

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 98 new fires were reported. Four new large fires were reported in the Southern California Area. One large fire was contained in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FRANCES, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mann's Area Command Team is assigned to Tallahassee, FL. Kearney's Type 1 Incident Management Team is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station and is supporting receiving and distribution of supplies. Vail's Type 1 Incident Management Team is assigned to Orlando, FL (mass care center at Orlando Convention Center). Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Studebaker, Oltrogge and Whitney) are staged in Marietta, GA. McComb's Type 1 Incident Management Team is staged in Atlanta, GA.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

OLD HWY, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF), Merced-Mariposa Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Henson) has been ordered. This fire is on the southwest edge of Mariposa, CA in oak woodland and chaparral. The fire is established in several drainages on the edge of town. Structures near the fire area and the town's domestic water supply are major concerns. Extreme rates of spread and long range spotting were observed. An evacuation plan for the fire area has been established.

TUOLUMNE, Stanislaus National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles east of Groveland, CA in heavy brush and timber. Steep, rugged terrain and minimal access are major concerns. Extreme fire behavior with group torching, spotting and flame lengths of 100 feet was observed. A local campground near Lumsden Bridge has been evacuated.

CHINA, Sequoia National Forest. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Lake Isabella, CA in grass, oak woodland and brush. Fire activity was minimal with smoldering and creeping. Highway 178, which had been closed, has been reopened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OLD HWY	CA	MMU	1,700	10	UNK	308	4	59	0	0	NR
TUOLUMNE	CA	STF	600	20	UNK	NR	19	20	7	0	NR
CHINA	CA	SQF	314	80	UNK	272	11	4	2	0	25K
NEHOUSE	CA	SNF	204	100	---	267	8	10	0	0	NR

SNF = Sierra National Forest

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. 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 with isolated torching was reported. No further information was received.

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce and white spruce. Smoldering, creeping and backing fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,305,592	16	10/1	48	1	0	1	9	15.3M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,815	65	9/30	56	2	1	1	3	6.9M

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUFF, Lassen Volcanic National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, is located ten miles northwest of Chester, CA in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Interior pockets of heavy fuels continue to smolder with some spotting on the southeast flank.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUFF WFU	CA	LNP	3,304	N/A	N/A	93	1	0	1	0	1.1M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MARBLE-JIM COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, previously reported as the Marble Complex, is located eight miles northwest of the North Rim developed area in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MARBLE-JIM COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	1,370	N/A	N/A	94	3	0	0	0	2.5M

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A front will continue to march across the northwest quadrant of the country today, bringing showers and much cooler temperatures from Washington eastward through Montana. Winds will increase today south of the front in northern California and over the northern portions of the Great Basin. Hurricane Ivan is expected to move across Cuba as a very dangerous category four or five storm. Ivan is expected to emerge into the Gulf of Mexico Monday afternoon, eventually making its way towards the western coast of Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA A few clouds in the north in the morning, otherwise clear with night and morning coastal fog and low clouds.	60s and 70s coast and higher inland elevations. 80s and lower 90s lower inland areas.	10 to 20% drier inland areas.	West to northwest 4 to 12 mph becoming northwest to northeast 5 to 10 mph gusts 16 to 24 mph late in the day.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny, breezy and cooler.	North valleys: 75 to 85. South valleys: 85 to 100. Mountains: 65 to 75.	North valleys: 10 to 25%. North mountains: 20 to 30%. South valleys: 8 to 18%. South mountains: 15 to 20%.	West at 10 to 20 mph, gusts 25 to 30 mph across the north, west winds at 5 to 15 mph across the south.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered showers and thunderstorms central to northern portions. Dry south.	Highs ranging from the 60s in the north to the 80s and 90s south.	Below 20% in southeast Colorado and western Kansas, with higher values elsewhere.	West winds 10 to 20 mph over western-southern Wyoming and western Colorado, with 20 to 30 mph southerly winds across the southeast plains.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Sunny except morning fog or low clouds coastal areas.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90 to 95 upper deserts. 100 to 107 lower deserts.	10 to 20% mountains and deserts and 20 to 35% coastal valleys.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.



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

NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

● The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior and difficulty of control.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Locally significant values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more.

● Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://famweb.nwcc.gov/pocketcards/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the Pocket Card for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					3		3
	ACRES					3		3
Northwest	FIREs	1				5	10	16
	ACRES	2				1	0	3
Northern California	FIREs				22	1		23
	ACRES				28	0		28
Southern California	FIREs				14	4		18
	ACRES				37	214		251
Northern Rockies	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3			2	1		6
	ACRES	4			2	0		6
Western Great Basin	FIREs	8						8
	ACRES	3						3
Southwest	FIREs					1	4	5
	ACRES					0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs					6		6
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIREs					9		9
	ACRES					73		73
TOTAL	FIREs	1	11	0	0	63	23	98
	ACRES	2	7	0	0	146	214	369

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	58	81	18	480	22	665
	ACRES	6,109	1,193,675	1,878,641	29,426	3,275,771	5	6,383,627
Northwest	FIREs	344	299	37	62	1,655	1,244	3,641
	ACRES	22,661	4,622	880	258	17,463	74,572	120,456
Northern California	FIREs	117	87	12	19	2,401	899	3,535
	ACRES	152	8,894	43	481	51,321	9,644	70,535
Southern California	FIREs	36	109	21	46	2,695	714	3,621
	ACRES	668	6,006	1,867	29	65,777	10,623	84,970
Northern Rockies	FIREs	946	71	19	13	774	844	2,667
	ACRES	5,487	1,470	1,062	4	18,138	11,077	37,238
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	60	784	2	45	528	694	2,113
	ACRES	532	40,540	1	61	7,731	47,256	96,121
Western Great Basin	FIREs	16	623	11	17	97	146	910
	ACRES	340	21,924	2,665	51	7,856	8,362	41,198
Southwest	FIREs	708	145	5	75	660	1,596	3,189
	ACRES	5,194	5,663	201	514	7,000	281,926	300,498
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	332	460	36	47	446	450	1,771
	ACRES	5,260	4,997	1,273	37	24,086	8,040	43,693
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		47	30	7,629	471	8,672
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	57,084	5,654	70,292
Southern Area	FIREs	132		63	43	24,902	583	25,723
	ACRES	15,822		15,112	3,467	321,027	73,420	428,848
TOTAL	FIREs	3,192	2,636	334	415	42,267	7,663	56,507
	ACRES	67,334	1,287,791	1,904,080	34,438	3,853,254	530,579	7,677,476

Ten Year Average Fires	64,358
Ten Year Average Acres	3,479,832

*** 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					4		4
	ACRES					9		9
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					1		1
	ACRES					3,182		3,182
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3,191	3,191

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	87	58	1		262	446
	ACRES	7,626	14,155	4,772	30		58,329	84,912
Northern California	FIREs	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	4,080		22,617	41,843
Southern California	FIREs		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIREs	37	8	76	3	45	425	594
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,584	1,046	3,066	43,762	64,974
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	24	4	4	18	48	99
	ACRES	149	12,612	847	1,252	1,490	18,115	34,465
Western Great Basin	FIREs		9	5			5	19
	ACRES		1,763	541			971	3,275
Southwest	FIREs	14	15	7	12		333	381
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		84,483	114,993
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	42	42	163	18	12	118	395
	ACRES	5,117	12,851	23,592	13,664	3,947	46,129	105,300
Eastern Area	FIREs	27		371	23	1,076	201	1,698
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,735	34,629	171,144
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	78	395	1,132	1,860
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,772	999,785	1,387,063
TOTAL	FIREs	224	229	1,005	167	1,551	2,783	5,959
	ACRES	42,204	82,616	206,339	108,411	317,911	1,315,033	2,072,514

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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		8	13
	ACRES				200		1,745	1,945
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				3,165		0	3,165
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,453		222	4,675
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	45	46
	ACRES				0	10	11,363	11,373
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13		2			15
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		13,003	14,708
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	41	3	62	0	153	259
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,232	2,281	29,357	115,654

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,326	224,526
Yukon Territory			273	1,843,260
Alberta			1,536	234,420
Northwest Territory			286	347,292
Saskatchewan			320	238,215
Manitoba			222	4,895
Ontario			367	1,493
Quebec			256	3,013
Newfoundland			144	8,432
New Brunswick			238	291
Nova Scotia			248	246
Prince Edward Island			20	15
National Parks			88	197,904
Total			6,324	3,104,002

The next weekly update for CIFFC will be on 9/16/2004

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	1	2		1	1	1			9	29
Northwest	2	1	9		1					3
Northern California	2	8	17	37	3	4			58	40
Southern California	47	14	35	65	11	1			89	46
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1				1					
Western Great Basin	6	1	10		1				6	
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			10	5	1				3	4
Eastern Area	2		5	8		3			54	11
Southern Area										
Total	61	26	86	116	19	9	0	0	222	130

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