

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 58 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern California Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 9/4 for Hurricane Frances in Florida. An Area Command Team and three Type 1 Incident Management Teams are assigned to support recovery efforts. Additional resources have been mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, Type 1 crews and miscellaneous overhead personnel. One Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) and three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Wilcock, Lohrey and Sexton) have been ordered to support Hurricane Ivan.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:**

HURRICANE FRANCES, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mann's Area Command Team is assigned to the Florida Disaster Field Office, Orlando, FL. Kearney's Type 1 Incident Management Team is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station and is supporting receiving and distribution of supplies. Vail's Type 1 Incident Management Team is assigned to Orlando, FL (mass care center at Orlando Convention Center). Oltrogge's Type 1 Incident Management Team is assigned to manage a staging area at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. Three additional Type 1 Incident Management Teams have been ordered.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
UNIT 1 WF	TX	MCR	7,054	100	---	15	0	6	1	0	NR

MCR = McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

TUOLUMNE, Stanislaus National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles east of Groveland, CA in heavy brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated smokes was observed.

OLD HWY, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF), Merced-Mariposa Unit. A transfer of command from a CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Henson) to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is on the southwest edge of Mariposa, CA in oak woodland and chaparral. Minimal fire activity with smoldering was observed in heavy fuels. Evacuation and road closures have been lifted.

HOT SPRINGS, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is 20 miles west of Lone Pine, CA in mixed conifer timber and montane chaparral. Flanking and backing fire activity with intense burning in jackpots of fuel was reported.

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TUOLUMNE	CA	STF	700	70	9/17	691	17	22	4	0	812K
OLD HWY	CA	MMU	1,413	90	9/15	595	20	45	3	0	1.3M
HOT SPRINGS - WFU	CA	KNP	156	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	1	0	50K
BORDER	CA	MVU	965	100	---	77	4	4	0	1	NR

MVU = California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF), Monte Vista Unit

### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Creeping and smoldering fire activity was observed.

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce and white spruce. Minimal fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,305,592	16	10/1	47	1	0	1	9	16.3M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,815	65	9/30	35	1	1	1	3	6.9M

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** For low humidity and high northeast winds for the El Dorado and Stanislaus National Forests, and adjacent foothills through Wednesday morning.

For gusty north to east winds, low relative humidity levels, and poor overnight relative humidity recovery for the northern Sacramento Valley and eastern valley foothills, the northern Sierra west slope, and northern to eastern portions of the San Francisco Bay Area through midday Wednesday.

**Weather Discussion:** Gusty northeast winds will continue over northern California. Cool, unsettled weather will also continue over the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies with dry weather over the rest of the West. Hurricane Ivan will move across the Gulf of Mexico with landfall expected Thursday morning.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Sunny except night and morning fog or low clouds Southern California coastal basins.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 92 valleys. 88 to 94 upper deserts. 100 to 107 lower deserts.	8 to 20% mountains and deserts and 25 to 40% coastal valleys.	Northwest to northeast 10 to 18 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny, and in the morning locally windy.	80s to lower 90s in inland valleys.	10 to 20% driest inland areas.	North to east 5 to 13 mph, with gusts 18 to 28 mph in the Red Flag areas through midday.

<p><b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Scattered showers and thunderstorms far east portions, otherwise mainly dry.</p>	<p>Highs ranging from the mid 60s to mid 70s, with 50s and 60s in the mountains.</p>	<p>Below 20% western Colorado and southeast Wyoming, with higher values elsewhere.</p>	<p>North winds 10 to 20 mph over the southern plains, otherwise variable 8 to 18 mph.</p>
<p><b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Mostly cloudy Idaho mountains with scattered showers. Partly cloudy elsewhere. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Partly cloudy. Isolated showers at higher elevations. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Mostly sunny.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 50 to 65 mountains, 60 to 71 valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 57 to 67 mountains, 67 to 80 valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 65 to 85 mountains, 85 to 98 valleys, except 98 to 105 Lake Mead area.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 40 to 60% mountains, 22 to 40% valley. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 25 to 40% mountains, 10 to 25% valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 20 to 30% mountains, 9 to 20% valleys.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> west to southwest 8 to 15 mph. <b>Northern Utah:</b> southwest to south 6 to 12 mph west, upslope 4 to 8 mph east. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> south 8 to 12 mph west, upslope 4 to 8 mph east.</p>



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS**

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					6		6
Northwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	1				6	3	10
	ACRES	0				4	1	5
Southern California	FIRES					7	2	9
	ACRES					965	0	965
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1		1	2	1	5
	ACRES		0		0	20	0	20
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1			3	5	9
	ACRES		20			25	0	45
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES			1		10		11
	ACRES			5,754		24		5,778
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	1	1	36	16	58
	ACRES	0	20	5,754	0	1,048	1	6,823

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	81	18	481	22	666
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,677	1,878,641	29,426	3,275,777	5	6,382,635
Northwest	FIRES	344	299	37	62	1,658	1,246	3,646
	ACRES	22,663	4,622	880	258	17,466	74,472	120,361
Northern California	FIRES	118	87	12	19	2,423	904	3,563
	ACRES	152	8,894	43	481	51,368	9,646	70,584
Southern California	FIRES	36	108	21	47	2,718	718	3,648
	ACRES	668	6,007	1,867	29	66,785	10,624	85,980
Northern Rockies	FIRES	947	71	19	13	776	849	2,675
	ACRES	5,490	1,470	1,062	4	18,138	11,077	37,241
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	789	2	46	540	701	2,139
	ACRES	532	40,561	1	61	8,628	47,256	97,039
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	624	12	17	97	146	912
	ACRES	340	21,924	2,665	51	7,856	8,362	41,198
Southwest	FIRES	707	146	5	75	663	1,607	3,203
	ACRES	5,182	5,683	201	514	7,025	281,934	300,539
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	333	461	36	49	447	455	1,781
	ACRES	5,261	4,997	1,273	37	24,086	8,042	43,696
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	30	10,076	471	11,119
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	79,706	5,654	92,914
Southern Area	FIRES	132		64	43	24,943	590	25,772
	ACRES	15,822		20,866	3,467	321,174	73,443	434,772
TOTAL	FIRES	3,195	2,643	336	419	44,822	7,709	59,124
	ACRES	67,328	1,286,835	1,909,834	34,438	3,878,009	530,515	7,706,959

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>65,721</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,600,801</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						36	36
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		40					40
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				143			143
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						300	300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						172	172
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	11	13
	ACRES	0	40	0	143	0	508	691

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIRES	38	87	58	1		262	446
	ACRES	7,626	14,155	4,772	30		58,329	84,912
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	19		183	352
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	4,145		22,617	41,908
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	9	77	3	45	443	617
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	12,590	1,046	3,066	43,956	66,579
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	25	4	4	18	49	101
	ACRES	149	12,652	847	1,252	1,490	18,120	34,510
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	5	1		5	20
	ACRES		1,763	541	143		971	3,418
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		336	384
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,026		84,793	116,303
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	42	163	18	12	118	395
	ACRES	5,117	12,851	23,592	13,664	3,947	46,129	105,300
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,084	201	1,706
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,952	34,629	171,361
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	395	1,138	1,866
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,772	1,000,105	1,387,383
TOTAL	FIRES	227	231	1,006	169	1,559	2,811	6,003
	ACRES	42,904	83,361	206,345	109,619	318,128	1,315,862	2,076,219

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				62,266			62,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		8	13
	ACRES				200		1,745	1,945
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				3,165		0	3,165
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,536		222	4,758
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	47	48
	ACRES				0	10	11,363	11,373
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13		2			15
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		13,003	14,708
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	3	2	0	6	39
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	613	10,175
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	41	3	62	0	155	261
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,315	2,281	29,357	115,737

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,326	224,526
Yukon Territory			273	1,843,260
Alberta			1,536	234,420
Northwest Territory			286	347,292
Saskatchewan			320	238,215
Manitoba			222	4,895
Ontario			367	1,493
Quebec			256	3,013
Newfoundland			144	8,432
New Brunswick			238	291
Nova Scotia			248	246
Prince Edward Island			20	15
National Parks			88	197,904
Total			6,324	3,104,002

\*\*\*The next weekly update for CIFFC will be on 9/16/2004\*\*\*

**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	1	1		1	1	1			7	29
Northwest	3	1	6		1				3	
Northern California	2			2	1					
Southern California	40	38	41	54	10				89	216
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			4		3				1	1
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1									
Rocky Mountain	1		8		1				7	
Eastern Area									5	
Southern Area										
Total	48	40	59	57	17	1	0	0	112	246

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