

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2004 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 57 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. One large fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Nebraska and Nevada.

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 (Ribar) 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 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 Escambia County, AL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies in Baldwin County, AL. 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 relief supplies. Four Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp, Hill, Jones and Koehler) are assigned in Pensacola, Eglin Air Force Base and Lakeland, FL. The Teams are running Logistics Staging Areas and handling the receiving and distribution of relief supplies.

NEWTON, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 40 miles northeast of Beaumont, TX in a pine plantation. Fire behavior was very active with crowning due to high winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEWTON	TX	TXS	200	0	9/22	16	0	0	0	0	NR

**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. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAMPSON CREEK	NV	ELD	1,192	90	9/25	2	0	1	0	0	NR

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SIX MILE WFU	UT	MLF	4,809	N/A	N/A	NR	1	0	1	0	NR

MLF = Manti - La Sal National Forest

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG WIND	WY	WRA	200	100	---	41	1	6	0	10	100K

WRA = Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wind River Agency

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** For strong northeast winds and low relative humidity levels over the mountains and below the canyons and passes of Southern California.

**Weather Discussion:** Surface high pressure over the Great Basin will continue to produce dangerous Santa Ana winds across southern California through the early afternoon. The winds are expected to diminish this evening as pressure gradients relax. An upper level low pressure system will move toward the Dakotas today, allowing continued warming and drying across most of the Intermountain West.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Sunny.	85 to 95 coastal areas. 65 to 80 mountains. 85 to 90 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 85 to 95 lower deserts.	8 to 15% mountains, valleys and deserts.	Northeast to east 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts over the mountains and below the canyons and passes of Southern California; otherwise southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy. Scattered rain or snow showers mainly western Wyoming mountains. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Partly cloudy with scattered rain or snow showers, mainly in the mountains. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly cloudy.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 45 to 65 mountains, 60 to 75 valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 38 to 50 mountains, 50 to 65 valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 45 to 60 mountains, 60 to 80 valleys, except 80 to 90 Lake Mead area.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 40 to 60% mountains, 20 to 40% valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 40 to 60% mountains, 25 to 40% valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 30 to 50% mountains, 15 to 30% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Northwest to west 5 to 10 mph. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Northwest 4 to 8 mph. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> North 4 to 8 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	North valleys: 62 to 78. South valleys: 78 to 88. Mountains: 52 to 67.	North valleys: 12 to 27%. North mountains: 15 to 30%. South valleys: 8 to 16%. South mountains: 10 to 25%.	Southwest to northeast at 5 to 15 mph.



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

### INITIAL ATTACK FIRE SIZEUP/SAFETY

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

• Use the following reporting factors for sizeup. Discuss others that may be used.

- Fire name and location
- Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
- Size of fire
- Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
- Values threatened
- Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
- Fire behavior
- Resources on the fire and those needed
- Estimated containment and control times
- Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)

• After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transition from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in conditions on the fire.

- Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
- Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					0		0
	ACRES					5,600		5,600
Northwest	FIREs					1	4	5
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern California	FIREs					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIREs			0	5	3		8
	ACRES			154	1	0		155
Northern Rockies	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	2						2
	ACRES	0						0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs				2	1		3
	ACRES				0	0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs					5		5
	ACRES					8		8
Southern Area	FIREs	1				30		31
	ACRES	10				351		361
TOTAL	FIREs	1	2	0	0	43	11	57
	ACRES	10	0	0	154	5,960	0	6,124

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	58	81	18	489	22	674
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,655	1,879,225	29,426	3,286,731	5	6,394,151
Northwest	FIREs	345	300	37	62	1,668	1,263	3,675
	ACRES	22,663	4,622	880	258	18,177	74,472	121,072
Northern California	FIREs	120	87	12	19	2,490	912	3,640
	ACRES	154	8,894	43	481	51,466	9,646	70,684
Southern California	FIREs	36	110	21	47	2,763	732	3,709
	ACRES	668	6,036	1,867	183	66,807	11,535	87,096
Northern Rockies	FIREs	937	71	19	13	784	854	2,678
	ACRES	5,433	1,470	1,062	4	18,144	11,079	37,192
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	61	794	2	46	550	707	2,160
	ACRES	532	40,837	1	61	8,689	47,261	97,381
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	148	5	75	667	1,676	3,279
	ACRES	5,183	5,693	201	514	7,039	282,232	300,862
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	335	462	36	50	451	459	1,793
	ACRES	5,463	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,260
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		47	31	10,139	472	11,184
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	79,778	5,658	92,990
Southern Area	FIREs	138		65	43	25,283	595	26,124
	ACRES	15,961		21,186	3,467	323,946	73,480	438,040
TOTAL	FIREs	3,197	2,656	337	421	45,383	7,839	59,833
	ACRES	67,615	1,288,323	1,910,738	34,592	3,893,066	531,788	7,726,122

Ten Year Average Fires	66,781
Ten Year Average Acres	3,663,761

\*\*\* 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						2	2
	ACRES						215	215
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					30		30
Northern Rockies	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						5	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			3		4
	ACRES		5			90		95
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						4	4
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						226	226
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	4	12	18
	ACRES	0	5	0	30	94	446	575

**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	64	1		270	460
	ACRES	7,626	14,155	4,935	30		58,599	85,345
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	11		76	111
	ACRES		27	1,686	748		6,213	8,674
Northern Rockies	FIREs	40	9	80	3	45	465	642
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	13,914	1,046	3,066	44,353	68,300
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	26	4	4	19	53	107
	ACRES	149	13,198	2,447	1,252	1,508	19,317	37,871
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,263	541	414		971	4,189
Southwest	FIREs	14	15	7	14		347	397
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,976		85,733	118,193
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	43	46	163	19	13	122	406
	ACRES	5,117	11,368	23,593	13,864	3,347	49,185	106,474
Eastern Area	FIREs	27		371	23	1,086	201	1,708
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,953	34,629	171,362
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	78	395	1,143	1,871
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,772	1,000,346	1,387,624
TOTAL	FIREs	228	237	1,016	175	1,563	2,865	6,084
	ACRES	42,904	82,924	209,528	111,070	317,547	1,321,963	2,085,936

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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	48	49
	ACRES				0	10	13,498	13,508
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13		2			15
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		26	35
	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	162	1,287
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,315	2,281	31,518	117,898

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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								
Northwest	2				1				3	
Northern California	1		2		1					
Southern California	1		3		1					83
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin					1					
Western Great Basin			1		1					
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain		1	3	3					2	7
Eastern Area										3
Southern Area	31	1	1			1			588	169
Total	35	3	10	3	5	1	0	0	596	259

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