

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 61 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, three in the Rocky Mountain Area and one in the Western Great Basin Area. One large fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota and Utah.

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 and will transition with Ribar's Area Command Team today. 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 Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is managing a base camp in Pensacola, FL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is managing 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 and is supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies, and managing a base camp. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) has been assigned to Milton, FL and is supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies, and managing a base camp. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Wilcock) is assigned to the Alabama State Emergency Operations Center in Clanton, AL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies in Baldwin County, AL. A Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Koehler) is assigned in Lakeland, FL and is implementing a supply receiving, distribution, inventory and tracking system. A North Carolina State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL and is supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BUNNY, Crook County. This fire is located three miles north of Aladdin, WY in timber and grass. Active burning was observed in heavy fuels and duff. No further information was received.

BIG WIND, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wind River Agency. This fire is one-half mile south of Riverton, WY in cottonwood trees, grass and brush. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BUNNY	WY	CRX	1,000	90	UNK	55	0	16	0	0	NR
BIG WIND	WY	WRA	200	95	9/20	77	1	9	2	10	85K
DOUBLE GATE	WY	CAD	200	100	---	85	2	8	1	0	NR

CAD = Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SAMPSON CREEK, Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office. This fire is six miles southeast of Lages Station, NV in pinyon pine, juniper and sage. Fire behavior was minimal due to high relative humidity levels and precipitation. The fire is in monitor status with zero spread anticipated due to a cold front with snow accumulation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAMPSON CREEK	NV	ELD	1,192	65	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	7K

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LEFEVRE, Kaibab National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) is assigned. This fire is six miles north of Jacob Lake, AZ in pinyon pine and juniper. No new information was reported.

HUNTER, Gila National Forest. This fire is ten miles southeast of Mogollon, NM in timber and grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LEFEVRE	AZ	KNF	300	60	UNK	176	6	8	1	0	150K
HUNTER	NM	GNF	250	10	UNK	20	1	0	0	0	2K

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A drier northerly flow has developed along the West Coast as a strong low pressure trough moves into the Great Basin and Rockies. Gusty winds and lowering humidity are expected over portions of California.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Partly cloudy with a chance of showers over the Sierra. Otherwise, sunny.	70 to 80 coast. 55 to 70 mountains. 75 to 85 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 85 to 95 lower deserts.	20 to 35% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 10 to 20% deserts.	Northwest to northeast 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain/snow showers in the north; partly cloudy in the south.	50 to 66 north valleys. 60 to 78 south valleys. 40 to 55 mountains.	27 to 40% north valleys. 35 to 50% north mountains. 14 to 22% south valleys. 18 to 30% south mountains.	North to northwest at 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 30 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **TRANSFER OF COMMAND**

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transfer of command periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. There is a high potential for fatalities, serious injuries or incidents with potential during transfer of command periods (some have occurred in the past). Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES—Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

● Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel.
- Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed.
- Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.
- Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type, and location of all resources.
- Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.

● Mitigation actions to take:

- Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
- Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
- Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	6	7
	ACRES					1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					75		75
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			4	4	10
	ACRES		0			16	5	21
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		1,172					1,172
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						4	4
Southern Area	FIRES	1				24	1	26
	ACRES	2				104	5	111
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	1	42	15	61
	ACRES	2	1,172	0	0	196	15	1,385

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	81	18	485	22	670
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,655	1,879,225	29,426	3,270,566	5	6,377,986
Northwest	FIRES	345	300	37	62	1,668	1,258	3,670
	ACRES	22,663	4,622	880	258	18,177	74,472	121,072
Northern California	FIRES	120	87	12	19	2,480	909	3,627
	ACRES	154	8,894	43	481	51,462	9,646	70,680
Southern California	FIRES	36	110	21	47	2,749	728	3,691
	ACRES	668	6,036	1,867	29	66,806	10,627	86,033
Northern Rockies	FIRES	936	71	19	13	784	852	2,675
	ACRES	5,432	1,470	1,062	4	18,144	11,079	37,191
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	793	2	46	551	714	2,167
	ACRES	532	41,150	1	61	8,705	47,260	97,709
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	626	12	17	99	147	917
	ACRES	340	23,118	2,665	51	7,858	8,362	42,394
Southwest	FIRES	708	147	5	75	665	1,672	3,272
	ACRES	5,183	5,692	201	514	7,039	282,204	300,833
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	334	462	36	50	451	459	1,792
	ACRES	5,263	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,060
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	31	10,105	472	11,150
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	79,760	5,658	92,972
Southern Area	FIRES	134		64	43	24,978	593	25,812
	ACRES	15,828		20,866	3,467	321,414	73,470	435,045
TOTAL	FIRES	3,191	2,654	336	421	45,015	7,826	59,443
	ACRES	67,281	1,288,635	1,910,418	34,438	3,874,362	530,841	7,705,975

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,491</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,665,477</b>

\*\*\* 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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						3	3
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		40					40
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	40	0	0	3	3	46

**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	63	1		268	457
	ACRES	7,626	14,155	4,929	30		58,384	85,124
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	448	622
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	12,590	1,046	3,066	44,264	66,887
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	25	4	4	19	53	106
	ACRES	149	13,119	2,447	1,252	1,540	19,368	37,875
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,263	541	414		971	4,189
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	46	163	19	12	119	402
	ACRES	5,117	13,611	23,593	13,864	3,947	47,079	107,211
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,085	201	1,707
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,949	34,629	171,358
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	1,012	174	1,561	2,833	6,044
	ACRES	42,904	85,088	208,198	111,040	318,175	1,319,322	2,084,727

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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	12,665	12,675
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	1,022	2	0	6	1,058
	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	1,022	62	0	160	1,285
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,315	2,281	30,685	117,065

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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										
Northwest	2	1			1				3	
Northern California	1		2							
Southern California	1									
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			2		2					
Western Great Basin	1									
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	3	1	10	26	2	1			6	19
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1								48	
Total	9	2	14	26	5	1	0	0	57	19

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