

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 102 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two each in the Southern and Western Great Basin Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Southern, Northwest and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/29 for Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Three Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes, Zimmerman and Rounsaville). Williams-Rhodes' Team is providing Incident Management Team coordination for FEMA Region IV at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA. Zimmerman's Team is assigned to the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA and is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana. Rounsaville's Team is in San Antonio, TX, and will be coordinating relief operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas. Both Zimmerman's and Rounsaville's Teams are coordinating the activities of Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI. The Marietta Mobilization Center in Georgia continues to house and in-brief Incident Management Teams and other resources prior to assignment throughout the South.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function 4 at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA, and state Emergency Operations Centers in Tallahassee, FL, Montgomery, AL, Jackson, MS, Baton Rouge, LA and Austin, TX are staffed. Six Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Krugman, Anderson, Wilcock and Sandman) are assigned. Pincha-Tulley's Team is operating a base camp and six distribution points for relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. Gelobter's Team is providing logistical support to FEMA Branches I and II, and public school recovery projects, from Camps Gautier and Shriner at Gautier, MS, and Mobile, AL. Krugman's Team is providing support to emergency responders and the military at the French Quarter and at several satellite camps in and around New Orleans and southern Louisiana. Anderson's Team, under unified command with New Orleans, New York City and Illinois fire departments, is providing fire and emergency response within the City of New Orleans. Wilcock's Team is planning and implementing a hazard fuel mitigation and fire suppression plan for seven counties and adjoining areas in southeast Mississippi in cooperation with Mississippi state agencies. Some teams suspended operations yesterday because of severe weather caused by Hurricane Rita. Funnel clouds, high winds, heavy precipitation and some flooding were reported. A transfer of command from Mullenix's Type 2 Team to Sandman's Team is ongoing in San Antonio, TX.

Ten Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Stanford, Paul, Furlong/Gormley, West, Beauchamp and Johnson) are assigned. Jenkins' Team is managing a base camp and providing services to military, state, local and federal agencies at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, LA. The Team is preparing to demobilize. Mullenix's Team is managing base camp operations and long term support at several facilities in San Antonio, TX. Operations at the facilities have ramped up with the arrival of Hurricane Rita evacuees. Smith's Team is managing operations at Barron Point and Forrest Camp and is supporting receiving and distribution of supplies at Camp Shelby, MS. An increase in activity is

anticipated due to Hurricane Rita. Thomas' Team is managing a base camp and supporting military and civilian first responders at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. Most of Stanford's Texas State Incident Management Team has relocated to Texas to preposition for Hurricane Rita. Paul's Team is managing the Louisiana Interagency Emergency Support Base camp and St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel and Baton Rouge, LA. The Furlong/Gormley Team is managing the distribution of relief supplies at Camp Beauregard, LA. Nearly 5,000 truck loads of supplies have been processed at the facility so far. West's Team is providing logistical and planning support to the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST), and is supporting emergency response and military personnel at Saints Support Base in New Orleans. More than 12,000 occupancies have been searched so far. Beauchamp's Florida State Team is assessing wildfire potential in hurricane stricken parts of southern Louisiana. Many teams had to relocate to safety shelters as Hurricane Rita made landfall, and some operations have been temporarily suspended until the storm passes. Johnson's Team is traveling to Stennis Space Center for eventual transfer of command with Pincha-Tulley's Team.

Two Logistics Management Teams (LMT) (Floyd and Hayes) are assigned. The Teams are operating mobilization centers and trailer staging areas in Bossier City, LA, and Texarkana, AR. A third LMT (O'Brien) has been ordered and will be replacing Gelobter's Team. Two National Park Service All Risk Teams have been assigned to various areas to assist with hurricane recovery. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service team is engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue operations in Lacombe, LA.

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Austin, TX, is staffed with Emergency Support Function 4 personnel. A Planning Section Team has been ordered for the RRCC. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned at Longview, TX, and will establish and operate a receiving and distribution center. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey and Sexton) are assigned. Lohrey's Team will establish and manage a staging camp in Austin, TX. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Sinclair, Quesinberry and Saleen) are assigned. Sinclair's Team will operate a receiving and distribution center at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. Quesinberry's Team will be assigned to Lufkin, TX, and will be engaged in damage assessment, and repair and recovery work for national forests and grasslands in TX. Sexton and Saleen's Teams are receiving in-briefings at the Marietta Mobilization Center in Georgia.

EAST CANEY CREEK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 38 miles south of Paris, TX in hardwood litter. Residences and structures, are threatened. Active fire behavior was observed.

GRAND BAY, Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 10 miles east of Pascagoula, MS in timber and peat. No new information was reported.

BAY FIRE, Alabama Forestry Commission. This fire is seven miles north of Bayou La Batre, AL in tall grass. Marshy conditions are impeding equipment operations. Moderate fire behavior with spotting was observed. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EAST CANEY CREEK	TX	TXS	110	50	UNK	20	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
GRAND BAY	MS	GBR	1,000	NR	9/24	28	0	2	3	0	NR	FWS
BAY FIRE	AL	ALS	4,500	95	UNK	NR	2	15	2	0	NR	ST
SAND HILL	LA	KIF	600	100	---	43	1	4	0	0	NR	PRI

KIF- Kisatchie National Forest

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

TURNER CREEK, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lunde) and the Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is nine miles south of Imnaha, OR in timber and grass understory along steep drainages. Afternoon precipitation decreased fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TURNER CREEK	OR	WWF	1,419	95	9/24	263	5	7	7	0	1M	ST
KLAMATH HILLS	OR	98S	662	100	---	0	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

98S - Klamath Lake District, Oregon Department of Forestry

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This timber fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, 12 miles northeast of Somes Bar. The fire is being managed under a confinement strategy. Cultural sites and fish habitat are threatened. Inaccessible, steep terrain and heavy fuels are hampering containment efforts. Low fire behavior due to light precipitation was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	325	0	11/1	36	1	0	1	0	61K	FS

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. Numerous spot fires on the north end were reported. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,868	90	9/27	12	0	0	1	3	NR	PRI

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

CRISPIX, Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 12 miles west of Jiggs, NV in sage and grass. High winds and fuel loading contributed to a rapid rate of spread. Active fire behavior with running and spotting was reported.

HASTINGS, Nevada Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles south of Jiggs, NV sage and grass. High winds and rough terrain are hampering containment efforts. Active fire behavior with running and spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CRISPIX	NV	EKD	1000	20	9/25	71	3	6	2	0	NR	BLM
HASTINGS	NV	NNS	300	20	9/25	21	0	5	1	0	NR	ST

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PINE CANYON	NM	CAF	3,918	100	---	92	2	3	1	0	1.1M	FS

CAF- Carson National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough will move across the Northern Rockies and extend through the Great Basin and off the northern California coast today. Showers and mountain snows will continue over portions of the Northern Rockies, northern Great Basin, and western portion of the Rocky Mountain Area. North to northeast offshore winds will develop early today along the central Oregon coast and extend down into northern California for drying conditions. Southern portions of the Great Basin extending into Arizona will be dry and breezy. Hurricane Rita is making landfall today near the Texas/Louisiana border.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern Rockies Cloudy skies with rain and mountain snow showers. Continued cool. Partial clearing in the late afternoon for the northwest portion of the geographic area.	West of Divide: 55 to 65. East of Divide: 45 to 60. North Dakota: 60 to 65.	West of Divide: 35 to 45%. East of Divide: 45 to 60%. North Dakota: 45 to 55%.	West of Divide: West 5 to 10 mph. East of Divide: West 5 to 10 mph North Dakota: North 5 to 10 mph.
Eastern Great Basin Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers in the central Idaho mountains and western Wyoming. Northern Utah: Partly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Partly cloudy with isolated	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 41 to 55. Valleys: 55 to 68. Northern Utah: Mountains: 52 to 64. Valleys: 64 to 70. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mountains: 64 to 76. Valleys: 76 to 90.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 30 to 45%. Valleys: 24 to 32%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 38 to 47%. Valleys: 26 to 38%. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mountains: 21 to 31%. Valleys: 14 to 21%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: North to northwest 10 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: North 10 to 15 mph. Southern Utah, AZ strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
showers.			
Southern California Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	Mountains: 70 to 85. Valleys: 80 to 90. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 95 to 102.	12 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
Western Great Basin Isolated showers and thunderstorms in parts of the east. Partly to mostly sunny elsewhere.	North valleys: 60 to 80. South valleys: 76 to 98. Mountains: 53 to 76.	North valleys: 18 to 33%. South valleys: 14 to 20%. Mountains: 16 to 39%.	North 5 to 15 mph across the northern half of Nevada. Southwest to south at 10 to 20 mph with afternoon with gusts of 25 to 30 mph across southern Nevada.
Rocky Mountain Showers and thunderstorms across sections of the Rocky Mountain Area.	In the 70s to around 80 at lower elevations and 60s in the mountains.	Relative humidity at or below 20% over the lower elevations of southeast Colorado.	Winds of 10 to 20 mph in western Colorado, and portions of the eastern plains.
Northwest Warmer and drier conditions primarily west of the Cascade Mountains. Temperatures increasing over the region. Offshore flow for west of the Cascade Mountains over the next few days.	Western Washington: Mid 60s to low 70s. Eastern Washington: Mid to upper 60s. Western Oregon: Low 70s. Eastern Oregon: High 50's to mid 60's.	Lowest relative humidities region wide will occur on the ridge tops and valleys west of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon. West side: 21%. East side: 15%.	Winds will be 20 mph on ridgetops west of the Cascade Crest with 15 to 20 mph in valleys east of the Cascade Crest in both states.



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INITIAL ATTACK FIRE SIZEUP/SAFETY

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

● Use the following reporting factors for sizeup. Discuss others that may be used.

- Fire name and location
- Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
- Size of fire
- Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
- Values threatened
- Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
- Fire behavior
- Resources on the fire and those needed
- Estimated containment and control times
- Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)

● After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transition from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in conditions on the fire.

- Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
- Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	2				2	0	4
Northern California	FIRES	1				11	1	13
	ACRES	1				0	1	2
Southern California	FIRES					11	3	14
	ACRES					7	3	10
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					0	12	12
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		1,000			300		1,300
Southwest	FIRES		1			2	9	12
	ACRES		1			4	4	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					41	6	47
	ACRES					520	48	568
TOTAL	FIRES	2	3	0	0	74	23	102
	ACRES	3	1,001	0	0	834	68	1,906

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	404	28	607
	ACRES	4	1,917,948	1,633,875	3,409	849,130	337	4,404,703
Northwest	FIRES	171	228	29	35	1,259	833	2,555
	ACRES	28,032	41,414	5,797	121	73,299	99,921	248,584
Northern California	FIRES	144	30	10	15	1,796	420	2,415
	ACRES	241	24,896	14	101	25,626	5,462	56,340
Southern California	FIRES	115	113	13	49	2,272	598	3,160
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,817	33,299	8,902	123,362
Northern Rockies	FIRES	483	57	31	12	626	627	1,836
	ACRES	20,268	8,715	9,795	25	37,693	54,564	131,060
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	690	13	29	666	541	1,991
	ACRES	27,502	627,027	9	2,828	147,245	103,767	908,378
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	496	19	26	104	112	764
	ACRES	3,067	879,774	13,312	258	112,950	17,745	1,027,106
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	350	39	52	1,300	1,496	4,756
	ACRES	34,202	158,810	9,639	364	129,820	416,395	749,230
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	282	474	30	22	585	496	1,889
	ACRES	6,871	8,823	553	30	28,253	23,116	67,646
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	52	10,116	559	11,358
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,294	9,573	86,676
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	20,027	523	20,980
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	261,858	13,956	347,235
TOTAL	FIRES	3,585	2,534	459	345	39,155	6,233	52,311
	ACRES	155,467	3,673,332	1,716,926	84,390	1,766,467	753,738	8,150,320

Ten Year Average Fires	67,590
Ten Year Average Acres	4,468,535

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		10					10
Northern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				25			25
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				52			52
Northern Rockies	FIRES						18	18
	ACRES						790	790
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		240	242
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						415	415
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		3		4
	ACRES			1		138		139
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	1	2	3	21	29
	ACRES	0	10	1	79	138	1,445	1,673

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	104	86	3		216	427
	ACRES	5,651	23,085	4,743	265		20,514	54,258
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	142	29		172	376
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,092	3,022		18,602	48,005
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	18		79	108
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	3,423		6,819	11,932
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	29	104	3	31	289	465
	ACRES	495	3,287	22,706	22	2,131	36,321	64,962
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	27	5	6	14	52	105
	ACRES	1	9,048	1,459	40	1,474	13,014	25,036
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13	10	2		2	27
	ACRES		6,417	2,711	266		2,903	12,297
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12		279	348
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		70,849	149,888
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	102	18	23	109	329
	ACRES	3,871	21,836	20,519	10,438	4,526	34,659	95,849
Eastern Area	FIRES	43		479	36	1,121	179	1,858
	ACRES	17,632		68,544	4,423	70,083	39,448	200,130
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,116	1,769
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,702	1,316,938
TOTAL	FIRES	156	293	1,092	185	1,597	2,493	5,816
	ACRES	42,360	116,846	232,950	94,464	349,470	1,143,831	1,979,921

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		14	26
	ACRES				8,690		2,306	10,996
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,274	63,329
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		94	97
	ACRES				166		76,977	77,143
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,308	5	105,868	118,861
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	42	2	62	3	255	365
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	163,628	1,767	288,000	486,882

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	17	72	935	34,954
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	5	2	1267	60,510
Northwest Territory	1	431	260	224,526
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	88	36	1915	42,310
Quebec	31	294	1363	833,560
Newfoundland	0	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	1	0	304	249
Nova Scotia	17	5	292	511
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	0	92	36,325
Total	162	840	7,229	1,728,058

Weekly updates will be provided starting 9/7/05.

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	10	1	18	1	2	8	2		96	12
Northern California	9		7		4		4			
Southern California			2				4			
Northern Rockies				3					5	
Eastern Great Basin	1	1	9		2		2		31	
Western Great Basin	2	4	12	13	6					
Southwest	4			3	1				15	7
Rocky Mountain							2			
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area	3		11	16	2	3	2		12	12
Total	29	6	59	36	17	11	16	0	162	31

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