

# Cedar Fire 2003

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On Sunday morning October 26, 2003, San Diego awakened to dark skys and soot raining down.

This was the begining of the largest wildland fire in San Diego history started by a campfire near Ramona.

Fire supression policy had let to over growth and dead fall laying the ground work for a fuel ripe fire whipped by the wind.

This is the story of the fire that burned Ilan Lael and the life work of James Hubbell, the beauty and the tragedy, the land revealing new forms once laid buried and the resilience of 2 remarkable people, Jim and Anne Hubbell .

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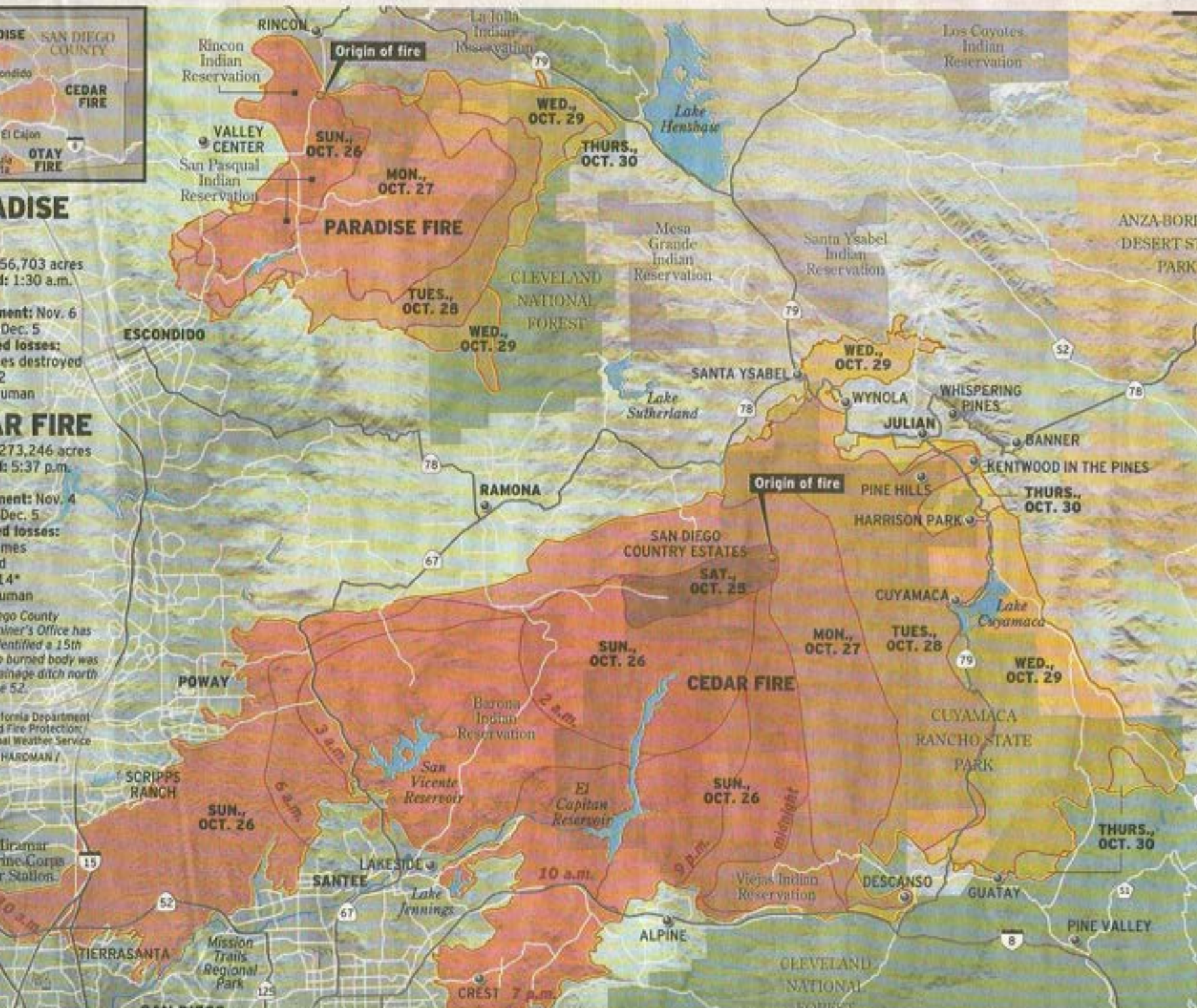
by Robert Thiele, architect, photo journalist, apprentice and friend

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This book is dedicated to Navato  
Firefighter, Steve Rucker who  
gave his life defending and to Jim  
and Anne Hubbell for restoring  
life on the ridge and place we  
know as Ilan Lael.

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# PARADISE FIRE

56,703 acres  
Started: 1:30 a.m.  
Containment: Nov. 6  
Dec. 5  
Estimated losses:  
Homes destroyed  
2 human

# PARADISE FIRE

273,246 acres  
Started: 5:37 p.m.  
Containment: Nov. 4  
Dec. 5  
Estimated losses:  
Homes destroyed  
14 human  
San Diego County  
Fire Department's Office has  
identified a 15th  
burned body was  
found in a drainage ditch north  
of Highway 52.

California Department  
of Fire Protection  
and Prevention  
National Weather Service  
HARDMAN /

Firearm  
the Corps  
Station.











THIS STREET RE-NAMED  
**RUCKER  
RIDGE**  
IN HONOR OF STEVE RUCKER  
WHO GAVE HIS LIFE DEFENDING IT.



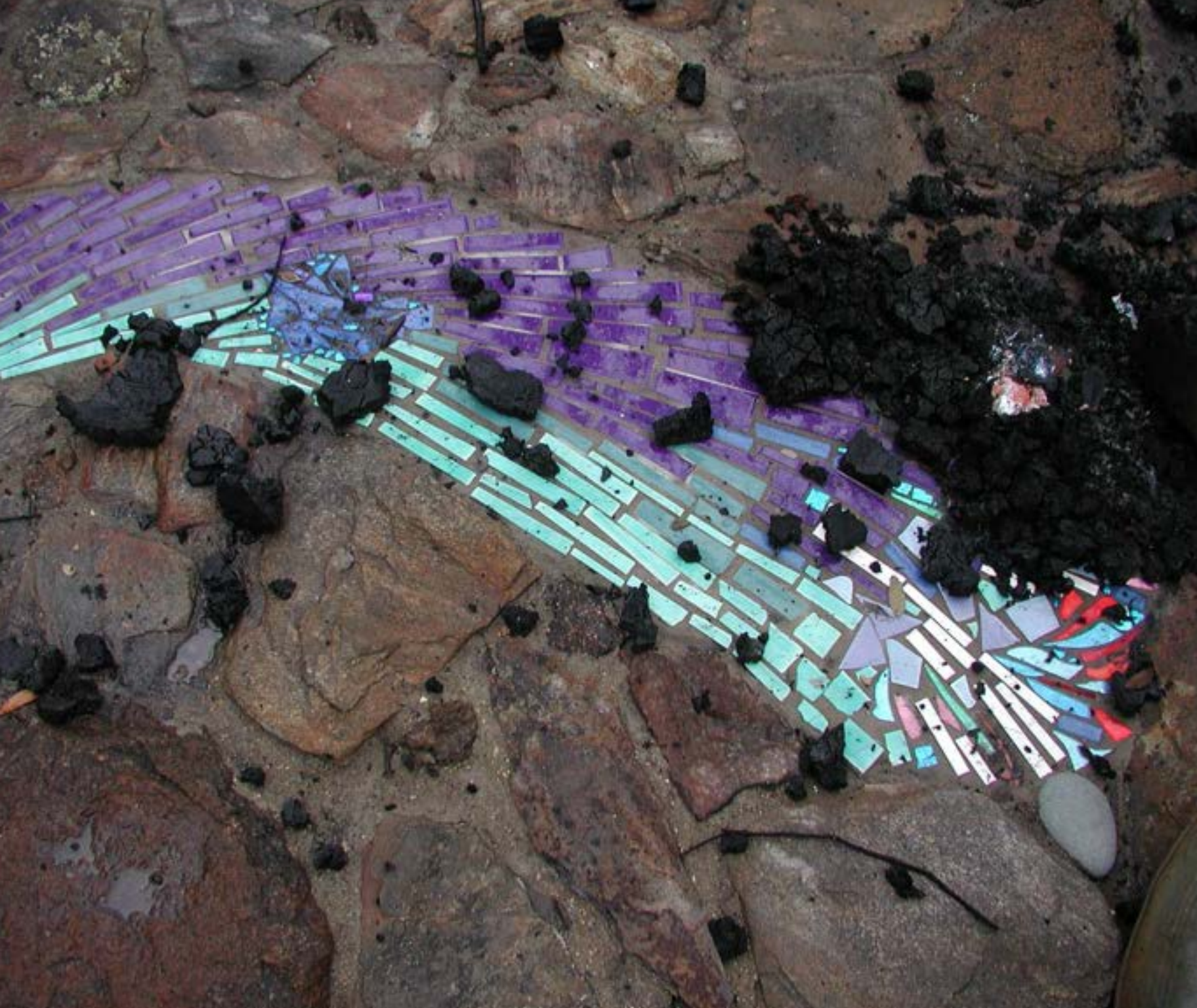






























































































































































































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