

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 9, 2004 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 45 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Nebraska, Oregon, Utah 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. The Team will demobilize today. 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 (Muir) has been ordered.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

POWER, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This fire is 28 miles southeast of Pollock Pines, CA in brush and timber. Moderate lateral spread in steep terrain and short, upslope runs were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POWER	CA	ENF	417	65	10/11	753	21	20	6	0	2.0M

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

OCTOBER, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 15 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber, logging slash, hardwood litter and grass. Low to moderate fire behavior with occasional torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OCTOBER	NM	GNF	115	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	1K
HAYSTACK	NM	GNF	150	N/A	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** For most of western Utah and the Arizona Strip for winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** A cold front will be moving through the intermountain West with scattered showers and cooler temperatures. Gusty winds are expected over California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with showers, especially over the high country north and east of the Sacramento Valley. Snow level 5500 to 6500 feet.	40s higher terrain. 60s to 70s lower elevations.	30 to 45%.	Northwest to northeast 7 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Breezy and much cooler with scattered to numerous showers or thunderstorms developing. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Breezy and warm with low humidity. Partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Breezy and warm with low humidity. Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 43 to 60 mountains. 59 to 69 valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 61 to 70 mountains. 70 to 84 valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 63 to 78 mountains. 78 to 98 valleys. 98 to 103 Lake Mead.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 24 to 59% mountains. 17 to 43% valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 20 to 33% mountains. 10 to 24% valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 11 to 25% mountains. 7 to 18% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Southwest to northwest 10 to 25 mph. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Southwest 10 to 25 mph. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Southwest 10 to 25 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas otherwise partly cloudy. A few showers over the Sierra and Inyo.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	15 to 30% mountains. 25 to 40% valleys. 10 to 15% deserts.	Northwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Rain and high mountain snow in Idaho and western Montana. Partly cloudy eastern Montana and North Dakota.	45 to 60 Idaho and western Montana. 75 to 85 eastern Montana and North Dakota.	Above 35% Idaho and western Montana. 15 to 30% elsewhere.	West 10 to 15 mph for Idaho and western Montana. South to southwest 15 to 30 mph elsewhere.



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#### **UNFAMILIAR WITH WEATHER AND LOCAL FACTORS INFLUENCING FIRE BEHAVIOR**

- Can you ask questions of local experts? What kinds of questions would you ask?
- Does the operational period plan give you adequate weather and information? What kinds of weather forecasts can you get? What other weather or local information do you look for in the shift plan?
- Can you get information from resources that have been on the fire? What questions will you ask of the crew that you are replacing?
- Is there any other way to obtain information? List common sources of information on weather and local factors.
- To reduce risks:
  - Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior.
  - Post lookouts.
  - Establish escape routes and safety zones.
  - Take extra caution! Discuss a fire where you relied on information from the local unit (perhaps where your fire knowledge and experience was very different from how they did things—Southeast or Alaska).

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					21,489		21,489
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES	2				5	3	10
	ACRES	5				162	20	187
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	3	2	7
	ACRES		48		0	8	1	57
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES					8	2	10
	ACRES					2	8	10
Southern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					13		13
TOTAL	FIRES	2	3	0	1	30	9	45
	ACRES	5	48	0	0	21,674	29	21,756

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	57	82	18	493	24	680
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,813	1,900,922	29,121	3,316,287	6	6,445,258
Northwest	FIRES	360	306	38	62	1,727	1,296	3,789
	ACRES	22,674	4,975	1,370	258	18,261	74,763	122,301
Northern California	FIRES	148	87	12	24	2,653	1,003	3,927
	ACRES	188	8,894	43	481	51,807	10,041	71,454
Southern California	FIRES	38	113	34	50	2,921	781	3,937
	ACRES	671	6,085	1,867	30	67,065	11,571	87,289
Northern Rockies	FIRES	977	60	20	13	788	845	2,703
	ACRES	6,364	1,561	1,093	4	17,985	10,588	37,595
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	62	869	2	47	576	728	2,284
	ACRES	522	41,386	1	60	8,798	37,604	88,371
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	647	13	18	100	148	942
	ACRES	340	23,619	2,666	71	7,858	8,363	42,917
Southwest	FIRES	729	176	5	81	677	1,745	3,413
	ACRES	5,287	6,129	201	515	7,048	282,486	301,666
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	467	37	50	457	466	1,813
	ACRES	5,465	5,002	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,266
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		48	31	10,650	504	11,728
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	110	82,685	5,819	96,158
Southern Area	FIRES	140		66	44	25,853	611	26,714
	ACRES	16,015		21,236	3,468	330,286	73,635	444,640
TOTAL	FIRES	3,307	2,782	357	438	46,895	8,151	61,930
	ACRES	68,744	1,290,464	1,933,107	34,155	3,932,511	522,934	7,781,915

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,583</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,924,877</b>

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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	1					7	8
	ACRES	480					1,700	2,180
Northern California	FIRES						501	501
	ACRES						5	5
Southern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			400				400
Northern Rockies	FIRES			5			2	7
	ACRES			1,209			25	1,234
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		10				283	293
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						425	425
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		500					500
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		2	1	4
	ACRES			335		141	57	533
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						30	30
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	7	0	2	517	528
	ACRES	480	510	1,944	0	141	2,525	5,600

**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	39	92	68	1		343	543
	ACRES	8,156	18,449	5,882	30		74,025	106,542
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	106	22		690	871
	ACRES	251	2,097	16,601	4,691		24,331	47,971
Southern California	FIRES		4	21	13		76	114
	ACRES		27	2,086	893		6,213	9,219
Northern Rockies	FIRES	43	9	107	4	101	641	905
	ACRES	2,761	3,336	20,231	1,047	4,405	51,241	83,021
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	31	5	5	26	83	151
	ACRES	149	14,705	2,449	4,753	3,575	28,384	54,015
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,347	541	414		971	4,273
Southwest	FIRES	28	15	7	15		429	494
	ACRES	7,451	4,647	12,769	11,386		91,947	128,200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	51	53	164	19	14	137	438
	ACRES	7,151	14,874	24,611	13,864	3,349	52,469	116,318
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		373	23	1,099	232	1,754
	ACRES	14,804		44,039	4,443	74,788	37,181	175,255
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	81	395	1,163	1,894
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	86,652	212,772	1,001,069	1,400,847
TOTAL	FIRES	254	254	1,060	186	1,640	3,799	7,193
	ACRES	49,226	93,482	221,060	128,173	321,790	1,367,831	2,181,562

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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				10		28	38
	ACRES				1,703		14,820	16,523
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	63	0	177	286
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	76,489	2,281	33,436	119,991

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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	6		6		2				5	
Northern California	20	10	24	2	8				31	28
Southern California			2		1					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			3						5	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest									2	
Rocky Mountain			1						2	3
Eastern Area									3	3
Southern Area	4	3		2	1				296	48
Total	30	13	36	4	12	0	0	0	344	82

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