

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2004 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 102 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported and one large fire was contained in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Nebraska and Wyoming.

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.

**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 transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) to a Type 3 organization will occur today.

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.

HURRICANE JEANNE RECOVERY, State of Florida. A Florida Division of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jones) is managing the distribution of relief supplies in Polk County, FL.

**EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:**

LINE CREEK, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire is 18 miles northwest of Fairfield, ID in grass, sagebrush, aspen and Douglas fir. Hunting and sheep camps near the fire area are a concern. Terrain driven running and torching were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LINE CREEK	ID	STF	150	60	10/8	34	0	2	1	0	NR
GANNETT ROAD	ID	SIX	458	100	---	85	2	7	2	0	NR

SIX = Southern Idaho Dispatch, Private

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Warm, dry weather will prevail over most of the West except for scattered showers over Colorado and New Mexico. A weak cold front will bring some rain to the Pacific Northwest, especially west of the Cascades.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy to mostly sunny. Isolated showers over the Salmon-Challis. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms over the mountains. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms over the mountains.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 51 to 61 western Wyoming. Otherwise 62 to 72 mountains, 71 to 78 valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 58 to 68 mountains, 66 to 80 valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 60 to 75 mountains, 75 to 94 valleys, 94 to 99 Lake Mead area.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 20 to 35% mountains, 17 to 25% valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 24 to 36% mountains, 17 to 28% valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 22 to 37% mountains, 10 to 28% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Upslope 5 to 10 mph <b>Northern Utah:</b> Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	10 to 25% mountains 15 to 30% valleys. 5 to 15% deserts.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Scattered rain showers valleys and scattered snow showers mountains western Montana and Idaho. Partly cloudy eastern Montana and North Dakota.	65 to 75 western Montana and Idaho with 75 to 85 in the east.	30 to 45% western Montana and Idaho and 15 to 25% eastern Montana and North Dakota.	Southwest 5 to 15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **REFUSING RISK ( TURNDOWN PROTOCOL)**

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A “turndown” is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A “turndown” must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a “turndown” if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					61	0	61
Northern California	FIRES	4			1	7	7	19
	ACRES	2			0	9	1	12
Southern California	FIRES					10	2	12
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2		3
	ACRES	1				0		1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		12			4	2	18
	ACRES		0			0	150	150
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		375					375
Southwest	FIRES	1					6	7
	ACRES	0					1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					6	8	14
	ACRES					3	21	24
Southern Area	FIRES					22		22
	ACRES					37		37
TOTAL	FIRES	6	15	0	1	53	27	102
	ACRES	3	375	0	0	110	173	661

# 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	360	306	38	62	1,716	1,290	3,772
	ACRES	22,674	4,975	1,370	258	18,220	74,589	122,086
Northern California	FIRES	141	87	12	24	2,629	994	3,887
	ACRES	180	8,894	43	481	51,554	9,738	70,890
Southern California	FIRES	38	112	34	49	2,909	776	3,918
	ACRES	671	6,037	1,867	30	67,057	11,567	87,229
Northern Rockies	FIRES	977	60	20	13	787	831	2,688
	ACRES	6,364	1,561	1,093	4	17,985	9,885	36,892
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	62	868	2	47	572	726	2,277
	ACRES	522	41,386	1	60	8,798	37,603	88,370
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	644	13	17	100	148	938
	ACRES	340	23,513	2,666	51	7,858	8,363	42,791
Southwest	FIRES	729	172	5	76	673	1,736	3,391
	ACRES	5,287	6,127	201	514	7,046	282,458	301,633
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	465	37	50	455	465	1,808
	ACRES	5,465	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,262
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	31	10,606	501	11,680
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	82,539	5,810	95,903
Southern Area	FIRES	140		65	44	25,803	611	26,663
	ACRES	16,015		21,186	3,468	330,147	73,635	444,451
TOTAL	FIRES	3,300	2,772	354	431	46,740	8,101	61,698
	ACRES	68,736	1,291,616	1,908,012	34,439	3,908,129	521,711	7,732,643

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,332</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,914,768</b>

\*\*\* 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						10	10
	ACRES						1,599	1,599
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			5				5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						31	31
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						819	819
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3					8	11
	ACRES	0					317	317
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			1	1	2
	ACRES		1			2	371	374
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						112	112
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	0	0	1	32	36
	ACRES	0	1	5	0	2	3,249	3,257

**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		321	520
	ACRES	7,626	18,429	5,152	30		70,143	101,380
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	106	22		184	365
	ACRES	251	2,097	16,044	4,691		23,685	46,768
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	13		76	113
	ACRES		27	1,686	851		6,213	8,777
Northern Rockies	FIRES	43	9	93	3	99	604	851
	ACRES	2,761	3,336	16,873	1,046	4,402	49,308	77,726
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	30	4	5	23	80	143
	ACRES	149	14,572	2,447	4,753	3,485	26,282	51,688
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,347	541	414		971	4,273
Southwest	FIRES	25	15	7	15		408	470
	ACRES	7,170	4,876	12,769	11,376		89,393	125,584
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	47	48	164	19	14	135	427
	ACRES	6,277	13,413	24,611	13,864	3,349	50,221	111,735
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		372	23	1,096	208	1,726
	ACRES	14,804		43,704	4,443	74,611	36,417	173,979
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	81	395	1,161	1,892
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	86,652	212,772	1,001,039	1,400,817
TOTAL	FIRES	246	248	1,043	185	1,632	3,182	6,536
	ACRES	47,541	92,097	215,678	128,120	321,520	1,353,672	2,158,628

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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		1,871	2,071
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	13,499	13,509
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15		2			17
	ACRES		494		0			494
Southwest	FIRES				9		28	37
	ACRES				1,705		14,810	16,515
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	3	2	0	6	39
	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	43	3	62	0	177	285
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	76,491	2,281	33,426	119,983

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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	5		1		2					
Northern California	5		9		3					
Southern California	2									
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1	2	23		5	1			43	
Western Great Basin	1	1	4							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			1						2	3
Eastern Area									3	2
Southern Area	6	3	1	1	1				435	109
Total	20	6	39	1	11	1	0	0	483	114

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