

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2005 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 533 new fires reported for the week. Twenty Three new large fires were reported, 18 in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area, two in the Southwest Area, and one in the Southern California Area. Thirteen large fires were contained, 12 in the Southern Area and one in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Nevada, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois 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 KATRINA/SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Functions (ESF) #4 in Mississippi and Louisiana are staffed.

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

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. They are assisting with planning and debris removal.

ENTRANCE ROAD, Brazoria Wildlife Refuge. This fire is near the entrance to the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge in Brazoria County, TX in tall grass. The fire is being monitored.

SIMPSON TIGER, Okmuglee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 3 miles south of Dustin, OK in grass and timber. No further information was reported.

SONNY GILES, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Sallisaw, OK in hardwood litter. Active fire behavior was reported.

NORTH CANADIAN, Okmuglee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 5 miles north of Dustin, Ok in grass and hardwoods. An oil well has been evacuated. No further information was reported.

HEYBURN, Okmuglee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 7 miles northeast of Brisco, OK in timber and grass. No further information was reported.

SAWNEY CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is ten miles southeast of Stillwell, OK in timber. Active fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ENTRANCE ROAD	TX	BRR	1,500	60	UNK	7	0	1	0	0	NR	FWS
ROUGH BRANCH	KY	KYS	300	100	---	25	2	2	0	0	NR	PRI
LITTLE MINE FORK	KY	KYS	175	100	---	23	2	2	0	0	NR	PRI
SIMPSON TIGER	OK	OMA	4,000	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	40K	BIA
NORTH CANADIAN	OK	OMA	2,300	95	UNK	22	1	5	0	0	\$20,000	BIA
HEYBURN	OK	OMA	122	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	BIA
THLOPOLOCCO CHURCH	OK	OMA	372	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	48K	BIA
PROCTOR	OK	OMA	7,600	100	---	2	0	4	0	0	11K	BIA
SLIP GERBER	OK	OMA	3,300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BIA
SILVER SPUR	OK	OMA	1,500	100	---		0	0	0	0	\$8,000	BIA
SELLERS MTN.	OK	OKS	160	100	---	15	0	6	0	0	NR	PRI
CALVIN ATWOOD	OK	OMA	210	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	\$6,500	BIA
MEADOW	OK	OMA	2,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	\$24,000	BIA
BRUSHILL #2	OK	OMA	3,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	\$5,000	BIA
MUSKRAT	OK	OKS	165	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
HOLT MTN.	OK	OKS	3,200	100	---	7	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
SONNY GILES	OK	OKS	320	80	11/25	6	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
SAWNEY CREEK	OK	OKS	450	90	11/15	6	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI

KYS Kentucky Division of Forestry

OMA Okmuglee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OKS Oklahoma Division of Forestry

BRR Brazoria Wildlife Refuge

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

Newport Mtn, West Virginia Division of Forestry. This fire is one mile east of Danville, WV in hardwood litter. No further information was reported.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NEWPORT MTN	WV	WVS	300	80	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
MCDONALDS	WV	WVS	150	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SCHOOL	CA	VNC	3,891	100	---	32	3	0	0	2	3,891	CNTY

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

MYSTERY FIRE, Gila National Forest. This fire is 25 miles south of Reserve, NM in timber and grass understory. No further information was received.

PROMONTORY, Tonto National Forest. This fire is two miles north of Christopher Creek, AZ timber, slash and chaparral. Good progress was made on constructing handline and burnout operations were completed along the east and western flanks. Low intensity backing fire with occasional torching and short range spotting were reported.

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MYSTERY FIRE	NM	GNF	104	UNK	UNK	5	0	1	0	0	\$12,000	FS
PROMONTORY	AZ	TNF	310	90	11/25	83	3	1	0	0	NR	FS

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Through the weekend, an upper low pressure system will move into the West and the strong low over Northeast will begin to exit. Dry weather will continue over much of the Southern Area through Friday; a change in the weather pattern will bring precipitation starting Saturday through much of next week. Southern California will see onshore flow through Saturday, then a return of dry, gusty Santa Ana winds Saturday night and Sunday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Partly cloudy.	60 to 75 mountains. 75 to 85 valleys. 65 to 75 upper deserts. 80 to 90 lower deserts.	10 to 20%.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph.



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

FIRE SHELTER DEPLOYMENT

Firefighters must never rely on fire shelters, but instead should depend on well-defined and pre-located escape routes and safety zones. However, if the need for shelter deployment should ever arise, it is imperative that the firefighter knows how to deploy and use the shelter.

- Don't think of your fire shelter as a tactical tool.
- Recognize when deployment is your only option. When considering escape, remember that you can hold your breath for only about 15 seconds while running through flames or superheated air.
- If time runs out while attempting to escape, get on the ground before the flame front arrives and finish deploying on the ground. Death is almost certain if the fire catches a person off the ground. (The optimal survival zone with or without a shelter is within a foot of the ground.) Once entrapped, the highest priority is to protect the lungs and airways.
- When deploying, remove packs and place them away from the deployment area.
- Most burnovers occur during initial attack or extended initial attack. However, burnovers have occurred when crews or individuals initiated action without direction from an Incident Management Team, adequate communication, or knowledge of current fire weather.
- Escaped fires often overwhelm initial attack resources. Many wildland fire fatalities can be directly attributed to failure to follow basic wildland fire strategy and tactics—10 Standard Fire Orders, 18 Watchout Situations, and the Downhill Checklist. Use personal protective equipment.
- Even though deploying your shelter is a last resort, time is critical when entrapped. Play it safe; give yourself ample time to deploy. Failure to adequately anticipate the severity and timing of the burnover and failure to utilize the best location and proper deployment techniques contributed to the fatalities and injuries on the Thirtymile incident. Don't let the cost of opening a shelter become a factor in your decision. If the shelter isn't needed, carefully refold it and put it back in its case until you can get a new one. Save the opened shelter for training.
- Before passing through superheated gases, try to close the front of your shroud. You can take your shelter out of the plastic bag and use it for a heat shield to pass quickly through a hot area. If you use the shelter in this way, don't drop it or allow it to snag on brush. Remember that your lungs are still vulnerable.
- If flames contact the shelter, the glass/foil fabric heats up more rapidly. If flame contact is prolonged, spots of aluminum foil can melt or tear away, reducing protection. Even if this happens, it is still safer inside the shelter. Your flame-resistant clothing becomes your backup protection. It's even more critical to keep your nose pressed to the ground and stay in your shelter.
- Remember, direct contact with flames or hot gases is the biggest threat to your shelter. It is vital to deploy in a spot that offers the least chance of such contact. The heavier the fuels, the bigger your fuel break needs to be.
- Remember, once you commit yourself to the shelter, stay there. No matter how bad it gets inside, it is usually much worse outside. If you panic and leave the shelter, one breath of hot, toxic gases could damage your lungs. Suffocation may follow. Most firefighters were killed as a result of heat-damaged airways and lungs, not by external burns. Protect your airways and lungs at all costs by keeping your face close to the ground and staying in your shelter.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					72	12	84
	ACRES					81	8	89
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		25			1		26
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5			1		8	14
	ACRES	3			1		334	338
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			289				289
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	26	9	37
	ACRES				4	1,018	46	1,068
Southern Area	FIRES	15				362	18	395
	ACRES	4,978				9,545	221	14,744
TOTAL	FIRES	20	1	1	3	461	47	533
	ACRES	4,981	25	289	5	10,645	609	16,554

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	404	28	607
	ACRES	4	1,917,880	1,633,875	3,409	849,051	337	4,404,556
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	2,294	517	3,040
	ACRES	252	24,898	68	101	27,160	8,668	61,147
Southern California	FIRES	127	121	15	57	2,913	732	3,965
	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	8,800	9,798	25	38,346	51,735	129,093
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	730	9	36	720	607	2,155
	ACRES	23,199	683,113	8	2,681	150,571	105,989	965,561
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	514	19	26	112	115	795
	ACRES	3,069	883,272	13,312	258	114,123	18,070	1,032,104
Southwest	FIRES	1,633	363	41	64	1,483	1,561	5,145
	ACRES	36,235	159,388	35,642	9,869	136,568	423,910	801,612
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	285	491	37	29	720	550	2,112
	ACRES	6,898	10,430	2,373	30	32,736	25,897	78,364
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		67	59	11,007	614	12,342
	ACRES	7,114		1,861	969	69,310	10,628	89,882
Southern Area	FIRES	238		185	40	25,596	696	26,755
	ACRES	51,944		42,424	2,614	336,581	25,558	459,121
TOTAL	FIRES	3,787	2,647	507	392	47,301	7,027	61,661
	ACRES	178,620	3,736,930	1,751,296	94,301	1,907,572	782,380	8,451,099

Ten Year Average Fires	70,368
Ten Year Average Acres	4,967,615

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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		3				1	4
	ACRES		445				60	505
Northern California	FIRES		0		1		1	2
	ACRES		8		239		13	260
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						18	18
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					11	6	17
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	4				7	12
	ACRES	66	235				485	786
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1		1			2
	ACRES		5		78			83
Eastern Area	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				202		2	204
Southern Area	FIRES			4		3	4	11
	ACRES			15,113		434	721	16,268
TOTAL	FIRES	1	8	4	3	5	18	39
	ACRES	66	693	15,113	519	445	1,305	18,141

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	38	278	90	3	1	826	1,236
	ACRES	8,454	35,990	4,921	265	1	45,659	95,290
Northern California	FIRES	16	26	146	45		421	654
	ACRES	225	1,492	26,397	9,188		33,592	70,894
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	20	9	110	156
	ACRES	1,025	427	1,064	5,773	87	9,382	17,758
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	41	108	6	101	415	680
	ACRES	495	5,102	24,014	192	4,725	42,374	76,902
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	40	6	12	28	114	202
	ACRES	15	20,485	1,460	123	2,770	29,867	54,720
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14	11	3		2	30
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,903	13,130
Southwest	FIRES	11	61	2	13	1	471	559
	ACRES	8,848	53,745	3,210	17,821	300	107,862	191,786
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	57	118	21	40	149	415
	ACRES	3,871	24,835	22,164	12,529	5,488	42,759	111,646
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	410	1,140	1,823
	ACRES	7,180		108,387	55,212	273,465	904,883	1,349,127
TOTAL	FIRES	185	524	1,191	223	1,739	3,856	7,718
	ACRES	47,854	148,494	267,072	106,292	360,763	1,261,611	2,192,086

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
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				9,280		2,366	11,646
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		94	104
	ACRES				55		56,336	56,391
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		102	108
	ACRES				166		85,412	85,578
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	277	435
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	165,056	1,767	289,028	489,338

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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						1	6		5	
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	3		2						15	1
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	2	1	6	39	4		4		118	54
Total	5	1	8	39	4	1	0	0	138	55

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