

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 115 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Eastern Great Basin Area and one in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce. Smoldering and active surface fire were reported.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. 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. Unfavorable weather conditions and relative humidity levels have increased activity. Intense surface fire, crowning and plume-dominated behavior were observed.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Rock Creek, Preacher Creek, Middle Birch, Big Bluff and Takoma Bluff fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Weather conditions have increased activity with creeping, smoldering, occasional torching and isolated flare-ups.

BOUNDARY, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Minimal activity was reported due to smoky conditions limiting visibility.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Minimal surface fire was reported. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

TORS, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 30 miles east of Fairbanks, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Smoldering, creeping and occasional torching were observed.

EVANSVILLE, Tanana Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is one half mile southeast of Bettles, AK in black spruce. Smoldering fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	174,000	40	9/30	272	8	3	4	3	5.0M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,304,963	NR	UNK	388	12	15	5	6	13.1M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	451,162	25	UNK	85	2	5	2	15	9.3M
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	537,098	75	UNK	44	2	0	0	30	17.6M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	8,600	0	9/30	50	2	0	0	0	282K
TORS	AK	FAS	30,714	65	UNK	11	0	1	1	0	108K
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	122,000	NR	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	1.5 M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAIL DRAW, Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Vernal, UT in timber, pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. High winds and low relative humidity levels resulted in extreme fire behavior.

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. High winds, drought conditions and rough terrain are major concerns. Moderate fire behavior with some running and spotting was observed.

SIX MILE, Manti-La Sal National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is five miles east of Sterling, UT in timber. Creeping fire behavior with occasional torching was observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MAIL DRAW	UT	VLD	400	NR	UNK	69	2	5	2	0	NR
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	3,500	5	UNK	86	3	4	6	0	150K
SIX MILE – WFU	UT	MLF	105	N/A	N/A	14	0	0	1	0	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Inaccessible areas along the fire perimeter remain a concern. The fire continues to smolder within containment lines.

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte, Crescent Lake, Freezeout and Freezeout 2 fires, and the Devil's Creek and Jacks Wildland Fire Use incidents is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	90	UNK	162	3	5	2	3	27.1M
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	2,095	90	UNK	86	2	0	1	0	6M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

UNIT 7-04-1W, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is five miles northeast of Johnson Bayou, LA in tall grass. Wind-driven fire behavior with 40 foot flame lengths was observed.

BOAT HOUSE, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is four miles northwest of Johnson Bayou, LA in tall grass. No new information was reported.

WEST COVE 04-3W, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is ten miles south of Hackberry, LA in tall grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
UNIT 7-04-1W	LA	SBR	300	50	9/1	5	0	1	0	0	4K
BOAT HOUSE	LA	SBR	450	50	UNK	17	0	3	1	0	NR
WEST COVE 04-3W	LA	SBR	534	95	UNK	14	0	3	1	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WELL, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ute Mountain Ute Agency. This fire is ten miles southeast of Red Mesa, CO in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Active fire was observed within the interior. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WELL	CO	UMA	1,117	80	9/1	235	5	20	3	0	390K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

DESERT, State of North Dakota. This fire is five miles south of Bismarck, ND in cottonwoods and tall grass. Smoldering with minor flare-ups was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DESERT	ND	NDS	350	90	9/1	29	0	8	0	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMP 36, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is located nine miles southwest of Desert View, AZ in ponderosa pine and oak and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Smoke impacts to the Grand Canyon National Park air-shed are a concern. Isolated torching and short runs were reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMP 36 – WFU	AZ	KNF	2,500	N/A	N/A	12	0	3	0	0	20K

OUTLOOK:

Red flag Warnings: For northeast Wyoming and western South Dakota for winds, hot temperatures, low relative humidity levels and dry fuels.

For parts of northern and central Nevada for strong gusty winds and low humidity levels.

Weather Discussion: High pressure will break down today across the northwest and western sections of the Northern Rockies as a front moves across the region. The front will cause showers and thunderstorms in Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana. Winds will increase south of the front across northern California, the Great Basin and ahead of the front in eastern sections of the Northern Rockies. There will also be the possibility of some dry lightning across lower elevations. In Alaska, a frontal system will move into the center part of the state providing the focus for some rain showers today. Hurricane Frances is expected to remain off the coast until late this weekend.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Windy. Partly to mostly cloudy with a strong cold front moving through Idaho during the afternoon and western Wyoming overnight. Isolated to scattered showers and wet or dry thunderstorms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny and hot with very low humidity. Becoming partly cloudy over the mountains with isolated dry thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 5 to 10 degrees cooler over western Idaho. 68 to 80 mountains. 80 to 92 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 74 to 89 mountains. 90 to 108 valleys. 108 to 113 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 15 to 30% mountains. 6 to 25% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 8 to 21% mountains. 2 to 12% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 10 to 25 mph with gusts 30 to 45 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest 10 to 15 mph western valleys, otherwise upslope/upvalley 2 to 10 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Fair south to partly cloudy north inland areas. Low clouds and fog along the coast, with a chance of drizzle north.	From 60s and low 70s near the coast to upper 80s to mid 90s in warmer inland areas.	10 to 20% Cascade/ Sierra eastward, with lowest readings in the south.	South-southwest to west increasing by afternoon to 8 to 18 mph, except 12 to 22 mph over exposed mid and higher terrain, with peak gusts to near 40 mph.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA West of Continental Divide: Rain showers likely. East of Continental Divide: Scattered rain showers with isolated thunderstorms west. Partly cloudy east.	West of Continental Divide: Montana 72 to 82. Idaho 75 to 85. East of Continental Divide: West 75 to 85. East 95 to 100. North Dakota 80 to 90.	West of Continental Divide: Montana 35 to 45%. Idaho 35 to 45%. East of Continental Divide: 25 to 35% western Montana. 13 to 20% eastern Montana. 25 to 35% western North Dakota. 40 to 50% eastern North Dakota.	West of Continental Divide: Montana southwest 10 to 20 mph & gusty. East of Continental Divide: Southwest 15 to 25 mph. North Dakota south 15 to 20 mph.

<p>NORTHWEST AREA Rain turning to showers west side. East side scattered showers over the higher terrain with a few thundershowers. Windy.</p>	<p>West of Cascades: Cooler. Mostly 50s western Washington. 70s southwest Oregon interior. East of Cascades: Cooler, Mostly 60s and 70s.</p>	<p>West of Cascades: Mostly above 60% except 40 to 50% southwest Oregon interior East of Cascades: Generally 15 to 30%. except near 50% higher terrain.</p>	<p>West of Cascades: Southwest to south 10 to 15 mph. East of Cascades: Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph and gusts to 50 mph possible over higher terrain and in exposed valleys.</p>
<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Mostly sunny. Isolated thunderstorms mountains of southern Colorado.</p>	<p>Highs in the mid to upper 80s. 90s northeast and east portions.</p>	<p>10 to 20% western Colorado, most of Wyoming, and western South Dakota.</p>	<p>Variable 5 to 15 mph, except 10 to 25 from the south across western South Dakota and northeast Wyoming.</p>
<p>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Windy with partly to mostly sunny skies. Slight chance for a thunderstorm far northwest corner later in the day.</p>	<p>84 to 94 north valleys. 92 to 106 south valleys. 72 to 88 mountains.</p>	<p>North valleys: 8 to 18%. South valleys: 5 to 12%. South mountains: 10 to 15%. North mountains: 15 to 30%.</p>	<p>South: Southwest 10 to 15 mph. North: Southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts 40 to 45 mph.</p>



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INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
 - Task
 - Location
 - Communications
 - Hazards
 - Who, when, etc.
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
 - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
 - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
 - What is to be done.
 - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
 - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
 - Hazards.
 - Communication plan frequencies.
 - Weather and fire behavior.
 - Status of adjoining forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	1		0		1
	ACRES		5	15,005		115,225		130,235
Northwest	FIRES	1				9	1	11
	ACRES	2				31	0	33
Northern California	FIRES					31	6	37
	ACRES					6	2	8
Southern California	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					161	0	161
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			3	1	6
	ACRES	10	400			30	0	440
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		7					7
Southwest	FIRES	2	2			2	6	12
	ACRES	0	18			0	3	21
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				5	3	9
	ACRES	0				36	3	39
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES			1		15	1	17
	ACRES			300		63	3	366
TOTAL	FIRES	5	5	2	0	82	21	115
	ACRES	12	430	15,305	0	118,647	12	134,406

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	75	18	463	22	642
	ACRES	6,065	1,175,447	1,782,680	29,121	3,149,834	5	6,143,152
Northwest	FIRES	329	293	40	61	1,578	1,220	3,521
	ACRES	22,655	4,368	881	258	17,188	57,672	103,022
Northern California	FIRES	108	87	10	19	2,210	866	3,300
	ACRES	142	8,894	7	481	38,207	9,621	57,352
Southern California	FIRES	36	100	19	45	2,495	673	3,368
	ACRES	668	5,925	1,866	29	62,032	10,213	80,733
Northern Rockies	FIRES	926	70	19	13	754	814	2,596
	ACRES	5,162	1,450	1,062	4	15,908	7,255	30,841
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	54	750	6	44	461	659	1,974
	ACRES	465	35,521	11	57	7,010	47,238	90,302
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	598	11	17	95	140	877
	ACRES	340	21,983	2,665	51	7,856	8,111	41,006
Southwest	FIRES	690	140	5	75	648	1,562	3,120
	ACRES	5,184	5,645	201	514	6,997	281,918	300,459
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	327	449	34	45	418	420	1,693
	ACRES	5,254	4,388	1,272	37	22,584	8,029	41,564
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	29	7,375	454	8,400
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	109	56,859	5,624	70,036
Southern Area	FIRES	131		63	43	24,734	582	25,553
	ACRES	15,821		15,001	3,467	314,991	73,419	422,699
TOTAL	FIRES	3,118	2,545	329	409	41,231	7,412	55,044
	ACRES	66,865	1,263,621	1,807,981	34,128	3,699,466	509,105	7,381,166

Ten Year Average Fires	61,229
Ten Year Average Acres	3,193,463

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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						2	2
	ACRES						29	29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		400					400
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		115					115
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						476	476
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0		0		0	0
	ACRES		200		400		2	602
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						169	169
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
	ACRES	0	715	0	400	0	676	1,791

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			17,027		50,027
Northwest	FIRES	38	80	44	1		262	425
	ACRES	7,626	7,060	4,071	30		58,329	77,116
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	2,690		22,617	40,453
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	372	539
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,582	63,712
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	18	48	96
	ACRES	149	12,452	547	1,102	1,490	18,115	33,855
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	5			5	18
	ACRES		1,488	541			971	3,000
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		326	374
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		78,624	109,134
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	114	374
	ACRES	5,117	12,081	22,280	13,664	3,947	45,688	102,777
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,074	196	1,691
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,689	28,353	164,822
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	393	1,129	1,855
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,685	1,386,936
TOTAL	FIRES	224	219	972	166	1,547	2,711	5,839
	ACRES	42,204	74,316	203,944	106,871	311,964	1,301,177	2,040,476

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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		7	12
	ACRES				200		1,545	1,745
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				100		0	100
Southern California	FIRES				21		2	23
	ACRES				4,398		222	4,620
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		62	77
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	42	43
	ACRES				0	10	8,485	8,495
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				458		12,554	13,012
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24	3	2	0	5	34
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	612	10,174
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	36	3	72	0	147	258
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	71,865	2,281	25,829	107,759

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	2,316	214,400
Yukon Territory	0	89,240	270	1,544,150
Alberta	1	0	1,522	234,422
Northwest Territory	2	0	286	346,485
Saskatchewan	1	0	318	236,109
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	1	0	360	1,492
Quebec	0	0	252	2,989
Newfoundland	0	0	142	8,432
New Brunswick	1	0	239	291
Nova Scotia	0	0	243	245
Prince Edward Island	0	0	20	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197,904
Total	2	89,219	6,277	2,791,827

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	17	10	7	17	4	10			151	135
Northwest	12	6	18	8	1	5			87	70
Northern California	1	4	3	5					1	3
Southern California	1	4		5		1			2	5
Northern Rockies				8						6
Eastern Great Basin	7	2	16	4	16		1		11	3
Western Great Basin			5							
Southwest			3						2	
Rocky Mountain	5		19	19	4				53	4
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			1						2	
Total	43	26	72	66	25	16	1	0	309	226

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