

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 28 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 9/4 for Hurricane Frances in Florida and another was issued on 9/16 for Hurricane Ivan in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to the Florida Disaster Field Office, Orlando, FL. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Operations Center, Atlanta, GA. Numerous resources have been mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, Type 1 crews and miscellaneous overhead personnel.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FRANCES / IVAN RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Kearney) to a North Carolina State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) will occur on 9/17. The Team is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL, and is supporting receiving and distribution of supplies. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned to a special needs shelter at the Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, FL. The Team is securing facilities for planned closure on 9/17. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is staged in Orlando. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned to manage a staging area at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to Eglin Air Force Base, Pensacola, FL. The Team is supporting receiving and distribution of supplies. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Anderson, Lohrey and Wilcock) are staged in Atlanta, GA. A Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Koehler) is assigned in Lakeland, FL. The Team will implement a supply receiving, distribution, inventory and tracking system.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TUOLUMNE, Stanislaus National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) to a Type 3 organization will occur at 1800 PDT. This fire is 11 miles east of Groveland, CA in heavy brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TUOLUMNE	CA	STF	800	95	9/17	227	5	7	1	0	1.9M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CONCRETE, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office. This fire is one and one-half miles west of Saratoga Springs, UT in pinyon pine, juniper, sage and cheatgrass. Extreme fire behavior was reported with rapid rates of spread, spotting and torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CONCRETE	UT	SLD	450	25	9/18	145	4	20	2	0	40K

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black and white spruce. Minimal fire activity was reported with smoldering and creeping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,815	65	9/30	34	1	1	1	3	7.0M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

HUNTER, Gila National Forest. This fire is ten miles southeast of Mogollon, NM in timber and grass. Minimal fire activity was reported with creeping and isolated torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HUNTER	NM	GNF	170	0	9/18	31	1	0	0	0	2K

OUTLOOK:

RED FLAG WARNING: Friday afternoon for strong winds and low relative humidity levels across most of northern and central Nevada and in the west deserts of Utah.

FIRE WEATHER WATCHES: Saturday afternoon across central Nevada due to strong winds and low relative humidity levels.

Weather Discussion: A storm system moving into the Pacific Northwest will bring increasing winds to the Sierras and Great Basin. The remains of Hurricane Ivan should continue to bring heavy rains to the Appalachians.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Sunny except night and morning fog or low clouds Southern California coastal basins.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 80s valleys. 80s upper deserts. 100 to 105 lower deserts.	10 to 20% mountains and deserts and 30 to 45% coastal valleys.	Southwest 10 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain showers far north, otherwise partly cloudy with patchy fog near the coast.	80s inland valleys, 60s and 70s coast and mountains.	10 to 20% east side, otherwise 18 to 30% inland valleys.	Strongest will be east side at south to west 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Elsewhere, south to west 7 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Dry.	Hights ranging from the mid 80s to lower 90s, with upper 60s and 70s in the mountains.	Below 20% most of Colorado, eastern Wyoming, and western South Dakota, with higher values elsewhere.	West 10 to 20 mph western and southern Wyoming into northwest Colorado, with a variable wind at 5 to 18 mph elsewhere.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Cloudy central mountains with scattered rain and snow showers. Otherwise partly cloudy. Northern Utah: Sunny and windy. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Sunny and windy.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 50 to 68 mountains, 68 to 85 valleys. Northern Utah: 70 to 80 mountains, 80 to 90 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 75 to 85 mountains, 85 to 98 valleys, except 98 to 105 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 55% mountains, 15 to 30% valley. Northern Utah: 20 to 27% mountains, 12 to 20% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 12 to 20% mountains, 5 to 12% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 10 to 20 mph; gusts to 40 western Wyoming mountains. Northern Utah: South to southwest 15 to 25 mph gusts to 35 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: South to southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN Mostly sunny.	North valleys: 72 to 86. South valleys: 80 to 98. Mountains: 65 to 75.	North valleys: 9 to 22% North mountains: 15 to 30%. South valleys: 6 to 11%. South mountains: 10 to 20% .	Southwest to south at 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph across the north and 10 to 20 mph across the south.



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BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

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				10	1		11
	ACRES				4	0		4
Southern California	FIREs	1			4	3		8
	ACRES	2			1	0		3
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1						1
	ACRES	200						200
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs					3		3
	ACRES					195		195
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs			1	2			3
	ACRES			0	1			1
Southern Area	FIREs			1	1			2
	ACRES			108	1			109
TOTAL	FIREs	0	2	0	2	17	7	28
	ACRES	0	202	0	108	7	195	512

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	58	81	18	482	22	667
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,655	1,878,641	29,426	3,270,510	5	6,377,346
Northwest	FIREs	345	300	37	62	1,661	1,248	3,653
	ACRES	22,663	4,622	880	258	17,471	74,472	120,366
Northern California	FIREs	118	87	12	19	2,444	906	3,586
	ACRES	152	8,894	43	481	51,381	9,646	70,597
Southern California	FIREs	36	110	21	47	2,730	725	3,669
	ACRES	668	6,036	1,867	29	66,788	10,627	86,015
Northern Rockies	FIREs	936	71	19	13	776	849	2,664
	ACRES	5,432	1,470	1,062	4	18,138	11,077	37,183
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	60	790	2	46	541	703	2,142
	ACRES	532	40,761	1	61	8,628	47,257	97,240
Western Great Basin	FIREs	16	625	12	17	99	146	915
	ACRES	340	21,926	2,665	51	7,858	8,362	41,202
Southwest	FIREs	708	146	5	75	663	1,670	3,267
	ACRES	5,183	5,685	201	514	7,038	282,144	300,765
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	334	462	36	49	449	456	1,786
	ACRES	5,263	4,998	1,273	37	24,126	8,043	43,740
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		47	31	10,082	471	11,126
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	79,713	5,654	92,921
Southern Area	FIREs	133		64	43	24,945	591	25,776
	ACRES	15,826		20,866	3,467	321,178	73,444	434,781
TOTAL	FIREs	3,187	2,649	336	420	44,872	7,787	59,251
	ACRES	67,277	1,287,047	1,909,834	34,438	3,872,829	530,731	7,702,156

Ten Year Average Fires	66,039
Ten Year Average Acres	3,633,674

*** 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			1				1
	ACRES			95				95
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					30		30
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					853		853
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		500					500
Southwest	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				100		419	519
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2		1		0	4
	ACRES	0	180		200		30	410
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	1	2	0	6	13
	ACRES	0	680	95	300	0	1,332	2,407

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	61	1		264	451
	ACRES	7,626	14,155	4,862	30		58,354	85,027
Northern California	FIREs	14	39	98	19		183	353
	ACRES	251	731	14,259	4,145		22,617	42,003
Southern California	FIREs		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIREs	40	9	77	3	45	447	621
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	12,590	1,046	3,066	44,064	66,687
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	26	4	4	18	52	105
	ACRES	149	12,872	2,447	1,252	1,490	19,273	37,483
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	5	2		5	22
	ACRES		2,263	541	144		971	3,919
Southwest	FIREs	14	15	7	14		342	392
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,976		85,692	118,152
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	43	45	164	19	12	119	402
	ACRES	5,117	13,231	24,611	13,864	3,947	46,959	107,729
Eastern Area	FIREs	27		371	23	1,085	201	1,707
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,956	34,629	171,365
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	78	395	1,138	1,866
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,772	1,000,105	1,387,383
TOTAL	FIREs	228	236	1,011	173	1,560	2,827	6,035
	ACRES	42,904	84,461	209,149	110,770	318,132	1,318,877	2,084,293

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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				4,536		222	4,758
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	47	48
	ACRES				0	10	11,365	11,375
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	160	266
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,315	2,281	29,385	115,765

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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			321	240,672
Manitoba			222	4,895
Ontario			367	1,493
Quebec			258	3,013
Newfoundland			144	8,432
New Brunswick			239	295
Nova Scotia			248	246
Prince Edward Island			20	15
National Parks			88	197,904
Total			6,328	3,106,463

*****The next weekly update for CIFFC will be on 9/23/2004*****

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			1	1				2	13
Northwest	2	1	4		1					4
Northern California	2			2	1					
Southern California	17	4	16	10	4				89	219
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	2	2	7	19	6					1
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1									12
Rocky Mountain				9	2					12
Eastern Area										2
Southern Area	20								170	418
Total	45	7	36	34	13	0	0	0	291	651

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