorado. Snow likely over Wyoming and South Dakota.	Highs 50 to 55 over the northern Colorado front range, with 60s to near 75 over western and southern Colorado (55 to 65 mountains).	35 to 45% over the northern Colorado front range, with 15 to 30% elsewhere over Colorado.	Easterly 8 to 18 mph over the northern Colorado front range. West 20 to 35 mph over western sections of Colorado, and the southern mountains.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly cloudy and cold with much lighter winds. A chance of snow showers in the mountains, slight chance in the valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly to mostly cloudy and breezy to windy with a chance of showers over northern Utah. The cold front will stall over central/southern Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 35 mountains, 35 to 47 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 30 to 52 northern Utah, 50 to 78 southern Utah and the Arizona Strip.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 30 to 45% valleys, 40 to 70% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 8 to 25% southern and eastern Utah and the Arizona Strip, 25 to 50% northwest Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West to northwest 10 to 15 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest 15 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph over southern and eastern Utah. Winds northwest over the northwest third of Utah.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA North: Mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of snow showers. South: Partly sunny and breezy.	30s & 40s North 50s, 60s & 70s South 20s & 30s Mountains	30 to 40% North 20 to 30% Central 15 to 25% South 40 to 60% Mountains	Becoming southwest to northwest at 15 to 25 mph across the southern half of the state and 5 to 15 mph across the northern half of the state.
EASTERN AREA Partly cloudy, warm and breezy over the southeastern 2/3 of the Big Rivers including Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana	68 to 78	35 to 45%	South to southwest winds to 15 to 30 mph with occasional higher gusts in the afternoon

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FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				3	3	7
	ACRES	1				3	2	6
Northern California	FIRES	1				9	2	12
	ACRES	0				20	11	31
Southern California	FIRES		1			17	6	24
	ACRES		0			52	1,000	1,052
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			4	2	7
	ACRES		17			600	0	617
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					5	3	8
	ACRES					3,801	1	3,802
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES	2				15	6	23
	ACRES	11				132	52	195
TOTAL	FIRES	4	2	0	0	54	23	83
	ACRES	12	17	0	0	4,609	1,068	5,706

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	305	250	15	50	1,900	1,296	3,816
	ACRES	24,277	18,153	16	1,170	50,568	331,463	425,647
Northern California	FIRES	168	72	17	20	3,070	1,254	4,601
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,879	81,423	38,465	140,246
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	10	76	2,912	859	4,066
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,828	204,532	48,514	259,823
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,035	71	34	86	991	1,530	3,747
	ACRES	79,165	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,439	366,051	874,049
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	846	7	46	901	1,067	2,926
	ACRES	19,424	131,561	1,244	2,733	56,153	143,458	354,573
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	937	193	5	69	898	2,135	4,237
	ACRES	35,702	5,917	284	11,834	16,207	203,455	273,399
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	800	40	48	4,218	753	6,044
	ACRES	20,214	17,469	1,964	783	74,079	58,561	173,070
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		67	37	10,357	512	11,935
	ACRES	53,155		6,890	708	115,891	5,796	182,440
Southern Area	FIRES	157		46	15	12,719	367	13,304
	ACRES	21,882		12,130	1,838	196,162	9,081	241,093
TOTAL	FIRES	3,888	2,841	264	469	38,490	9,962	55,914
	ACRES	255,743	310,330	313,705	198,438	1,214,361	1,208,134	3,500,711

Ten Year Average Fires	**74,981**
Ten Year Average Acres	**4,321,418**

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						225	225
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						20	20
Southern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			70				70
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					12	791	803
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						536	536
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	2	10	13
	ACRES	0	0	70	0	12	1,577	1,659

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	105	34	3		338	514
	ACRES	6,292	27,622	6,432	123		44,870	85,339
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	42	411	575
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,441	29,290	55,290
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	7		16	56	114
	ACRES	18	33,457	409		2,370	21,951	58,205
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	25	37	19	9	3	346	439
	ACRES	4,974	32,711	39,373	8,183	12	59,167	144,420
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	34	101	9	19	221	414
	ACRES	1,777	27,349	13,820	9,592	2,215	20,697	75,450
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		352	16	521	231	1,146
	ACRES	10,640		76,009	1,823	84,961	27,699	201,132
Southern Area	FIRES	54		280	105	16,007	1,269	17,715
	ACRES	19,404		97,519	85,021	827,577	950,738	1,980,259
TOTAL	FIRES	184	236	1,007	177	16,614	3,181	21,399
	ACRES	43,638	129,525	271,419	113,434	921,131	1,179,370	2,658,517

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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			9,278		24,808	34,086
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,754	16,202
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	20,142	0	259,146	323,778

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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	2		5						39	
Northern California	21	32	31	78	2	7			44	126
Southern California	63	190	201	1493	27	39	1		689	1175
Northern Rockies	2		2						6	
Eastern Great Basin	5	10	11	6	1	6	1		40	7
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	5	3	8	11	2	4			75	33
Rocky Mountain	2	3	5	101	1				15	39
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area			1	8					2	4
Total	100	238	264	1697	33	56	2	0	914	1384

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