

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. | Highs 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. |



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

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 |

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

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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 | | | | | | | 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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