

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 50 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Hurricane Frances in Florida on 9/4; for Hurricane Ivan in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi on 9/16; and for Hurricane Jeanne in Florida on 9/26. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to the Florida Disaster Field Office, Orlando, FL. 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 Georgia State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cline) is assigned to Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL to support the receiving and distribution of relief supplies. 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 (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. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is staged in Atlanta, GA. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) and a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) have been ordered.

**HURRICANE JEANNE RESPONSE**, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Kearney) is staged.

**HURRICANE IVAN RECOVERY**, State of Florida. The Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Teams are preparing for Hurricane Jeanne.

**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. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAMPSON CREEK	NV	ELD	1,192	90	9/27	2	0	1	0	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Most of the West will remain warm and dry under a high pressure ridge except for showers over the Rockies. The remains of Hurricane Jeanne will bring heavy rain from Florida through the Mid-Atlantic States.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Morning fog and low clouds lower coastal valleys, otherwise partly cloudy.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	8 to 20% mountains. 10 to 25% valleys. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 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 18% north valleys. 12 to 22% north mountains. 6 to 16% south valleys. 10 to 20% south mountains.	Upslope/upvalley at 4 to 8 mph. Local late day gusts to 25 mph along the Sierra Front.



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

### Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

#### • Hazardous Materials

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

#### • Illicit Activities

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

● Propane tanks

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

● Utility lines

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

● Septic tanks and fields

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

● New construction materials

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

● Pets and livestock

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

● Evacuation occurring

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

● Limited access

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs					4	4	8
	ACRES					2	4	6
Northern California	FIREs					13		13
	ACRES					4		4
Southern California	FIREs		1			16	4	21
	ACRES		0			175	0	175
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0						0
	ACRES	10						10
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						6	6
TOTAL	FIREs	0	2	0	0	34	14	50
	ACRES	10	0	0	0	181	10	201

**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	300	37	62	1,689	1,274	3,707
	ACRES	22,663	4,789	880	258	18,141	74,485	121,216
Northern California	FIREs	122	87	12	19	2,544	926	3,710
	ACRES	166	8,894	43	481	51,496	9,647	70,727
Southern California	FIREs	38	111	28	47	2,827	749	3,800
	ACRES	671	6,036	1,867	29	66,996	11,558	87,157
Northern Rockies	FIREs	945	63	19	13	780	855	2,675
	ACRES	6,050	1,448	1,062	4	18,142	11,080	37,786
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	61	800	2	46	551	709	2,169
	ACRES	532	40,838	1	61	8,689	47,266	97,387
Western Great Basin	FIREs	16	626	12	17	99	148	918
	ACRES	340	23,118	2,665	51	7,858	8,363	42,395
Southwest	FIREs	708	148	5	75	668	1,680	3,284
	ACRES	5,183	5,693	201	514	7,045	282,232	300,868
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	335	462	36	50	451	463	1,797
	ACRES	5,463	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,260
Eastern Area	FIREs	495		47	31	10,487	479	11,539
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	82,258	5,755	95,567
Southern Area	FIREs	139		65	44	25,531	603	26,382
	ACRES	15,965		21,186	3,468	326,319	73,595	440,533
TOTAL	FIREs	3,210	2,655	344	422	46,117	7,908	60,656
	ACRES	68,251	1,288,469	1,909,565	34,439	3,903,869	532,044	7,736,637

Ten Year Average Fires	67,667
Ten Year Average Acres	3,672,865,

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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					1
	ACRES		600					600
Northern California	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		1,336					1,336
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0	0		2		2
	ACRES		75	3,500		197		3,772
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		50					50
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					224		224
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	100				50		150
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	0	0	5	7
	ACRES	100	2,061	0	3,500	0	471	6,132

**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	92	65	1		278	474
	ACRES	7,626	18,429	4,941	30		61,106	92,132
Northern California	FIREs	14	39	100	19		184	356
	ACRES	251	2,097	14,908	4,145		22,635	44,036
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	502	699
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	14,249	1,046	3,236	46,285	70,737
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	26	4	5	21	60	117
	ACRES	149	13,274	2,447	4,753	1,530	19,846	41,999
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,289	541	414		971	4,215
Southwest	FIREs	14	15	7	14		367	417
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,976		86,545	119,005
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	45	48	163	19	13	130	418
	ACRES	5,857	13,408	23,593	13,864	3,347	49,409	109,478
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	230	244	1,022	178	1,582	2,956	6,212
	ACRES	43,644	90,706	210,518	124,579	317,739	1,328,282	2,115,468

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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		100		1	0	48	149
	ACRES		0		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	141	1,022	62	0	162	1,387
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,469	2,281	32,919	119,453

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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										
Northwest				6	1	1				3
Northern California	2		2							
Southern California	13	4	15	4	7				47	71
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	2		7		1					
Western Great Basin	1		3		1					
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			1						1	1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	16	2							481	205
Total	34	6	34	5	10	0	0	0	532	277

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