

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in Eastern Great Basin Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 124 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in 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. An Area Command Team (Zimmerman) has been ordered. 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 transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) will begin today. The Team is managing a base camp at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. A Georgia Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cline) is assigned to Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL, and is supporting 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 transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Wilcock) to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) will occur today. The Team is managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies and debris removal in central Alabama. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is supporting county crews in the removal of debris and the clearing of vegetation in Baldwin County, AL. A transfer of command from a North Carolina Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) will begin today. The Team is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL, and is supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies.

HURRICANE JEANNE RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned in Martin County, FL and will manage a 500 person base camp.

HURRICANE JEANNE RECOVERY, State of Florida. Three Florida Division of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp, Johnson and Jones) are assigned in Indian River, St. Lucie and Polk Counties, FL, and are managing the distribution of relief supplies.

## NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

PETER FRENCH, Fish and Wildlife Service, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is six miles southeast of Narrows, OR in grass, sage and peat. Poor accessibility to portions of the fire area has hampered suppression efforts. Active fire behavior was observed in peat bogs and tule grass.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PETER FRENCH	OR	MAR	409	25	UNK	40	0	9	0	0	17K

## SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MORGAN, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFO) incident is being managed to accomplished resource objectives. This fire is six miles southeast of Williams, AZ in ponderosa pine. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs. No new information was reported.

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MORGAN - WFO	AZ	KNF	400	N/A	N/A	10	0	1	0	0	3K

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** An upper low pressure system will continue to keep Southern California cool and trigger thunderstorms around the four-corner states. Very isolated thunderstorms are also expected along the Sierra-Nevada crest in California. Elsewhere in the West, conditions will remain dry with temperatures above normal for this time of year.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Morning fog and low clouds lower coastal valleys with local drizzle. A chance of thundershowers over the Sierra. Otherwise partly cloudy.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 65 to 80 mountains. 70 to 80 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 85 to 95 lower deserts.	20 to 35% mountains. 40 to 45% valleys. 15 to 25% deserts.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Partly to mostly cloudy skies with areas of afternoon wet and dry thunderstorms.	North valleys: 70 to 83. South valleys: 75 to 88. Mountains: 61 to 78.	North valleys: 17 to 25%. North mountains: 22 to 30%. South valleys: 13 to 22%. South vountains: 18 to 24%.	North to southwest 5 to 10 mph.

<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms Idaho, scattered thunderstorms western Wyoming. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 50 to 70 mountains, 70 to 82 valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 58 to 70 mountains, 65 to 80 valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 57 to 70 mountains, 70 to 82 valleys, except 85 to 95 Lake Mead area.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 25 to 40% mountains, 18 to 25% valley. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 35 to 55% mountains, 20 to 35% valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 40 to 60% mountains, 25 to 40% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Variable 4 to 8 mph. <b>Northern Utah:</b> South 10 to 15 mph. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> South 10 to 15 mph.
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### MANAGING VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN SMOKE

Smoke has the potential to cause safety hazards to vehicle traffic in the vicinity of active fires (both wildfires and prescribed), especially at night. The following traffic-related items should be considered and addressed in local unit planning documents prior to an incident/project.

- Identification, location, and phone numbers of local units that have law enforcement and traffic control responsibilities in the smoke-impacted areas. Review any local agreements with these agencies presently in place.
- Identification of important, public roads that may be impacted by smoke
- Identification of adequate equipment and trained personnel to control traffic. This may include warning signs, communications equipment (preferably not using the active fire frequency) and vehicles equipped with warning or flashing lights.
- Identification and phone numbers of radio and television stations that can issue traffic advisories for the smoke-impacted area
- Identification of alternative traffic routes as part of the incident/project traffic plan
- Identification of traffic routes subject to temperature inversions as well as contributory factors such as fog and ice
- When potential smoke-related problems are identified:
  - Advise the Incident Commander, Burn Boss, or Agency Administrator that severe smoke exists.
  - Notify local law enforcement units and highway departments of a potential problem.
  - Implement preplanned actions such as posting smoke warning signs.
  - Ensure that proper equipment is ready and appropriate personnel are briefed on contingency plans and are available to control traffic.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES			0		2	1	3
	ACRES			489		2	0	491
Northern California	FIRES	3				9	5	17
	ACRES	3				17	40	60
Southern California	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					29	1	30
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	1				0	0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		28			8	3	39
	ACRES		202			101	0	303
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7					7
	ACRES		20					20
Southwest	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2			1		4
	ACRES	2	0			0		2
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					124		124
TOTAL	FIRES	5	37	0	0	62	20	124
	ACRES	6	222	489	0	275	42	1,034

# 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	1,193,775	1,875,977	29,426	3,292,494	5	6,397,786
Northwest	FIRES	357	301	38	62	1,692	1,276	3,726
	ACRES	22,673	4,781	1,370	258	18,134	74,484	121,700
Northern California	FIRES	126	87	12	19	2,573	941	3,758
	ACRES	174	8,894	43	481	51,529	9,721	70,842
Southern California	FIRES	38	111	28	47	2,854	751	3,829
	ACRES	671	6,036	1,867	29	67,035	11,559	87,197
Northern Rockies	FIRES	948	63	19	13	782	855	2,680
	ACRES	6,082	1,448	1,062	4	18,142	11,080	37,818
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	830	2	46	559	715	2,213
	ACRES	532	41,050	1	61	8,791	47,267	97,702
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	633	12	17	99	148	925
	ACRES	340	23,138	2,665	51	7,858	8,363	42,415
Southwest	FIRES	708	148	5	75	668	1,700	3,304
	ACRES	5,183	5,693	201	514	7,045	282,241	300,877
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	465	36	50	453	463	1,803
	ACRES	5,465	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,262
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	31	10,526	486	11,585
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	82,269	5,769	95,592
Southern Area	FIRES	139		65	44	25,585	603	26,436
	ACRES	15,965		21,186	3,468	327,067	73,595	441,281
TOTAL	FIRES	3,230	2,696	345	422	46,281	7,960	60,934
	ACRES	68,303	1,289,813	1,907,980	34,439	3,904,795	532,142	7,737,472

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,299</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,690,006</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						2	2
	ACRES						427	427
Northern California	FIRES			1	1		0	2
	ACRES			518	258		250	1,026
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			4		9	16	29
	ACRES			1,167		262	287	1,716
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			0	6	7
	ACRES		3			8	1,255	1,266
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2					4	6
	ACRES	0					416	416
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	250					75	325
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					8		8
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				2,500			2,500
TOTAL	FIRES	3	1	5	2	11	29	51
	ACRES	250	3	1,685	2,758	278	2,710	7,684

**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		281	477
	ACRES	7,626	18,429	4,941	30		62,218	93,244
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	105	20		184	362
	ACRES	251	2,097	15,437	4,403		22,885	45,073
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	11		76	111
	ACRES		27	1,686	756		6,213	8,682
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	9	89	3	71	539	751
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	15,822	1,046	3,498	46,938	73,225
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	28	4	5	22	69	129
	ACRES	149	14,477	2,447	4,753	1,985	21,469	45,280
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,339	541	414		971	4,265
Southwest	FIRES	16	15	7	14		375	427
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,976		87,457	119,917
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	47	48	163	19	13	132	422
	ACRES	6,277	13,408	23,593	13,864	3,347	49,584	110,073
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		372	23	1,088	206	1,716
	ACRES	14,804		43,704	4,443	73,961	34,758	171,670
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	81	395	1,149	1,880
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	86,652	212,772	1,000,527	1,400,305
TOTAL	FIRES	234	246	1,034	180	1,594	3,016	6,304
	ACRES	44,064	91,959	212,791	127,337	318,464	1,333,020	2,127,635

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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				4,712		222	4,934
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		14		2			16
	ACRES		494		0			494
Southwest	FIRES				9		26	35
	ACRES				1,705		14,759	16,464
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	42	1,022	62	0	162	1,288
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	76,491	2,281	33,274	119,831

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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			18		2				5	
Northern California	11		8		3					
Southern California	10		2		5				16	6
Northern Rockies	1		6							
Eastern Great Basin	3		8	1	4				3	
Western Great Basin			5	1						
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			6	1					1	3
Eastern Area									2	
Southern Area	16	1							547	194
Total	41	1	53	3	14	0	0	0	574	203

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