

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2005 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 1,023 new fires reported for the week. Sixty-eight new large fires were reported, 53 in the Southern Area, nine in the Eastern Area and six in the Southwest Area. Fifty-five large fires were contained, 51 in the Southern Area, one in the Eastern Area and three in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas and South Dakota.

Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas and Florida.

A link to a map with resources mobilized for hurricane response is located at http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource_Map.pdf.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. The Team is operating under a unified command with the Cameron Parish Sheriffs Department, State agencies and other federal agencies. A transfer of command to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) will occur today.

HURRICANE KATRINA/SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Functions (ESF) #4 in Mississippi and Louisiana are staffed.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. The Team is managing a base camp at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, MS.

ANTIOCH, Chickasaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is eight miles west of Pauls Valley, OK in grass, brush and hardwood litter. High winds and extreme fire behavior were reported. Structure protection is in place.

VELMA COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is east of Velma, OK in grass and understory. Wind driven runs were reported.

ELMORE CITY, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is near Elmore City, OK in grass and hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ANTIOCH	OK	CHA	7,000	65	12/02	17	1	3	0	2	15K	BIA
VELMA COMPLEX	OK	OKS	1,500	45	UNK	59	0	25	0	16	44K	ST
ELMORE CITY	OK	OKS	4,000	70	UNK	48	0	15	1	3	50K	ST
CALVIN SOUTH	OK	OKS	1,900	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
WILDHORSE PRAIRIE	OK	OKS	1,150	100	---	32	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
FM890	TX	TXS	685	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
EDWARDS COMPLEX	TX	TXS	650	100	---	13	0	4	0	0	NR	PRI
HALLET	OK	OSA	292	100	---	34	1	25	0	0	30K	BIA
REVIVAL	OK	OKS	3,200	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
BEAR DEN	OK	OMA	9,320	100	---	26	1	6	0	0	22K	BIA
DAHLBERG	OK	CHA	900	100	---	112	1	32	0	0	5K	BIA
SWEET HOME	AR	OUF	266	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
CHEROKEE REFUGE	OK	OKS	227	100	---	5	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
TANNEHILL	OK	OKS	1300	100	---	5	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
BLUFF	OK	OKS	150	100	---	13	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
GOLD MINE HOLLOW	OK	OKS	500	100	---	6	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
EAST SPAINARD CREEK	OK	OKS	320	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
CLEAR VIEW	OK	OKS	4,000	100	---	29	0	14	0	5	NR	PRI
BOAR CREEK 2	OK	OSA	629	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	5K	BIA
GOODEN CREEK	KY	KYS	180	100	---	24	1	0	0	0	NR	ST
TRACE FORK 2	KY	KYS	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
PARKWAY	KY	DBF	140	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	10K	FS
STRAIGHT CREEK	KY	DBF	285	100	---	0	2	0	0	0	50K	FS
SANDHILL	KY	DBF	122	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
LOWER WHITE OAK	KY	KYS	130	100	---	14	1	0	0	0	NR	ST
OTTER CREEK	KY	KYS	160	100	---	37	2	0	1	0	NR	ST
WAGNER RANCH	TX	TXS	5,120	100	---	17	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
JACKSON ROAD	TX	TXS	2,000	100	---	5	0	2	0	6	NR	PRI
SAND SPRING	OK	OSA	223	100	---	20	1	3	0	1	15K	BIA
SONNY GILES	OK	OKS	345	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
SAWNEY CREEK	OK	OKS	500	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
FLAT FIRE	AR	OZF	218	100	---	32	1	1	0	0	NR	FS
DONITHON	KY	KYS	100	100	---	8	1	1	0	0	NR	ST
PUNCHEON CREEK	KY	KYS	175	100	---	13	1	1	0	0	NR	PRI
WILDCAT	KY	KYS	105	100	---	17	2	0	0	0	NR	ST
WEBB BRANCH	KY	KYS	100	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
SMITH BR.	KY	KYS	150	100	---	10	1	0	0	0	NR	PRI
LICK BR.	KY	KYS	300	100	---	10	1	0	0	0	NR	PRI
HIGHSPLINT	KY	KYS	673	100	---	8	2	0	0	0	NR	ST
WOLFPEN	KY	KYS	150	100	---	8	1	0	0	0	NR	PRI
TOLBY BR.	KY	KYS	350	100	---	12	1	0	0	0	NR	PRI
OPAL	TX	TXS	1,000	100	---	12	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
RANGER HILL 2	TX	TXS	1,000	100	---	12	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
STEWARD ROAD	KY	KYS	637	100	---	16	1	0	0	0	NR	ST
IXL	OK	CHA	700	100	---	22	0	8	0	0	4K	BIA
COOKSON REFUGE	OK	OKS	320	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

INDIAN CREEK EAST	OK	OKS	593	100	---	18	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
BEGGS	OK	OKS	500	100	---	24	0	10	0	0	NR	ST
STEPP MTN.	OK	OKS	250	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
ROPER COVE	OK	OKS	2580	100	---	16	0	6	0	0	NR	PRI
RATTLESNAKE RIDGE	OK	OKS	330	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
GOAT BLUFF	OK	OKS	230	100	---	14	0	6	0	0	NR	PRI
FLAT ROCK	OK	OKS	5,120	100	---	37	0	13	0	30	NR	PRI

KYS Kentucky Division of Forestry
 OKS Oklahoma Division of Forestry
 OUF Ouachita National Forest
 DBF Daniel Boone National Forest
 OSA Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OMA Okmuglee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 BRR Brazoria Wildlife Refuge
 OZF Ozark and St. Francis National Forests
 CHA Chickasaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 TXS Texas Forest Service

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

RANGE, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is near Floyd, New Mexico in grass. Very fast wind driven fire was reported. Evacuation of the town of Floyd occurred. Burned fences released livestock in the fire area.

MAES, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is near Rio Rancho, NM in grass, pinyon pine and juniper. Structures are threatened, and structure protection is in place.

TATER, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 48 miles southeast of Flagstaff, AZ in hardwood litter. Burn out operations from roadways occurred. Spotted owl habitat is threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RANGE	NM	N4S	33,000	60	UNK	142	0	56	0	11	NR	ST
MAES	NM	N4S	1,000	10	12/04	19	0	30	0	0	NR	ST
TATER	AZ	COF	100	0	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	2K	FS
LUMPY	NM	N4S	1,800	100	---	53	0	70	0	0	NR	ST
PROMONTORY	AZ	TNF	310	100	---	63	2	1	0	0	NR	FS
GRADY	NM	N4S	850	100	---	30	0	60	0	1	NR	ST

TNF Tonto National Forest

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

Newport Mtn., West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Foster, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

BIG JARRELL/BROWNS BRANCH, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Browns Branch, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

SPRIGG, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Sprigg, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

CABIN CREEK, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Itmann, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

JOHNS BR#2, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near War, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

TOMPSONS BRANCH BIG HARTS CREEK, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Big Harts Creek, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

MARNIE, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Marnie, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

LAUREL-LENORE, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Laurel, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

SENG CREEK, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is near Garrison, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NEWPORT MTN	WV	WVS	300	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
BIG JARRELL/BROWNS BRANC	WV	WVS	150	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
SPRIGG	WV	WVS	200	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
CABIN CREEK	WV	WVS	125	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
JOHNS BR#2	WV	WVS	200	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
TOMPSONS BRANCH BIG HARTS CREEK	WV	WVS	200	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
MARNIE	WV	WVS	100	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
LAUREL -LENORE	WV	WVS	200	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
SENG CREEK	WV	WVS	200	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
SHANNONDALE	WV	WVS	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: An upper level low pressure trough will move into the west and central portions of the country, with high pressure over the Southeast, Friday through the weekend. Dry weather will continue over Oklahoma, eastern New Mexico, and portions of Texas into next week. Critical conditions on Friday into Saturday over the region with windy weather and low relative humidity. Florida will remain dry as well; however western portions of the state will see an increase in relative humidity with onshore flow beginning Saturday. In Southern California, temperatures will rise and relative humidity will decrease with offshore flow beginning Saturday and continuing through early next week.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Showers over the region, locally heavy Central California and Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.	40 to 60 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 60 to 75 lower deserts.	35 to 50%.	Southwest to northwest 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		0		1
	ACRES			311		30		341
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					437		437
Southern California	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southwest	FIRES	1				5	5	11
	ACRES	0				36,601	1	36,602
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			0				0
Eastern Area	FIRES					200	11	211
	ACRES					4,589	314	4,903
Southern Area	FIRES	30				730	28	788
	ACRES	5,585				46,776	1,463	53,824
TOTAL	FIRES	31	0	2	0	935	55	1,023
	ACRES	5,585	0	311	0	87,996	2,215	96,107

FIRE AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	96	60	15	403	28	607
	ACRES	3,407	1,774,517	1,724,311	37,850	899,727	337	4,440,149
Northwest	FIRES	176	239	29	38	1,392	940	2,814
	ACRES	28,233	43,182	11,797	122	104,271	101,365	288,970
Northern California	FIRES	170	31	13	15	2,353	523	3,105
	ACRES	252	24,898	68	101	27,296	9,105	61,720
Southern California	FIRES	127	121	15	57	2,913	734	3,967
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	138	74,223	48,855	10,223	140,689
Northern Rockies	FIRES	497	62	33	12	660	667	1,931
	ACRES	20,389	8,773	9,798	25	38,346	51,735	129,066
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	730	9	36	718	603	2,149
	ACRES	23,199	683,113	8	2,681	150,428	95,666	955,095
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	514	19	26	112	117	797
	ACRES	3,069	883,272	13,312	258	114,123	18,070	1,032,104
Southwest	FIRES	1,634	363	41	65	1,488	1,578	5,169
	ACRES	36,235	159,388	35,642	9,881	173,169	423,994	838,309
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	285	491	38	29	720	550	2,113
	ACRES	6,898	10,430	2,373	30	32,736	25,897	78,364
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		67	60	11,215	624	12,561
	ACRES	7,114		1,861	972	73,982	11,025	94,954
Southern Area	FIRES	265		185	40	26,400	741	27,631
	ACRES	53,499		42,424	2,614	384,995	28,318	511,850
TOTAL	FIRES	3,816	2,647	509	393	48,374	7,105	62,844
	ACRES	183,578	3,593,540	1,841,732	128,757	2,047,928	775,735	8,571,270

Ten Year Average Fires	65,327
Ten Year Average Acres	6,369,556

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		13				4	17
	ACRES			588			483	1,071
Northern California	FIRES	1	0		2		38	41
	ACRES	3	20		1		948	972
Southern California	FIRES				0		3	3
	ACRES				443		13	456
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						10	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,850	1,850
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			3	9	12
	ACRES		15			1,339	2,240	3,594
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1	6	7
	ACRES					200	4,151	4,351
TOTAL	FIRES	1	13	0	2	4	69	89
	ACRES	3	623	0	444	1,539	9,715	12,324

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIREs					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIREs	38	294	90	3	1	830	1,256
	ACRES	8,454	36,636	4,921	265	1	46,142	96,419
Northern California	FIREs	17	26	146	47		439	675
	ACRES	228	1,512	26,397	9,189		34,265	71,591
Southern California	FIREs	1	7	9	20	9	110	156
	ACRES	1,025	427	1,064	6,216	87	9,382	18,201
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	41	108	6	101	419	684
	ACRES	495	5,102	24,014	192	4,725	42,384	76,912
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	2	40	6	12	29	111	200
	ACRES	15	20,485	1,460	123	2,770	33,779	58,632
Western Great Basin	FIREs		14	11	3		3	31
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,923	13,150
Southwest	FIREs	11	61	2	13	1	477	565
	ACRES	9,772	53,745	3,210	17,821	300	110,111	194,959
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	57	118	21	42	152	420
	ACRES	3,871	24,850	22,164	12,529	6,826	42,809	113,049
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		523	39	1,145	208	1,959
	ACRES	17,741		71,994	4,841	73,301	42,330	210,207
Southern Area	FIREs	34		178	61	411	1,149	1,833
	ACRES	7,180		108,387	55,212	273,665	911,944	1,356,388
TOTAL	FIREs	186	540	1,191	225	1,743	3,898	7,783
	ACRES	48,781	149,175	267,072	106,736	362,301	1,276,069	2,210,134

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs			2	13	0		15
	ACRES			27,225	140,582	788		168,595
Northwest	FIREs		35		1		1	37
	ACRES		0		2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIREs				3		4	7
	ACRES				791		1	792
Southern California	FIREs				20		21	41
	ACRES				9,411		2,366	11,777
Northern Rockies	FIREs				10		94	104
	ACRES				55		56,336	56,391
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				6		104	110
	ACRES				166		85,344	85,510
Western Great Basin	FIREs		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIREs	1			2	1	42	46
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,321	118,362
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		34		5	2	11	52
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,831	7,175
Eastern Area	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIREs				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIREs	1	78	2	74	3	279	437
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	164,145	2,555	288,960	489,147

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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										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			2							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			5	211					8	131
Rocky Mountain			1						3	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	5	6	30	160		1			148	79
Total	5	6	38	371	0	1	0	0	159	210

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