

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 229 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern California and Southern Areas. One large fire was contained in the Southern 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, 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 at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. A Type 1 incident Management Team (Sexton) is managing an Operational 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 managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned in Milton, FL and is managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Wilcock) is assigned in central Alabama and is managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies in nine counties. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is managing a base camp and 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.

**HURRICANE IVAN RECOVERY**, State of Florida. 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.

**HURRICANE JEANNE**, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Kearney) has been ordered and will stage in Marietta, GA.

**VEILED**, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Conroe, TX in a pine plantation. Torching and spotting due to gusty winds were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VEILED	TX	TXS	250	70	9/24	7	0	1	0	0	NR
KAY BRANCH	TX	TXS	120	100	---	8	0	0	0	0	NR

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

FREDS, Los Padres National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. This fire is 16 miles southwest of Soledad, CA in chaparral and grass. Most of the fire activity is inside the Ventana Wilderness where crews and aerial resources made good progress. The Arroyo Seco campground has been evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FREDS	CA	LPF	850	36	9/30	708	21	23	10	0	295K

### 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. Increased fire behavior with torching and running was observed.

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	7.5K

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue to build today over the intermountain west. This will lead to warm and dry conditions through much of the west, with the exception of a few afternoon showers over the higher elevations of central Idaho and western Montana. Hurricane Jeanne is off the Florida coast and is expected to continue on its westward path toward the United States mainland. Landfall is possible this Sunday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Sunny.	85 to 95 coast. 75 to 90 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	8 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% valleys. 8 to 15% deserts.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph over southern California and southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph over central California.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Mostly sunny. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Mostly sunny. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Mostly sunny.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 55 to 68 mountains. 68 to 78 valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 57 to 68 mountains. 68 to 78 valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 60 to 75 mountains. 75 to 90 valleys. 93 to 100 Lake Mead.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 30 to 45% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 25 to 40% mountains. 17 to 25% valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 20 to 38% mountains. 10 to 20% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph except west to southwest 5 to 10 mph Upper Snake Plain and western Wyoming mountains. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	73 to 88 north valleys. 88 to 99 south valleys. 68 to 80 mountains.	8 to 20% north valleys. 14 to 24% north mountains. 6 to 16% south valleys. 10 to 20% south mountains.	Upslope/upvalley at 4 to 8 mph.



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

## FALLING SNAGS

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
  - Strong winds.
  - Night operations.
  - Steep slopes.
  - Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
  - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
  - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
  - Numerous downed trees.
  - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead.
  - Accumulation of downed limbs.
  - Absence of needles, bark or limbs.
  - Leaning or hung-up trees.
- Mitigation measures to take:
  - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
  - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
  - Establish lookouts.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIREs	1				14		15
	ACRES	2				11		13
Southern California	FIREs	1		1		8	7	17
	ACRES	0		0		0	2	2
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3						3
	ACRES	5						5
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				1	1
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs					7	1	8
	ACRES					273	1	274
Southern Area	FIREs					177	4	181
	ACRES					2,083	70	2,153
TOTAL	FIREs	5	1	1	0	206	16	229
	ACRES	7	0	0	0	2,367	75	2,449

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	58	81	18	490	22	675
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,655	1,879,225	29,426	3,293,872	5	6,401,292
Northwest	FIREs	345	300	37	62	1,679	1,273	3,696
	ACRES	22,663	4,789	880	258	18,174	74,479	121,243
Northern California	FIREs	121	87	12	19	2,514	916	3,669
	ACRES	156	8,894	43	481	51,487	9,647	70,708
Southern California	FIREs	38	110	22	47	2,778	741	3,736
	ACRES	671	6,036	1,867	29	66,812	11,537	86,952
Northern Rockies	FIREs	940	63	19	13	780	854	2,669
	ACRES	5,438	1,448	1,062	4	18,142	11,080	37,174
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	61	797	2	46	550	707	2,163
	ACRES	532	40,838	1	61	8,689	47,262	97,383
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	460	1,794
	ACRES	5,463	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,260
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		47	31	10,484	476	11,533
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	82,255	5,749	95,558
Southern Area	FIREs	139		65	44	25,491	600	26,339
	ACRES	15,965		21,186	3,468	326,241	73,560	440,420
TOTAL	FIREs	3,204	2,651	338	422	45,983	7,872	60,470
	ACRES	67,629	1,288,469	1,910,738	34,439	3,905,000	531,971	7,738,246

Ten Year Average Fires	67,088
Ten Year Average Acres	3,670,412

\*\*\* 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						1	1
	ACRES						154	154
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			5				5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,377	1,377
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						29	29
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						59	59
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						25	25
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						8	8
Southern Area	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			5,000			58	5,058
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	17	19
	ACRES	0	0	5	5,000	0	1,710	6,715

**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	65	1		274	465
	ACRES	7,626	14,155	4,941	30		58,958	85,710
Northern California	FIREs	14	39	100	19		184	356
	ACRES	251	731	14,908	4,145		22,635	42,670
Southern California	FIREs		4	20	11		76	111
	ACRES		27	1,686	756		6,213	8,682
Northern Rockies	FIREs	40	9	80	3	62	495	689
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	13,914	1,046	3,236	46,179	70,296
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	26	4	4	20	55	110
	ACRES	149	13,198	2,447	1,252	1,515	19,346	37,907
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,239	541	414		971	4,165
Southwest	FIREs	14	15	7	14		358	408
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,976		86,199	118,659
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	43	48	163	19	13	128	414
	ACRES	5,117	11,408	23,593	13,864	3,347	49,249	106,578
Eastern Area	FIREs	27		371	23	1,086	203	1,710
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,953	34,658	171,391
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	80	395	1,147	1,877
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	84,152	212,772	1,000,507	1,397,785
TOTAL	FIREs	228	239	1,019	177	1,581	2,925	6,169
	ACRES	42,904	82,940	210,183	121,078	317,724	1,324,915	2,099,744

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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				4,690		222	4,912
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		13,016	14,721
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	76,469	2,281	31,531	118,065

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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 9/30/2004\*\*\***

### 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										
Northern California	2		2			1			3	
Southern California	12	11	35	16	4				13	21
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin					1					
Western Great Basin			2		1					
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			2						1	1
Eastern Area				2					3	
Southern Area	16	1		1					480	155
Total	30	13	41	19	6	1	0	0	500	177

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