

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 45 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Nebraska and Nevada.

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. An Area Command Team (Zimmerman) is assigned to 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.

On October 2, a firefighter was fatally injured when the top of a tree fell where crews were working on the Grant West Prescribed Fire in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, CA. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FRANCES / IVAN RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is managing a base camp at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is managing a base camp in Brewton, AL, 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 managing a base camp in Martin County, FL. 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. A transfer of command from two Florida Division of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp and Johnson) to Type 3 organizations has occurred. A Florida Division of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jones) is managing the distribution of relief supplies in Polk County, FL.

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.

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will cause warm and dry conditions to continue over the West today. Some thunderstorms will be possible in the afternoon heating over Colorado, New Mexico and northern Texas. There is also a slight chance of thunderstorms over the California Sierra Crest. Elsewhere, conditions will be dry with temperatures well above normal for this time of year.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms over the Sierra. | 65 to 75 coastal areas. 65 to 80 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts. | 15 to 30% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 10 to 20% deserts. | Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph. |
| WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny in the south; partly cloudy in the north with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. | 72 to 84 north valleys. 74 to 88 south valleys. 60 to 77 mountains. | 13 to 18% north valleys. 18 to 29% north mountains. 10 to 16% south valleys. 16 to 23% south mountains. | South to west 5 to 10 mph. |



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
 - If the answer is no to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
 - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter's right and responsibility.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 2 | | | | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| | ACRES | 0 | | | | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | | | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 24 | 45 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 14 |

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 | 306 | 38 | 62 | 1,712 | 1,287 | 3,763 |
| | ACRES | 22,673 | 4,796 | 1,370 | 258 | 18,157 | 74,593 | 121,847 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 136 | 87 | 12 | 22 | 2,611 | 978 | 3,846 |
| | ACRES | 178 | 8,894 | 43 | 481 | 51,544 | 9,731 | 70,871 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 38 | 111 | 34 | 49 | 2,889 | 770 | 3,891 |
| | ACRES | 671 | 6,036 | 1,867 | 30 | 67,057 | 11,565 | 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 | 566 | 720 | 2,251 |
| | ACRES | 522 | 41,384 | 1 | 60 | 8,791 | 37,451 | 88,209 |
| 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 | 171 | 5 | 76 | 673 | 1,725 | 3,378 |
| | ACRES | 5,287 | 6,127 | 201 | 514 | 7,046 | 282,427 | 301,602 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 336 | 465 | 36 | 50 | 455 | 465 | 1,807 |
| | ACRES | 5,465 | 4,998 | 1,273 | 37 | 24,431 | 8,058 | 44,262 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 495 | | 47 | 31 | 10,569 | 489 | 11,631 |
| | ACRES | 5,109 | | 2,335 | 110 | 82,457 | 5,783 | 95,794 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 140 | | 65 | 44 | 25,762 | 609 | 26,620 |
| | ACRES | 16,015 | | 21,186 | 3,468 | 329,982 | 73,635 | 444,286 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 3,286 | 2,755 | 352 | 429 | 46,609 | 8,072 | 61,503 |
| | ACRES | 68,730 | 1,290,946 | 1,907,981 | 34,439 | 3,907,960 | 522,692 | 7,732,748 |

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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 | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 425 | 425 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 90 | | | | | 90 |
| 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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 425 | 515 |

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 | 68 | 1 | | 308 | 507 |
| | ACRES | 7,626 | 18,429 | 5,152 | 30 | | 67,752 | 98,989 |
| 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 | 30 | 4 | 5 | 22 | 75 | 137 |
| | ACRES | 149 | 14,572 | 2,447 | 4,753 | 1,985 | 25,083 | 48,989 |
| 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 | 13,411 | 23,593 | 13,864 | 3,347 | 49,586 | 110,078 |
| 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 | 248 | 1,042 | 183 | 1,628 | 3,112 | 6,456 |
| | ACRES | 45,335 | 92,065 | 214,098 | 127,644 | 319,861 | 1,347,979 | 2,146,982 |

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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 | | 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 | 61 | 62 |
| | 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 | 175 | 1,301 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 7,490 | 295 | 76,491 | 2,281 | 33,274 | 119,831 |

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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 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| Northern California | 5 | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Southern California | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Rockies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rocky Mountain | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Area | 6 | 3 | | | 1 | | | | 428 | 197 |
| Total | 14 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 428 | 197 |

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