

**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 | %<br>CTN | EST<br>CTN | TOTL<br>PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC<br>LOST | \$\$\$<br>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 (WFU) 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 - WFU  | 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<br>Weather   | High<br>Temperatures  | Minimum Relative<br>Humidity   | Wind                                |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b><br>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.<br>65 to 80 mountains.<br>70 to 80 valleys.<br>70 to 80 upper deserts.<br>85 to 95 lower deserts. | 20 to 35% mountains.<br>40 to 45% valleys.<br>15 to 25% deserts.   | Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph. |
| <b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b><br>Partly to mostly cloudy skies with areas of afternoon wet and dry thunderstorms.  | North valleys: 70 to 83.<br>South valleys: 75 to 88.<br>Mountains: 61 to 78.  | North valleys: 17 to 25%.<br>North mountains: 22 to 30%.<br>South valleys: 13 to 22%.<br>South mountains: 18 to 24%. | North to southwest 5 to 10 mph.     |

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| <b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b><br><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms Idaho, scattered thunderstorms western Wyoming.<br><b>Northern Utah:</b> Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.<br><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.<br><b>Northern Utah:</b> 58 to 70 mountains, 65 to 80 valleys.<br><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.<br><b>Northern Utah:</b> 35 to 55% mountains, 20 to 35% valleys.<br><b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 40 to 60% mountains, 25 to 40% valleys. | <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Variable 4 to 8 mph.<br><b>Northern Utah:</b> South 10 to 15 mph.<br><b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> South 10 to 15 mph. |
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[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### 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 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 68,299    |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 3,690,006 |

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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 |     |     |       |       |       | 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<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              |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| 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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