

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2004 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 118 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern California, Northern California and the Rocky Mountain Areas. Three large fires were contained, one in the Northern Rockies, and two in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Hurricane Frances, Florida. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Kearney, Vail, McCombs and Studebaker) are assigned, and are pre-positioned in Atlanta, GA. Two additional Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Whitney and Oltrogge) have been ordered.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. Minimal fire behavior was observed due to light rain over the complex.

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 and white spruce. Minimal fire activity with some active ground fire was observed on the west flank.

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. Fire activity was minimal due to cooler temperatures and overcast skies.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Minimal fire activity was reported due to heavy rains. The fire is in monitor status. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

EVANSVILLE, Bureau of Land Management, Tanana Zone. This fire is one-half mile southeast of Bettles, AK in black spruce. Smoldering was observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,322,873	NR	10/01	441	16	15	5	6	13.7M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,095	50	9/30	255	7	3	3	3	5.5M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	451,162	25	UNK	101	2	5	2	15	10M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	8,600	0	9/30	0	0	0	0	0	367K
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	122,000	NR	UNK	25	1	0	1	0	1.8 M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PATTISON, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Tuolumne – Calaveras Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Haines) is assigned. This fire is two miles north of Burson, CA in chamise, live oak, and grass. Strong and gusty winds produced extreme fire behavior. Road closures are in effect and evacuation centers have been established.

BEAR, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Merced-Mariposa Unit. This fire is five miles south of Mariposa, CA in heavy brush and oak. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PATTISON	CA	TCU	2100	10	UKN	655	28	16	1	0	NR
BEAR	CA	MMU	416	85	9/4	659	39	47	2	1	953K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAIL DRAW, Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Vernal, UT in timber, pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. With thunderstorm build-up, increased fire activity with some torching was observed.

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. Steep and rough terrain, poor access and roll-out from the fire are major concerns. Extremely high winds with an approaching cold front shut down all air operations, and increased fire activity.

SIX MILE, Manti - La Sal National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, which began on 07/29, is located five miles east of Sterling, UT in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. 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	2,800	50	9/6	308	8	7	4	0	59K
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	3,145	5	9/10	329	7	9	6	0	769K
SIX MILE – WFU	UT	MLF	2,084	N/A	N/A	14	0	0	1	0	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

DEEP CREEK, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Larsen) is assigned. This fire is ten miles west of Amidon, ND in grass and ponderosa pine. Smoldering was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEEP CREEK	ND	DPF	3,820	95	9/4	147	2	28	0	0	178K
PINE HILL	MT	SOS	2,022	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	60K

SOS = Southern Land Office, MT

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SHEEP RANCH, Moffat County, CO. This fire is six miles east-northeast of Elk Springs, CO in pinyon-juniper, sage, and grass. Running, torching, and spotting hampered control efforts. Evacuations are in effect for local residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SHEEP RANCH	CO	MFX	550	30	9/4	68	2	7	0	2	NR
BASIN DRAW	WY	CRX	4,700	100	---	106	3	8	1	0	500K
SAGE BRUSH	CO	FTX	1,000	100	---	44	0	13	0	0	NR

CRX = Crook County, WY

FTX = Morgan County, CO

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. No further information was received. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

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	154	3	6	3	3	27.6M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MARBLE COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, which began on 07/17 is located eight miles northwest of the North Rim developed area in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No further information was received. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MARBLE COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	180	N/A	N/A	123	4	3	1	0	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUFF, Lassen Volcanic National Park. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use incident, which began on 06/28, is located ten miles northwest of Chester, CA in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

GEYSERS, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit. This fire is six miles northeast of Geyserville, CA, in brush and timber. Moderate to rapid spread with spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUFF – WFU	CA	LNP	750	N/A	N/A	110	6	0	2	0	300K
GEYSERS	CA	LNU	192	30	9/4	456	13	6	3	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FRANCES. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to the FEMA Regional Operations Center in Atlanta, and will coordinate planning and logistics functions.

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: For gusty winds and low relative humidity in southwest Oregon including the Siskiyou National Forest.

For gusty winds and low relative humidity for the following areas of northern California: Trinity, eastern Humboldt, and Mendocino counties, costal mountains of Mendocino and Shasta Trinity National Forests, the Burney Basin, and adjacent California Department of Forestry (CDF) units, west slope of the northern Sierra Nevada including the Lassen, Plumas, Tahoe, El Dorado, and Stanislaus National Forests, Sacramento and northern San Joaquin valleys, and all of the Monterey area, except for the immediate coast.

Weather Discussion: A cold front will continue to deliver cool and breezy conditions to the Northwest and Great Basin. Conditions will be quite windy for another day in southern Oregon along with northern and central California as the offshore flow continues. In the Southeast, Hurricane Frances is expected to arrive this evening along the east central Florida coast. Some moisture from Hurricane Howard will move northward and provide wet thunderstorms to southern Arizona and New Mexico as well.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy mountains and east, mostly sunny southwest Idaho. Warmer with scattered rain and snow showers on Bridger-Teton, isolated in eastern most Idaho mountains. Northern Utah: Partly cloudy and cool. Isolated showers west of I-15, scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms east. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly to mostly cloudy and much cooler with scattered showers and thunderstorms, except only isolated in the Arizona Strip.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 52 to 65 mountains. 65 to 79 valleys. 43 to 53 on Bridger-Teton. Northern Utah: 48 to 58 mountains. 58 to 67 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 57 to 69 mountains. 70 to 86 valleys. 87 to 93 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 30 to 41% mountains. 20 to 33% valleys. 40 to 50% on Bridger-Teton. Northern Utah: 40 to 61% mountains. 28 to 45% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 11 to 35% valleys. 20 to 64% mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest to west 6 to 12 mph. Northern Utah: Northwest 10 to 15 mph with gusts over 30 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: West to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear.	Warmest areas will be the inland valleys, reaching 90s to 102.	5 to 15% in the warmest inland valleys.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 8 mph, with local gusts 35 to 45 mph in the morning, then dropping off in the

			afternoon.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Snow showers over the higher peaks of Colorado.	Highs in 60s at lower elevations with 40s and 50s in the mountains.	Above 20%.	15 to 30 mph plains of Kansas and Nebraska, otherwise 5 to 15 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 85 to 95 upper deserts. 95 to 105 lower deserts.	10 to 20% valleys. 8 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny and cool.	North Valleys: 65 to 80. South Valleys: 80 to 90. Mountains: 58 to 70.	North Valleys: 10 to 25%. South Valleys: 9 to 18%. South Mountains: 14 to 28%. North Mountains: 14 to 28%.	North to northeast 5 to 20 mph.



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Today's discussion is from the LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety Zones) Category.

Scenarios:

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COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

● Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.

- Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
- Net control, frequencies
- Line-of-sight restrictions
- Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
- Minimizing noise interference

● How can you mitigate potential problems?

- Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, clear, concise, and to-the-point.
- Give a good comprehensive briefing (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.).
- Confirm that relayed information is received, acknowledged, and understood.
- Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
- Establish emergency check-in procedures.
- Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.

● The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters

- Brief others
- Debrief your actions
- Communicate hazards to others
- Acknowledge messages
- Ask if you don't know

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			110		81,197		81,307
Northwest	FIRES		1			2	1	4
	ACRES		228			0	0	228
Northern California	FIRES	2				13	2	17
	ACRES	0				82	0	82
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	24	2	28
	ACRES		0		0	16	1	17
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				3	1	5
	ACRES	3				22	0	25
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1					6	7
	ACRES	0					1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	4				3	3	10
	ACRES	6				0	1	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	8		2	6	13	31
	ACRES	0	302		0	401	3	706
Eastern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					20		20
TOTAL	FIRES	10	11	1	3	65	28	118
	ACRES	9	531	110	0	81,740	6	82,396

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	77	18	464	22	645
	ACRES	6,109	1,178,312	1,833,456	29,121	3,269,424	5	6,316,427
Northwest	FIRES	336	296	37	62	1,597	1,237	3,565
	ACRES	22,656	4,621	880	258	17,239	74,554	120,208
Northern California	FIRES	111	87	12	19	2,243	867	3,339
	ACRES	147	8,894	43	481	38,337	9,620	57,522
Southern California	FIRES	36	101	19	46	2,542	682	3,426
	ACRES	668	5,925	1,866	29	62,063	10,217	80,768
Northern Rockies	FIRES	939	71	19	13	769	831	2,642
	ACRES	5,435	1,470	1,062	4	18,007	11,075	37,053
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	56	758	6	44	461	675	2,000
	ACRES	528	40,275	11	57	6,980	47,248	95,099
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	600	11	17	95	141	880
	ACRES	340	21,985	2,665	51	7,856	8,112	41,009
Southwest	FIRES	697	141	5	75	651	1,574	3,143
	ACRES	5,192	5,656	201	514	6,997	281,923	300,483
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	329	457	34	47	428	436	1,731
	ACRES	5,254	4,690	1,272	37	23,935	8,037	43,225
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	29	7,523	469	8,563
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	109	57,045	5,653	70,251
Southern Area	FIRES	131		63	43	24,759	582	25,578
	ACRES	15,821		15,112	3,467	315,081	73,419	422,900
TOTAL	FIRES	3,152	2,569	330	413	41,532	7,516	55,512
	ACRES	67,259	1,271,828	1,858,903	34,128	3,822,964	529,863	7,584,945

Ten Year Average Fires	62,329
Ten Year Average Acres	3,357,625

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	30	30

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	82	52	1		262	435
	ACRES	7,626	7,265	4,581	30		58,329	77,831
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	2,830		22,617	40,593
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	375	542
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,656	63,786
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		328	376
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		78,908	109,418
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	115	375
	ACRES	5,117	12,351	22,280	13,664	3,947	45,755	103,114
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,075	196	1,692
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,725	28,353	164,858
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	393	1,130	1,856
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,739	1,386,990
TOTAL	FIRES	224	221	980	166	1,548	2,718	5,857
	ACRES	42,204	74,791	204,454	107,011	312,000	1,301,656	2,042,116

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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				240		0	240
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,401		222	4,623
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	44	45
	ACRES				0	10	10,670	10,680
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		12,810	14,515
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	62	0	150	251
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	73,255	2,281	28,270	111,590

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	5	0	2,321	215,021
Yukon Territory	0	281,664	273	1,843,260
Alberta	2	0	1,526	234,421
Northwest Territory	0	0	286	346,485
Saskatchewan	2	0	320	238,224
Manitoba	1	0	222	4,894
Ontario	0	0	361	1,492
Quebec	1	0	255	3,014
Newfoundland	1	0	144	8,432
New Brunswick	0	0	239	291
Nova Scotia	0	0	243	245
Prince Edward Island	0	0	20	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197,904
Total	12	281,663	6,298	3,093,698

*****This is the last daily update for CIIFC. Weekly reports will be given stating 9/8/04.*****

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	15	11	7	16	4	7			133	111
Northwest	7	1	11	9	1	4			54	28
Northern California	5	14	5	19	2	2			1	24
Southern California	7	27	3	115	1	3			2	85
Northern Rockies	2		14	14					32	3
Eastern Great Basin	31	2	14	2	12				182	25
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1		4						6	
Rocky Mountain	4	3	17	23	1	1			9	15
Eastern Area									3	1
Southern Area			3			1			48	
Total	72	80	78	198	21	18	0	0	470	292

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