

ISC MONTHLY

July 2021

With summer vacations, BBQs, beach and pool visits, and camping trips, it definitely feels like summertime. Mother Nature is bringing not only hurricane season but also fire season this summer. ISC is continually working to prepare our teams and our clients so we can respond when needed.

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Odysseus Enterprise System enhancements coming soon!

Be on the lookout for more details and info on how you can attend the upcoming brown bag training sessions.

Recently Won Proposals:

- Kansas City Bi-State Regional Resource Annex
- University of Utah Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2020 Nebraska Flooding
- FEMA Public Assistance Closeout (Task Order #2)
- Martin County Florida Disaster Management Services
- Ramsey County, MN Training and Exercise Support Services
- State of Illinois - OES Technology



FEMA

Updates to FEMA's BRIC Program

FEMA has announced funding opportunities for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs. This is the first round of funding for the BRIC program and \$700 million will be available.

These programs providing funding to states, tribes, territories, and local governments for mitigation activities that will strengthen our nation's recovery and resiliency before and after disasters. [FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

Throughout the Western and Northwestern U.S., numerous states are battling massive fires due to extreme and prolonged dry weather, high/record high temperatures, and increased winds. With several members of the ISC team residing in the northern and central California areas, we have been receiving some firsthand updates on some of the recent blazes. The Dixie Fire in Plumas and Butte Counties has reached over 200,000 acres and has over 5,000 personnel working it. There have been homes and critical infrastructure lost, towns under mandatory evacuations, with other communities evacuated or under continued warnings. Communities have joined together, opening homes, land, and businesses to neighbors, as well as organizing donations to assist those who have had to leave or have lost their homes. Fire resources, including ground, air, and law enforcement from around the nation have arrived and continue to arrive to add continuous support and relief in this mountainous terrain of the country.

The ISC Team is standing by to assist in any capacity possible.



FEMA Mobile Units arrive in Graeagle, CA 7/26/21.



Downed power lines lay across a road as burned vehicles smolder during the Dixie fire in the Indian Falls area of unincorporated Plumas County on July 25, 2021. The Dixie fire has now burned more than 190,000 acres and continues to edge closer to more residential communities.

Electrical lines suspend a partially burned power pole during the Dixie fire in unincorporated Plumas County on July 25, 2021. The Dixie fire has now burned more than 190,000 acres and continues to edge closer to communities.



Flying into the drop zone at the Dixie Fire on July 28, 2021

Firefighters spray water from a fire train toward hot spots along the tracks over Rock Creek Bridge in Plumas National Forest on July 15, 2021.





The Mobile Command unit
from Plumas County Sheriff's Office

Plumas County Sheriff's Office July 24, 2021

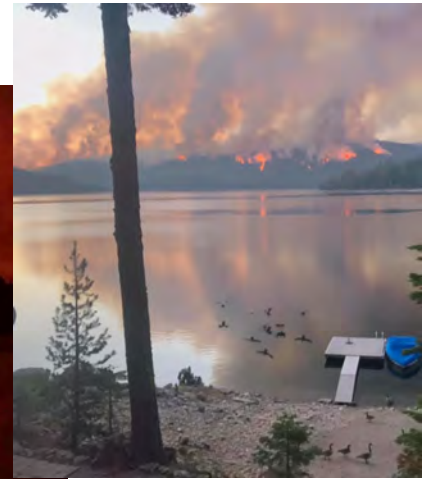
Plumas County is receiving mutual aid support from 105 law enforcement personnel from Northern California, the Bay Area, and Nevada. They will staff road closures, patrol evacuated areas, and assist with operations, planning, and logistics for the county.



Dixie Fire as it approaches Quincy CA from
Highway 70 and Chandler Road area 7/23/21



Bucks Lake CA, Dixie Fire backburn, 7/24/21-7/25/21



LINKS TO MORE FIRE NEWS

Dixie Fire (FM-5400-CA): [Dixie Fire \(CA\) Information - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

The Beckwourth Complex: [Beckwourth Complex Information - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

Tamarack Fire (FM-5402-NV): [Tamarack Fire Daily Update, July 27, 2021 - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

Buffalo Wildfire (FM-5399-MT): [Buffalo Information - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

Bootleg Fire (FM 5396-OR): [Bootleg Fire Information - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

Andrus Fire (FM-5395-WA): [5395 | FEMA.gov](#)

Chuweah Creek Fire (FM-5397-WA): [Chuweah Creek Information - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

Red Apple Fire (FM-5398-WA): [5398 | FEMA.gov](#)

Cedar Creek Fire (FM-5401-WA): [Cedar Creek Information - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](#)

Availability Updates:

As we deploy teams and prepare teams for upcoming projects, we will continue to ask team members to keep us updated on your availability status. You can email Dina Burrell (Dina.Burrell@i-s-consulting.com) and Lea Miller (Lea.Miller@i-s-consulting.com) to keep your availability status current.

MEET OUR TEAM



Tim Bell has been with ISC since June 2018. He was deployed to Region 2 HQ in NYC and then Puerto Rico, helping with process improvements. Tim architected systems to help speed up disaster personnel deployments and improve the flow of information related to Public Assistance grants. A US Army Veteran with a Bachelor's in Technology Management from DeVry University and 40+ years of IT experience, Tim heads up ISC's Technology Group. He enjoys gardening, walks with his wife of 32 years, Doris, and travel.



Clance Cook has worked for ISC since September 2020. He is currently deployed to Chicago's vaccine operations center and serves as the ISC site lead. Clance attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and graduated in 2016 with two BAs in Philosophy Pre-Law and English. He received his master's degree in public administration & Emergency Management from DePaul University in 2019. Clance is a dedicated researcher and writer. He paints and draws in his spare time.



Leah Rausch joined the ISC team in October 2020, and is based in Eugene, Oregon. Leah has slowly moved West, growing up in Minnesota and spending most of her adult life in Colorado. She moved to Oregon to pursue a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. She loves the access to outdoor recreation in Eugene, and spends her weekends kayaking, cycling, hiking, camping, and skiing. In town, she enjoys cooking and hosting friends for barbeques and bonfires. Leah brings a unique perspective to ISC from several years managing rural capacity building programs for community-based organizations in Colorado. Leah also has a strong interest in thoughtful public engagement; she serves on several local boards and committees, including for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Lane Transit District, and Women's Global Empowerment Fund.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: OCTOBER 23, 2021

October 23, 2021 is “Make a Difference Day.” At ISC this year, we are encouraging our team members to get involved in the communities we live and work in and see where we can make a difference. We would love to see team members join forces and seek out volunteer opportunities.

You can check local organizations to find out how you can offer your assistance, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, local churches, Office of Emergency Services, Habitat for Humanity, Evacuation Shelters, Food Banks, Homeless Shelters, etc.



A group of volunteers, including a number of former and current ISC team members, offered their assistance in Joplin, MO, as the community began recovery efforts after the May 2011 tornado.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are always on the lookout for information and photos to share on ISC’s social media channels. Whether it’s work you’re doing in the field, photos of you at work, at home, or in your favorite coffee shop, sharing ISC/industry news, or fun posts, we would love for members of team ISC to start sending ideas, pictures, and information our way! Please send your ideas/pictures to Kristina Brune in our marketing department:

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