

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2004 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 64 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northern Rockies Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, 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 (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. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Kearney, Frye) have been ordered and will stage in Marietta, GA.

HURRICANE IVAN RECOVERY, State of Florida. The Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Teams are being redeployed.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| VEILED        | TX | TXS  | 207  | 100   | ---     | 5         | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR         |

TXS = Texas Forest Service

## 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. Fire spread was minimal due to high relative humidity. The evacuations of the Arroyo Seco recreation area remain in effect. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| FREDS         | CA | LPF  | 768  | 75    | 9/26    | 892       | 33  | 31  | 8    | 0         | 889K       |

## 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         |

## NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| RY            | MT | FPA  | 509  | 100   | ---     | NR        | 0   | 6   | 0    | 0         | NR         |

FPA = Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Peck Agency

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue to bring warm, dry weather to most of the West except for scattered showers over New Mexico and far eastern Arizona. Hurricane Jeanne is expected to make landfall tonight along the east coast of Florida.

| Geographic Area<br>Weather                       | High<br>Temperatures  | Minimum Relative<br>Humidity   | Wind   |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b><br>Sunny.        | 85 to 95 coast.<br>75 to 90 mountains.<br>90 to 100 valleys.<br>80 to 90 upper deserts.<br>90 to 100 lower deserts. | 8 to 15% mountains.<br>8 to 15% valleys.<br>8 to 15% deserts.  | Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph over southern California. Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph over central California. |
| <b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b><br>Mostly sunny. | 73 to 88 north valleys.<br>88 to 99 south valleys.<br>68 to 80 mountains.   | 8 to 18% north valleys.<br>12 to 22% north mountains.<br>6 to 16% south valleys.<br>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)

### **Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) Tank Hazards**

Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) tanks are commonly found in the wildland-urban interface and present hazards to firefighters in that environment. LPG tanks may be found in a number of other environments such as motor homes, travel trailers, grills, camp stoves, lanterns, etc. Directly attacking LPG tank fires is a structural fire task involving hazardous materials and should only be attempted by trained personnel using full structural personal protective equipment and equipped with a volume of water adequate to safely attack the fire.

#### **● Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions (BLEVE)**

- The most recognized hazard with LPG tanks is BLEVE (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions) or sudden complete failure of the tank. Some training courses have directed responders to approach the tank from the sides, believing that the force of the explosion will occur on the ends of the tank. However, this is not a guarantee that you will be safe from projectiles or missiles from the explosion, as they may travel in ALL directions up to 2,500 feet away. Leave the area immediately if you smell propane, hear a rising sound from venting safety devices or see discoloration or deformation of the tank. If you leave the area, get at least 2,500 feet away and do not go down wind or down slope of the leaking propane. BLEVEs are a major hazard to emergency responders!

#### **● Fuel Reduction Around Tanks**

- Wildland firefighters may take action to prevent direct flame impingement on LPG tanks by removing wildland fuels in the area. However, be aware that lines from the tank to structures may be above or below ground, and may be cut by tools or equipment. Propane gas is heavier than air, and may move along the ground at some distance, and may ignited when it reaches open flame or another ignition source. Use extreme caution when doing fuels reduction around tanks, and flag any lines you encounter.

#### **● Other Wildland Fire Considerations**

- Do not position engines or other apparatus near LPG tanks or down wind / down slope from tanks.
- Do not deploy fire shelters near LPG tanks or down wind / down slope from tanks.

#### **● Cooling Tanks**

- In light fuels such as grasses, where any heat exposure to the tank will be very limited, rapid application of cooling water on the outside of the tank above the liquid level can reduce the likelihood of container failure by lowering the external temperature of the shell of the exposed tank. Water should not be directed at the valve safety devices, due to the potential of "icing" the valve closed.
- In heavy fuels where long duration heat exposure to the LPG tank is likely, evacuate all personnel and equipment 2,500 feet away and not down slope or down wind. NFPA says that direct flame impingement protection requires water flow of at least 500 gpm from an unmanned monitor nozzle. This is a situation for properly trained, equipped and supported structural firefighters.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 2    | 2     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 1    | 1     |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 11    | 1    | 12    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 4     | 0    | 4     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     | 3   |     | 13    | 4    | 20    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 0   |     | 0     | 0    | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 3   |     |     |     |       | 1    | 4     |
|                     | ACRES | 522 |     |     |     |       | 0    | 522   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 2    | 2     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 0    | 0     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 2     | 3    | 5     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 2     | 6    | 8     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 18    | 1    | 19    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 59    | 4    | 63    |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 3   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 44    | 14   | 64    |
|                     | ACRES | 522 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 65    | 11   | 598   |

# 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 | 1,878,052 | 29,426 | 3,292,494 | 5       | 6,398,741 |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 345    | 299       | 37        | 62     | 1,679     | 1,269   | 3,691     |
|                     | ACRES | 22,663 | 4,789     | 880       | 258    | 18,174    | 74,480  | 121,244   |
| Northern California | FIRES | 121    | 87        | 12        | 19     | 2,525     | 917     | 3,681     |
|                     | ACRES | 156    | 8,894     | 43        | 481    | 51,491    | 9,647   | 70,712    |
| Southern California | FIRES | 38     | 110       | 25        | 47     | 2,792     | 743     | 3,755     |
|                     | ACRES | 671    | 6,036     | 1,867     | 29     | 66,812    | 11,537  | 86,952    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 943    | 63        | 19        | 13     | 780       | 855     | 2,673     |
|                     | ACRES | 5,960  | 1,448     | 1,062     | 4      | 18,142    | 11,080  | 37,696    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 61     | 797       | 2         | 46     | 550       | 709     | 2,165     |
|                     | ACRES | 532    | 40,838    | 1         | 61     | 8,689     | 47,266  | 97,387    |
| 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     | 10,486    | 479     | 11,538    |
|                     | ACRES | 5,109  |           | 2,335     | 110    | 82,257    | 5,755   | 95,566    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 139    |           | 65        | 44     | 25,509    | 601     | 26,358    |
|                     | ACRES | 15,965 |           | 21,186    | 3,468  | 326,300   | 73,564  | 440,483   |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 3,207  | 2,650     | 341       | 422    | 46,028    | 7,878   | 60,526    |
|                     | ACRES | 68,151 | 1,288,469 | 1,909,565 | 34,439 | 3,903,687 | 531,986 | 7,736,297 |

|                               |                  |
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| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>67,270</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>3,673,157</b> |

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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 |     | 1   |     |     |       | 4     | 5     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 175 |     |     |       | 2,148 | 2,323 |
| Northern California | FIRES |     | 0   |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 30  |     |     |       |       | 30    |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     | 2   |     |       | 6     | 8     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 172 |     |       | 66    | 238   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 3     | 3     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 176   | 176   |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 3     | 3     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 100   | 100   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 1     | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 7     | 7     |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 1   | 2   | 0   | 0     | 17    | 20    |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 205 | 172 | 0   | 0     | 2,497 | 2,874 |

**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     | 89     | 65      | 1       |         | 278       | 471       |
|                     | ACRES | 7,626  | 14,629 | 4,941   | 30      |         | 61,106    | 88,332    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 14     | 39     | 100     | 19      |         | 184       | 356       |
|                     | ACRES | 251    | 761    | 14,908  | 4,145   |         | 22,635    | 42,700    |
| Southern California | FIRES |        | 4      | 20      | 11      |         | 76        | 111       |
|                     | ACRES |        | 27     | 1,686   | 756     |         | 6,213     | 8,682     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 40     | 9      | 83      | 3       | 62      | 501       | 698       |
|                     | ACRES | 2,585  | 3,336  | 14,249  | 1,046   | 3,236   | 46,245    | 70,697    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1      | 26     | 4       | 4       | 20      | 57        | 112       |
|                     | ACRES | 149    | 13,198 | 2,447   | 1,252   | 1,515   | 19,522    | 38,083    |
| 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  | 13,408 | 23,593  | 13,864  | 3,347   | 49,259    | 108,588   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 27     |        | 371     | 23      | 1,086   | 206       | 1,713     |
|                     | ACRES | 14,804 |        | 43,533  | 4,443   | 73,953  | 34,758    | 171,491   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 51     |        | 204     | 80      | 395     | 1,148     | 1,878     |
|                     | ACRES | 8,503  |        | 91,851  | 84,152  | 212,772 | 1,000,514 | 1,397,792 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 228    | 241    | 1,022   | 177     | 1,581   | 2,941     | 6,190     |
|                     | ACRES | 42,904 | 85,444 | 210,518 | 121,078 | 317,724 | 1,327,422 | 2,105,090 |

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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  |       | 14,404 | 16,109  |
| 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 | 32,919 | 119,453 |

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

| PROVINCES            | FIRES<br>YESTERDAY | HECTARES<br>YESTERDAY | FIRES<br>YEAR-TO-DATE | HECTARES<br>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<br>FED | CREWS<br>ST/OT | ENGS<br>FED | ENGS<br>ST/OT | HELI<br>FED | HELI<br>ST/OT | AIRT<br>FED | AIRT<br>ST/OT | OVRHD<br>FED | OVRHD<br>ST/OT |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Alaska              |              | 1              |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northwest           |              |                | 3           |               |             |               |             |               | 3            |                |
| Northern California | 2            |                | 2           |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southern California | 54           | 9              | 41          | 13            | 19          |               |             |               | 28           | 57             |
| Northern Rockies    |              |                | 4           | 2             |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Eastern Great Basin | 1            |                | 2           |               | 1           |               |             |               |              |                |
| Western Great Basin |              |                | 2           |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southwest           |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Rocky Mountain      |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               | 1            | 1              |
| Eastern Area        |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               | 3            |                |
| Southern Area       | 19           | 1              |             |               |             |               |             |               | 606          | 214            |
| Total               | 76           | 11             | 54          | 15            | 20          | 0             | 0           | 0             | 641          | 272            |

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