



U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region



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Fire
Information
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Pacific Southwest Region

- USDA Forest Service
- 18 National Forests in California
- Over 20 million acres of public lands
- State and Private Forestry in Hawaii and the Affiliated Pacific Islands
- 10-year average:
 - 1,339 fires
 - 320,673 acres burned

2017 Fire Season in California

- >9,000 fires including 1,526 on National Forests lands
- >1.5 million acres burned, including 644,640 on National Forest lands
- 11,953 structures damaged or destroyed
- 46 civilian fatalities
- Post-fire impacts



National Statistics (NIFC)

- 10,026,086 acres burned on federal, state, private land nationwide
- Includes 2.8 million acres of National Forest System lands burned
- 12,306 structures burned
- \$2.9 billion spent on wildfire suppression by U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Department of the Interior



Precursors

- 6+ years of drought in California = 127 million dead trees
- Historic snowpack and rainfall = Increased grasses, underbrush and “ladder fuels”
- Increased fire activity at mid and lower elevations across the state
- 39 million people in California

Support to North Bay Fires



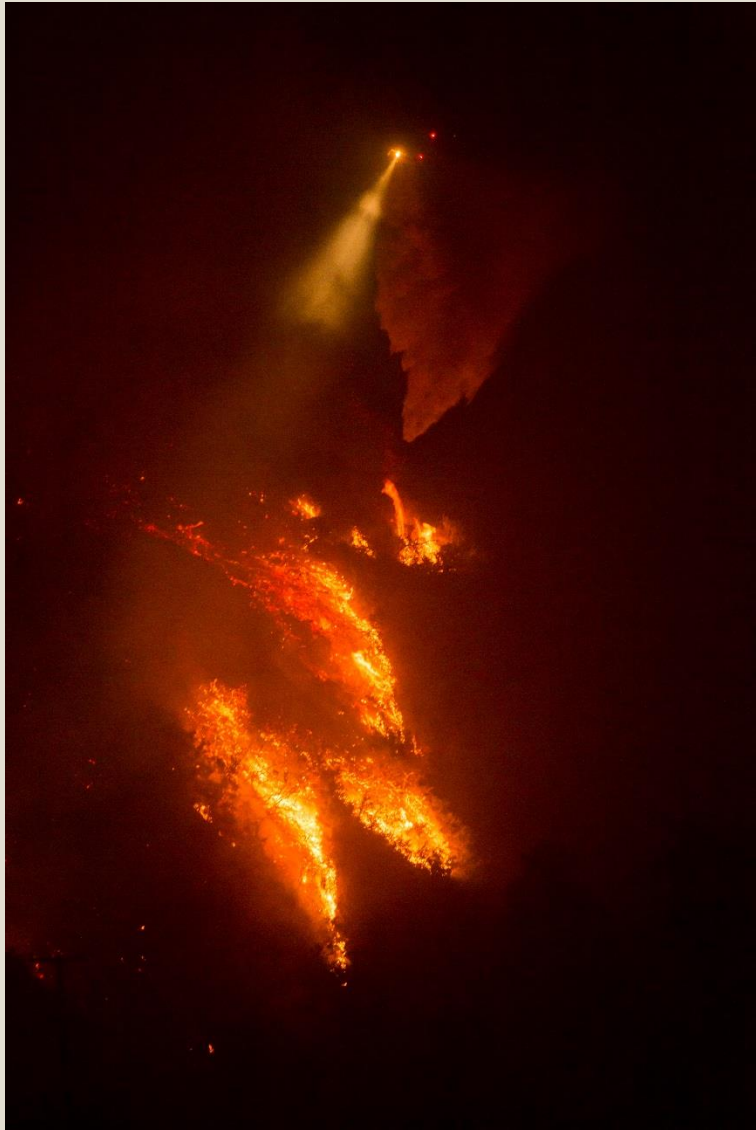
Santa Ana Wildfire Threat Index

- Reached “Purple” (Extreme) level for the first time (3rd year of use)
- Available for mobile devices also
- Increasing use by media and public especially in December



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National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy

- Partnership with Interior Dept. & others
- Focus in three key areas:
 - Resilient Landscapes
 - Fire-Adapted Communities
 - Wildfire Response
- www.forestandrangelands.gov



National Cohesive Strategy

- Fire-Adapted Communities campaign with partners
- PSAs, Learning Network, Website
www.fireadapted.org



Sources of Information

InciWeb

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

National Interagency Fire Center

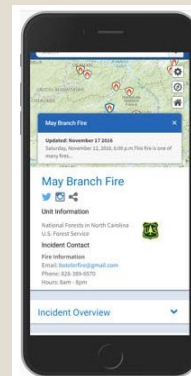
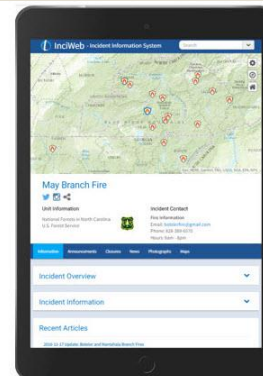
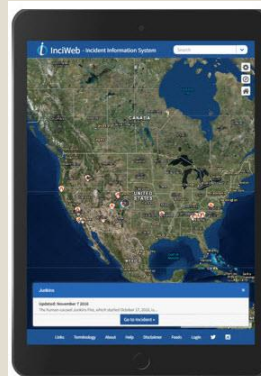
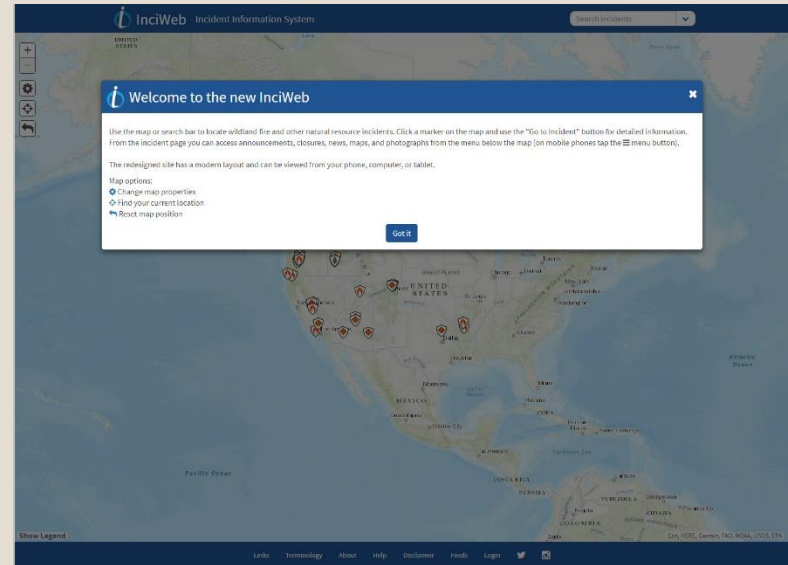
www.NIFC.gov

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<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r5/>

California Interagency Wildfire Prevention

<http://www.preventwildfireca.org/>



Federal Green Challenge

- Sustainable Operations in Incident Management
- U.S. Forest Service mission “...to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.”
 - Recycling at Fire Camps
 - Incident Transportation
 - Use of water
 - Green Purchasing

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Questions

