



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



October 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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CALIFORNIA, South Central

CAZ090-092-095>096-099 E Central S.J. Valley - Se S.J. Valley - Kern Cty Mtns - S Sierra Mtns - Se Kern Cty Desert

01	0000PST								
29	2359PST			0	0				Excessive Heat

Not only remaining dry but for almost the entire month of October temperatures generally were above normal for Interior Central California. The advent of the cool season was delayed as maximum temperatures managed to remain in the 80s for the San Joaquin Valley for many days in the month and reach into the mid 90s and warmer locations. Kern Desert areas reached the mid 90s several days. The relatively warmest days were the 18th and 21st when Fresno climbed to a high of 93F compared to a normal high of only 76F...16 and 17 deg F above normal, respectively, for the dates.

Mariposa County

01	0000PST								
25 N Yosemite Vlg	02	1600PST			0	0	2.9M		Wildfire

The Kibbee Complex Fire was allowed to burn for resource management since its ignition on July 20th. It burned a total of 10,100 acres with a final assessed cost of \$2.9M. Its location was described as 18 miles NE of Miwok Village in the northwest corner of Yosemite National Park. No fatalities occurred nor were any structures lost

Tulare County

01	0000PST								
14 E Wilsonia	31	2359PST			0	0	806.8K		Wildfire

The Kaweah-Kern Complex of fires was lightning ignited late in July (includes the Williams, West Kern, Giant, Slide Bluffs, Bubbs, West Clover, High Bridge, East Fork, West Timber, Tar Gap 1 and Gap 2, Fry Pan, Soda Springs, and Homers Nose Fires ... Paradise 2 Fire had formerly been included in this complex but is removed from this report). These fires were generally allowed to burn for resource management purposes.

Tulare County

01	0000PST								
7 NE Three Rivers	31	2359PST			0	0	1.5M		Wildfire

The Paradise 2 Fire was lightning ignited at 2300 PST on September 25th and had previously been reported as part of the Kaweah-Kern Complex in September Stormdata. By the end of October this specific fire had consumed 1,298 acres at a cost of \$1.54M.

Madera County

01	0000PST								
8 SW Mammoth Mouna	03	1600PST			0	0	68K		Wildfire

The Cargyle Complex Fire in the high country of the Southern Sierra Nevada in Madera County was lightning ignited on the 3rd of September. It was allowed to burn past containment of 720 acres on the 3rd of October for resource management purposes. No injuries or fatalities were reported with this fire.

Mariposa County

01	0000PST								
2 N Yosemite Vlg	03	1600PST			0	0	100K		Wildfire

The Duncan Fire was ignited by lightning on July 19th and then allowed to burn for resource management purposes into October. It consumed 1,284 acres by October 3rd at a cost of \$100K. No fatalities or injuries were reported.

Tulare County

01	0000PST								
45 E Porterville	31	2359PST			0	0	150K		Wildfire

The Albanita/Hooker Fire in the Sequoia National Forest was lightning ignited on September 3rd and then allowed to burn for resource management benefits. It consumed 4,483 acres by the end of October at an estimated cost of \$150K. No injuries or fatalities were reported nor were any structures lost

CAZ089-091-095-098>099 W Central S.J. Valley - Sw S.J. Valley - Kern Cty Mtns - Indian Wells Vly - Se Kern Cty Desert

29	0953PST								
				0	0	5K			Strong Wind (MG31)



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CALIFORNIA, South Central

30 1700PST

The afternoon of the 29th brought gusty wind along the west side of the San Joaquin Valley as well as the Kern County Mountains and Desert areas. As a harbinger of the overdue seasonal change for Interior Central California, minor damage was reported in the way of downed power lines and broken tree limbs due to the gusty wind.

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Kern Cty Mtns - S Sierra Mtns - Tulare Cty Mtns

**31 1200PST
 2359PST**

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Heavy Snow

This "snow" event marked the first of the cold season frontal passages to bring some degree of snow to the higher elevations of Interior Central California. While snow amounts are not large they comprise the first "storm of the season": Tuolumne Meadows reported 6" of new snow; Mammoth Mountain 3" (Southern Sierra); Wet Meadow 5", Lodgepole 4" (Tulare County Mountains) 5"; and Frazier Park 2" (Kern Mountains).