# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003 – 0530 MDT NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

#### **CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally 51 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern California Area. Three large fires were contained in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

GILLIAM, Los Padres National Forest. This fire is in brush, 25 miles northwest of Cuyama, CA. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) has been ordered. Moderate rates of spread were reported.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire was previously reported as part of the Kaweah-Kern Complex. This fire is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Active burning with roll-out along ridge tops and drainages occurred.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GILLIAM	CA	LPF	460	50	UNK	428	15	24	3	0	NR
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	568	40	UNK	2	1	1		0	1M
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	10,406	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	2.5M
SUMMIT COMPLEX - WFU	CA	INF	6,110	N/A	N/A	20	0	0	1	0	410K

INF = Inyo National Forest

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECRET, Northern California Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in sage, grass and juniper 30 miles north of Susanville, CA. Minimal fire behavior was reported. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECRET	CA	NOD	1,050	80	10/17	94	4	7	0	0	NR

#### **NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLES	WA	OWF	21,300	100		9	1	2	1	1	11.6M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	704	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR
MINERAL PARK	WA	MSF	3,651	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR

OWF = Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest

MSF = Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

#### **OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** Moist westerly flow has set up over the Pacific Northwest. This flow extends inland across western portions of the Northern Rockies as well. As a result, showers are expected again today over coastal Washington and in the northern Washington Cascades. Very west is expected to be dry with seasonal temperatures.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog in the coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	70s coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 80 to 95 upper desert 95 to 105 low desert.	8 to 15% desert. 8 to 15% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. 30 to 50% coast.	Northeast 5 to 10 mph in the morning becoming southwest 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny, except for coastal low clouds and fog in the morning.	Upper 50s to near 70 coast. Mid 60s to mid 70s higher elevations, and 80s inland valleys.	Eastside of the Predictive Service Area 10 to 20%, elsewhere inland 15 to 30%, and 45% or higher coastal areas.	Higher elevations and along the coast south to southwest 7 to 15 mph with gusts 20 to 30 mph. Elsewhere, southeast to southwest 4 to 8 mph gust 10 to 15 mph lower elevations.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny.	70s to 80 north, 80s to 90 south, 60s higher elevations.	5 to 15%, except 15 to 25% northern mountains and Sierra's.	Upslope/upvalley winds in the moring, becoming southwest at 5 to 15 mph.



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#### SPOT WEATHER FORECAST

Spot weather forecasts should be requested for those fires that have potential for extreme fire behavior, exceed initial attack, or are located in areas where Red Flag Warnings have been issued.

- Basic elements needed for a spot weather forecast include:
  - Name of fire and management agency
  - Request time and date
  - Location by ¼ section
  - Drainage name
  - Exposure
  - Size
  - Elevation (top and bottom)
  - Fuel type
  - Fire character (ground, crown, etc.)
  - Weather conditions (place, elevation, observation time, wind direction, wind velocity, dry bulb, wet bulb, remarks)

## FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES							0
Alaska	ACRES	_						0
	FIRES					1	4	
Northwest	ACRES	_	-			0	1	1
	FIRES			]		3		3
Northern California	ACRES	_			-	0		0
	FIRES		1			15	2	
Southern California		_			_			
	ACRES		0			12	1	13
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	5	7
	ACRES		9			0	5	14
Mantana Grant Basis	FIRES							0
Western Great Basin	ACRES							0
	FIRES						1	1
Southwest	ACRES						1	1
Doelar Marintain	FIRES							0
Rocky Mountain	ACRES							0
	FIRES						1	1
Eastern Area	ACRES						1	1
	FIRES					9		9
Southern Area	ACRES					20		20
	FIRES	0	2	0	) C			
TOTAL	ACRES		9	0		32	9	50

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	21	11	401	14	464
AldSka	ACRES	23	40,821	283,123	3,827	247,654	2	575,450
N.I. authorize aut	FIRES	300	248	11	50	1,853	1,269	3,731
Northwest	ACRES	24,276	17,882	12	1,170	50,269	294,163	387,772
North and California	FIRES	158	72	17	19	2,910	1,249	4,425
Northern California	ACRES	241	12,633	603	6,562	80,706	38,420	139,165
Courth and California	FIRES	68	137	10	76	2,730	881	3,902
Southern California	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,074	36,450	7,966	50,439
Northorn Docking	FIRES	1,005	71	34	85	981	1,514	3,690
Northern Rockies	ACRES	77,967	69,435	23,280	166,669	169,388	365,933	872,672
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	835	7	47	882	1,023	2,852
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES	19,423	130,885	1,244	2,704	54,599	141,127	349,982
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	454	1	11	121	175	770
western Great basin	ACRES	1	11,408	79	6	1,977	3,288	16,759
Southwest	FIRES	897	192	5	69	892	2,118	4,173
Southwest	ACRES	35,670	5,897	284	11,834	16,203	203,149	273,037
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	184	796	39	48	4,203	728	5,998
Nocky Wouldain	ACRES	17,714	17,317	1,963	783	70,176	58,319	166,272
Eastern Area	FIRES	919		66	35	10,166	493	11,679
Eastern Area	ACRES	52,215		6,890	706	114,812	5,595	180,218
Couthorn Area	FIRES	151		46	13	12,190	349	12,749
Southern Area	ACRES	21,804		12,130	769	193,231	8,891	236,825
TOTAL	FIRES	3,750	2,820	257	464	37,329	9,813	54,433
TOTAL	ACRES	250,990	309,211	329,968	196,104	1,035,465	1,126,853	3,248,591

Ten Year Average Fires	73,122
Ten Year Average Acres	4,301,855

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>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
Alaska	ACRES							0
Nlowth	FIRES						1	1
Northwest	ACRES						35	35
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
Northern California	ACRES						23	23
Southern California	FIRES							0
Southern Camorna	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
Northern Rockies	ACRES						100	100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					23		23
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
Western Great basin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
Oddifwest	ACRES						615	615
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	0	1
Nocky Modificant	ACRES					250	102	352
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1		2
Lasieiii Alea	ACRES			90		8		98
Southern Area	FIRES				1	1	3	4
Southern Area	ACRES					1	1,702	1,703
TOTAL	FIRES	C	C	1	1	1 4	12	18
	ACRES	C	C	90		1 281	2,577	2,949

# PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
Alaska	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	100	24	3		234	389
Northwest	ACRES	5,351	25,450	5,835	123		33,783	70,542
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	17		131	269
Northern Gamornia	ACRES	31	267	21,734	2,203		10,768	35,003
Southern California	FIRES		2	5	9		170	186
	ACRES		27	698	3,335		13,675	17,735
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	92	4	42	402	562
Northern Rockies	ACRES	502	6,972	12,767	760	2,441	28,031	51,473
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	32	7		14	48	102
Lastern Great Dasin	ACRES	18	32,277	409		2,328	17,028	52,060
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
Western Great Dasin	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	23	35	19	8	3	332	420
Southwest	ACRES	4,148	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	56,862	134,724
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	33	101	9	16	221	409
rtocky Wodinairi	ACRES	1,732	24,849	13,820	9,592	1,250	20,615	71,858
Eastern Area	FIRES	24		319	16	512	223	1,094
Lasterii Area	ACRES	10,580		60,899	1,823	84,512	27,446	185,260
Southern Area	FIRES	53		273	103	16,007	1,245	17,681
Outrielli Alea	ACRES	19,379		96,239	83,799	827,577	941,805	1,968,799
TOTAL	FIRES	172	226	952	172	16,600	3,007	21,129
TOTAL	ACRES	41,741	117,908	251,774	111,102	919,675	1,150,243	2,592,443

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# WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
Alaska	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Ningthoon	FIRES				9		3	
Northwest	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						5	5
Northern Camorna	ACRES						251 55 23,123 74 55,965 32 15,433	2
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
Southern Camornia	ACRES	0			8,368		23,123	31,491
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		74	77
Northern Nockies	ACRES				602		55,965	56,567
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		32	38
	ACRES				435		15,433	15,868
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
Western Great basin	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
Oddinwest	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
Nocky Modritain	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
Eastern Area	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1			191	
TOTAL	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	19,219	С	256,251	319,918

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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	4	6	2	2				16	5
Northern California	5	2	11		1				6	
Southern California	18	3	37	3	12		1		108	23
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin		1	3		1					
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	25	10	57	5	16	0	1	0	130	28

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER \*\*\*