

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 2004 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 85 new fires were reported. Very high fire indices were reported in California and Nebraska. Three new large fires were reported, one in the Rocky Mountain Area and two in the Southern Area.

Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Hurricane Frances in Florida on 9/4; for Hurricane Ivan in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi on 9/16; and for Hurricane Jeanne in Florida on 9/26. A transfer of command from an Area Command Team (Ribar) to an Area Command Team (Zimmerman) will occur today at the Florida Disaster Field Office, Orlando, FL. Numerous resources have been mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, crews and miscellaneous overhead personnel.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FRANCES / IVAN RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned and managing a base camp at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. A Georgia Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cline) is assigned to Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL, and is supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned in Brewton, AL, and is managing a base camp, supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies and debris removal in central Alabama.

HURRICANE JEANNE RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned in Martin County, FL and will manage a 500 person base camp. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL, and is supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies.

HURRICANE JEANNE RECOVERY, State of Florida. Three Florida Division of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp, Johnson and Jones) are assigned in Indian River, St. Lucie and Polk Counties, FL, and are managing the distribution of relief supplies.

HURRICANE IVAN RECOVERY, Gulf Islands National Seashore. A National Park Service All-Risk Incident Management Team (Wissinger) is assigned. The team is managing clean-up and recovery efforts.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SOUTH PLATTE, Morgan County Fire Department. This fire burning in timber and grass is located two miles northwest of Fort Morgan, CO. No further information was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| SOUTH PLATT | CO | MGX | 160 | 100 | N/A | 15 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 9K |

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COPPERHEAD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire burning in timber and grass is located five miles northeast of Longtown, Oklahoma. No further information was reported.

HORSE HAVEN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire burning in timber and grass is located seven miles east of Talihina, Oklahoma. No further information was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| COPPERHEAD | OK | OKS | 240 | 100 | N/A | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| HORSE HAVEN | OK | OKS | 131 | 100 | N/A | 9 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | NR |

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will continue to dominate western weather over the weekend. Isolated to scattered thunderstorm activity is possible over northern portions of the Great Basin, the Sierra Crest and portions of the Rocky Mountains.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Southern California Morning low clouds and fog with local drizzle to the lower coastal slopes, otherwise partly cloudy with a few afternoon thunderstorms over the Sierra. | 65 to 75 coastal areas. 60 to 75 mountains. 70 to 80 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 85 to 95 lower deserts. | Mountains: 30 to 45% Valleys: 40 to 55% Deserts: 15-30% | Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph. |
| Western Great Basin Sunny far south, partly cloudy central and north with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. | North valleys: 72 to 84 South valleys: 74 to 88 Mountains: 60 to 77 | North valleys: 13 to 18% North mountains: 18 to 29% South valleys: 10 to 16% South mountains: 16 to 23% | South to west 5 to 10 mph. |



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FIRE SHELTER DEPLOYMENT

Firefighters must never rely on fire shelters, but instead should depend on well-defined and pre-located escape routes and safety zones. However, if the need for shelter deployment should ever arise, it is imperative that the firefighter knows how to deploy and use the shelter.

- Don't think of your fire shelter as a tactical tool.
- Recognize when deployment is your only option. When considering escape, remember that you can hold your breath for only about 15 seconds while running through flames or superheated air.
- If time runs out while attempting to escape, get on the ground before the flame front arrives and finish deploying on the ground. Death is almost certain if the fire catches a person off the ground. (The optimal survival zone with or without a shelter is within a foot of the ground.) Once entrapped, the highest priority is to protect the lungs and airways.
- When deploying, remove packs and place them away from the deployment area.
- Most burnovers occur during initial attack or extended initial attack. However, burnovers have occurred when crews or individuals initiated action without direction from an Incident Management Team, adequate communication, or knowledge of current fire weather.
- Escaped fires often overwhelm initial attack resources. Many wildland fire fatalities can be directly attributed to failure to follow basic wildland fire strategy and tactics—10 Standard Fire Orders, 18 Watchout Situations, and the Downhill Checklist. Use personal protective equipment.
- Even though deploying your shelter is a last resort, time is critical when entrapped. Play it safe; give yourself ample time to deploy. Failure to adequately anticipate the severity and timing of the burnover and failure to utilize the best location and proper deployment techniques contributed to the fatalities and injuries on the Thirtymile incident. Don't let the cost of opening a shelter become a factor in your decision. If the shelter isn't needed, carefully refold it and put it back in its case until you can get a new one. Save the opened shelter for training.
- Before passing through superheated gases, try to close the front of your shroud. You can take your shelter out of the plastic bag and use it for a heat shield to pass quickly through a hot area. If you use the shelter in this way, don't drop it or allow it to snag on brush. Remember that your lungs are still vulnerable.
- If flames contact the shelter, the glass/foil fabric heats up more rapidly. If flame contact is prolonged, spots of aluminum foil can melt or tear away, reducing protection. Even if this happens, it is still safer inside the shelter. Your flame-resistant clothing becomes your backup protection. It's even more critical to keep your nose pressed to the ground and stay in your shelter.
- Remember, direct contact with flames or hot gases is the biggest threat to your shelter. It is vital to deploy in a spot that offers the least chance of such contact. The heavier the fuels, the bigger your fuel break needs to be.
- Remember, once you commit yourself to the shelter, stay there. No matter how bad it gets inside, it is usually much worse outside. If you panic and leave the shelter, one breath of hot, toxic gases could damage your lungs. Suffocation may follow. Most firefighters were killed as a result of heat-damaged airways and lungs, not by external burns. Protect your airways and lungs at all costs by keeping your face close to the ground and staying in your shelter.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | 3 | | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 2 | | | 2 | 9 | 3 | 16 |
| | ACRES | 0 | | | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | 3 | | 7 | 5 | 15 |
| | ACRES | | | 0 | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | ACRES | 1 | | | | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | 120 | | | 0 | 0 | 120 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | 8 | 8 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 34 | 1 | 35 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 333 | 1 | 334 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 56 | 19 | 85 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 339 | 5 | 465 |

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska | FIRES | 6 | 58 | 81 | 18 | 490 | 23 | 676 |
| | ACRES | 6,109 | 1,194,125 | 1,875,977 | 29,426 | 3,292,494 | 5 | 6,398,136 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 358 | 303 | 38 | 62 | 1,700 | 1,286 | 3,747 |
| | ACRES | 22,673 | 4,797 | 1,370 | 258 | 18,151 | 74,593 | 121,842 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 133 | 87 | 12 | 22 | 2,595 | 965 | 3,814 |
| | ACRES | 178 | 8,894 | 43 | 481 | 51,538 | 9,726 | 70,860 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 38 | 111 | 31 | 48 | 2,877 | 786 | 3,891 |
| | ACRES | 671 | 6,036 | 1,867 | 30 | 67,048 | 11,574 | 87,226 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 971 | 63 | 19 | 13 | 783 | 858 | 2,707 |
| | ACRES | 6,361 | 1,448 | 1,062 | 4 | 18,143 | 11,081 | 38,099 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 62 | 854 | 2 | 47 | 564 | 720 | 2,249 |
| | ACRES | 522 | 41,384 | 1 | 60 | 8,791 | 37,450 | 88,208 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 16 | 640 | 13 | 17 | 99 | 148 | 933 |
| | ACRES | 340 | 23,138 | 2,666 | 51 | 7,858 | 8,363 | 42,416 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 728 | 170 | 5 | 76 | 672 | 1,722 | 3,373 |
| | ACRES | 5,287 | 6,127 | 201 | 514 | 7,046 | 282,423 | 301,598 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 336 | 465 | 36 | 50 | 455 | 464 | 1,806 |
| | ACRES | 5,465 | 4,998 | 1,273 | 37 | 24,431 | 8,058 | 44,262 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 495 | | 47 | 31 | 10,565 | 489 | 11,627 |
| | ACRES | 5,109 | | 2,335 | 110 | 82,455 | 5,783 | 95,792 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 140 | | 65 | 44 | 25,761 | 608 | 26,618 |
| | ACRES | 16,015 | | 21,186 | 3,468 | 329,982 | 73,634 | 444,285 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 3,283 | 2,751 | 349 | 428 | 46,561 | 8,069 | 61,441 |
| | ACRES | 68,730 | 1,290,947 | 1,907,981 | 34,439 | 3,907,937 | 522,690 | 7,732,724 |

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | 3 | | | 15 | 18 |
| | ACRES | | | 212 | | | 2,982 | 3,194 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | 212 | | | 212 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 409 | 161 | 570 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 0 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 2 | | | | 1,000 | 1,002 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 319 | 319 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 20 | 20 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 34 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 4 | 212 | 212 | 409 | 4,482 | 5,319 |

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 | 92 | 66 | 1 | | 303 | 500 |
| | ACRES | 7,626 | 18,429 | 4,991 | 30 | | 65,640 | 96,716 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 14 | 39 | 106 | 21 | | 184 | 364 |
| | ACRES | 251 | 2,097 | 15,482 | 4,615 | | 23,685 | 46,130 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 4 | 20 | 13 | | 76 | 113 |
| | ACRES | | 27 | 1,686 | 851 | | 6,213 | 8,777 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 43 | 9 | 93 | 3 | 98 | 571 | 817 |
| | ACRES | 2,761 | 3,336 | 16,873 | 1,046 | 4,342 | 48,402 | 76,760 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 29 | 4 | 5 | 22 | 74 | 135 |
| | ACRES | 149 | 14,482 | 2,447 | 4,753 | 1,985 | 25,080 | 48,896 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 10 | 5 | 3 | | 5 | 23 |
| | ACRES | | 2,347 | 541 | 414 | | 971 | 4,273 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 22 | 15 | 7 | 14 | | 399 | 457 |
| | ACRES | 4,964 | 4,846 | 12,769 | 10,976 | | 88,956 | 122,511 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 47 | 48 | 163 | 19 | 13 | 133 | 423 |
| | ACRES | 6,277 | 13,410 | 23,593 | 13,864 | 3,347 | 49,586 | 110,077 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 27 | | 372 | 23 | 1,095 | 208 | 1,725 |
| | ACRES | 14,804 | | 43,704 | 4,443 | 74,514 | 36,417 | 173,882 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 51 | | 204 | 81 | 395 | 1,153 | 1,884 |
| | ACRES | 8,503 | | 91,851 | 86,652 | 212,772 | 1,000,914 | 1,400,692 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 243 | 247 | 1,040 | 183 | 1,628 | 3,106 | 6,447 |
| | ACRES | 45,335 | 91,974 | 213,937 | 127,644 | 319,861 | 1,345,864 | 2,144,615 |

WFU 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 | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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 | | 13 | 18 |
| | ACRES | | | | 200 | | 1,771 | 1,971 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | 10 | | 3 | 13 |
| | ACRES | | | | 3,165 | | 0 | 3,165 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | 11 | | 2 | 13 |
| | ACRES | | | | 4,712 | | 222 | 4,934 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | 15 | | 63 | 78 |
| | ACRES | | | | 0 | | 2,410 | 2,410 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | 1 | 0 | 49 | 50 |
| | ACRES | | | | 0 | 10 | 13,498 | 13,508 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 14 | | 2 | | | 16 |
| | ACRES | | 494 | | 0 | | | 494 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | 9 | | 26 | 35 |
| | ACRES | | | | 1,705 | | 14,759 | 16,464 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | 28 | 1,022 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 1,058 |
| | 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 | 42 | 1,022 | 62 | 0 | 163 | 1,289 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 7,490 | 295 | 76,491 | 2,281 | 33,274 | 119,831 |

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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northwest | 3 | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| Northern California | 2 | | 5 | | 2 | | | | | |
| Southern California | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Northern Rockies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | 1 | | 3 | | 1 | | | | 3 | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rocky Mountain | | | 1 | 6 | | | | | | 4 |
| Eastern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Area | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | | | | 426 | 125 |
| Total | 16 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 429 | 129 |

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