

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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