

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 92 fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Northwest, Southern and Southern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Three Area Command Teams are assigned (Ribar, Zimmerman and Rounsville).

Ribar's Team will be relocated to Pensacola, FL, to provide coordination for FEMA Region IV. Zimmerman's Team is located at the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA and is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana (FEMA Region VI). Rounsville's Team is in San Antonio, TX, and is coordinating relief operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas (FEMA Region VI). The Marietta Mobilization Center in Marietta, Georgia continues to house and in-brief Incident Management Teams and other resources prior to assignment.

A link to a map with resources mobilized for hurricane response is located at [http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource\\_Map.pdf](http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource_Map.pdf).

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 at the state Emergency Operations Centers in Jackson, MS, Baton Rouge, LA, and Austin, TX are staffed.

Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Krugman, Anderson and Wilcock) are assigned.

Krugman: Is managing the Jackson Support Base in the New Orleans French Quarter and supporting several satellite camps in southern Louisiana.

Anderson: Is managing the Holy Cross Base Camp under a unified command with New Orleans, New York City and Illinois fire departments, and is providing fire and emergency response to the City of New Orleans.

Wilcock: Is assigned at Purvis, MS, and is engaged in hazard fuel mitigation and fire suppression for counties in southeast Mississippi.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Smith, Thomas, Larsen, Furlong/Gormley, West, Johnson, Houseman, Cowin and Dave Johnson) are assigned. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) has been ordered.

Smith: Is managing receiving and distribution operations at Barron Point Camp north of Gulfport, MS. A transfer of command to another Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cowin) will occur.

Thomas: Is managing a base camp at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. A transfer of command to another Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dave Johnson) will occur.

Larsen: Is supporting the St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel, LA, and assisting with planning and logistics for the Regional Staging Area at Lafayette, LA.

Furlong/Gormley: Is managing a mobilization center and base camp at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA.

West: Is managing a staging area at Saints Support Base Camp in New Orleans.

Allen Johnson: Is managing five points of distribution in Hancock County from a base camp at Stennis Space Center, MS.

Houseman: Is assigned at Hammond, LA, and is assessing timber damage and coordinating wildfire pre-suppression and initial attack planning in three affected parishes in Louisiana.

Three Logistics Management Teams (LMT) (Floyd, Hayes and O'Brien) are assigned. The Teams are operating a mobilization center, trailer staging area and base camp in Bossier City, LA, Texarkana, AR, and Vancleave, MS. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service teams are engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue operations in Louisiana and Texas.

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Austin, TX, is staffed with Emergency Support Function #4 personnel. A Planning Section Team is in place at the RRCC.

Six Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Oltrogge, Sandman, Lohrey, Bennett, Sexton and Custer) are assigned.

Oltrogge: Is assigned at Lufkin, TX, and is managing Hemphill Base Camp base camp, and supporting 20 points of distribution.

Sandman: Is managing a base camp and supporting several evacuee centers in San Antonio, TX.

Lohrey and Bennett: Are jointly managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX. The Teams are also supporting numerous points of distribution centers and several Emergency Operations Centers.

Sexton: The Team is supporting the Lake Charles Regional Staging Area and 10 points of distribution sites at Lake Charles, LA. The team is also assessing wildland fuels loading and wildfire potential for Calcasieu Parish.

Custer: Will establish and manage a base camp for utility crews at Kirbyville, TX.

Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Saleen, Rogers and Quesinberry) are assigned.

Saleen: Is managing a receiving and distribution center and base camp at Jennings, LA.

Rogers: Is managing a base camp and receiving and distribution center at the Reliant Arena in Houston, TX. A transfer of command with another Type 2 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) has been initiated.

MUSTANG CREEK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is located six miles west of Salado, TX in tall grass, oak and juniper. Light fire behavior was observed. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MUSTANG CREEK	TX	TXS	500	90	10/1	17	0	5	0	0	UNK	PRI

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

HARVARD, Burbank Fire Department.. This fire is located in Burbank, CA in brush and grass. Voluntary evacuations are in progress. Electrical transmission lines, communication facilities and a historical building are threatened. High temperatures, low humidity and steep terrain are hampering containment efforts.

THURMAN, San Bernardino National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kerr), and San Bernardino County agencies. A Type 1 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is five miles northeast of Redlands, CA in chaparral. Mandatory evacuations are in place for surrounding communities. Cultural archeological sites are threatened. Steep terrain, high temperatures, low humidity and heavy fuels are contributing to plume dominated fire conditions.

TOPANGA, Los Angeles County Fire Department. A Unified Command has been established between a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) Type 1 Incident Command Team (Heil) and other agencies. This fire is located in Chatsworth, CA in chaparral. Residences, watershed, electrical transmission lines, communication equipment and wildlife habitats continue to be threatened. Road closures and evacuations remain in place. Containment efforts continue to be hindered by steep, inaccessible terrain, high winds, low humidity and unstable fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HARVARD	CA	BRK	917	15	10/2	115	8	70	3	0	500K	CNTY
THURMAN	CA	BDF	1,000	5	UNK	650	13	31	4	0	650K	FS
TOPANGA	CA	LAC	23,970	40	10/3	2,710	84	341	11	6	4.2M	CNTY

#### **NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

MARTIN ROAD, Washington State Department of Natural Resources Northeast. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (La Fave) is assigned. This fire is one mile south of Gifford, WA along the Columbia River in timber and grass. Residences continue to be threatened. Steep terrain and limited access to portions of the fire are hampering containment efforts. Unburned fuel within the interior of the control lines continue to burn.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN, Burns District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 12 miles north of Wagontire, OR in heavy sagebrush, juniper, and grass. Windy conditions are hampering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MARTIN ROAD	WA	NES	900	50	10/1	176	7	3	3	0	NR	ST
SHEEP MOUNTAIN	OR	BUD	850	20	10/1	23	0	7	0	0	38K	BLM

#### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This timber fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, 12 miles northeast of Somes Bar, CA. The fire is being managed under a confinement strategy. Cultural sites and wildlife habitat remain threatened. Inaccessible, steep terrain and heavy fuels are hindering containment efforts. Fire behavior increased after the inversion lifted. Creeping and smoldering were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	2,686	0	10/25	43	1	0	1	0	261K	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** For central and eastern Montana and western North Dakota for warm temperatures and low humidity. For southeast Idaho and west Utah deserts for low humidity and strong south winds. For central and northeastern Nevada from 1200 to 2000 for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** Dry and windy conditions will extend from Montana and the western portion of the Rocky Mountains, through the Great Basin, and into eastern California and southeastern Oregon. An upper level low pressure center over the Northwest will spread showers and a chance for thunderstorms over the region into Northern California and the western portion of the Northern Rockies.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Increasing clouds in the northwest corner of Nevada. Otherwise partly to mostly sunny with gusty winds.	North valleys: 75 to 87. South valleys: 83 to 99. Mountains: 65 to 83.	North Valleys: 5 to 18%. South Valleys: 3 to 13%. Mountains: 8 to 28%.	Southwest at 15 to 25 mph with gusts 35 to 45 mph across northern Nevada. Lighter winds across southern Nevada.
<b>Northern Rockies</b> A strong cold front will slowly move across the geographic region. Heavy rain showers possible over higher terrain of Northwest Montana and Central Idaho. Eastern Montana and North Dakota will be warm and very dry.	West of divide: 55 to 65. East of divide: 75 to 90. North Dakota: 75 to 85.	West of divide: 50 to 60%. East of divide: 15 to 30%. North Dakota: 20 to 30%.	West of divide: West 5 to 10 mph. East of divide: South 5 to 15 mph with locally higher gusts. North Dakota: West 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Partly to mostly cloudy in the north half of the area with isolated to scattered showers. Fair to partly cloudy in the south half of the Geographic Area.	Cooler by 8 to 13 from Friday's highs ranging from 50 to 62 in the high terrain to 70 to 83 in the lower terrain inland.	18 to 29% drier in areas of the south, but above 35% across much of the northern third of northern California.	South to southwest increasing after late morning to 7 to 17 mph in the lower terrain. Gusts 30 to 38 mph on exposed mid and higher terrain.
<b>Southern California</b> Partly cloudy to mostly sunny with increasing night and morning low clouds in the coast and valleys.	Mountains: 70 to 80. Valleys: 85 to 90. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 90 to 100.	20 to 35%.	Southwest to west 10 to 20 mph, becoming much stronger over much of the Sierra.



[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	1	2				3	6
	ACRES	0	850				2	852
Northern California	FIREs	2			9	4		15
	ACRES	1			1	0		2
Southern California	FIREs	2		0	8	8		18
	ACRES	0		20	303	22		345
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3			1	2		6
	ACRES	10			0	1		11
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				5	2		7
	ACRES				200	0		200
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs				3	3		6
	ACRES				10	0		10
Eastern Area	FIREs				13	1		14
	ACRES				3	1		4
Southern Area	FIREs				18	1		19
	ACRES				95	1		96
TOTAL	FIREs	8	2	0	0	57	25	92
	ACRES	11	850	0	20	612	27	1,520

**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	175	233	29	37	1,287	855	2,616
	ACRES	28,097	42,534	5,797	121	73,311	99,939	249,799
Northern California	FIREs	151	30	10	15	1,913	466	2,585
	ACRES	247	24,896	14	101	25,810	7,819	58,887
Southern California	FIREs	123	113	13	55	2,403	644	3,351
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,884	36,248	8,936	126,412
Northern Rockies	FIREs	490	63	31	12	637	661	1,894
	ACRES	20,353	8,814	9,795	25	37,769	54,730	131,486
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	52	700	13	42	686	558	2,051
	ACRES	23,199	630,842	9	2,844	148,479	104,422	909,795
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	499	19	26	105	113	771
	ACRES	3,069	881,995	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,542
Southwest	FIREs	1,519	352	39	52	1,304	1,501	4,767
	ACRES	34,202	158,834	9,639	364	129,848	416,406	749,293
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	283	487	30	22	597	511	1,930
	ACRES	6,871	8,857	553	30	29,152	23,572	69,035
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	54	10,286	562	11,533
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,612	9,974	87,395
Southern Area	FIREs	213		180	37	20,349	529	21,308
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	264,275	14,194	349,890
TOTAL	FIREs	3,614	2,573	459	368	39,971	6,428	53,413
	ACRES	151,322	3,680,577	1,716,926	84,473	1,775,398	758,394	8,167,090

Ten Year Average Fires	<b>68,659</b>
Ten Year Average Acres	<b>4,498,599</b>

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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				2	3
	ACRES		5				15	20
Northern California	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						68	68
Southern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIREs		2		1	1	7	11
	ACRES		990		81	2	148	1,221
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1				2	3
	ACRES		320				1,515	1,835
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						748	748
Rocky Mountain	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						140	140
Eastern Area	FIREs			1			1	2
	ACRES			123			331	454
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	4	1	1	1	16	23
	ACRES	0	1,315	123	81	2	2,965	4,486

**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	18	111	87	3		226	445
	ACRES	5,651	26,652	4,758	265		19,999	57,325
Northern California	FIREs	12	23	142	30		174	381
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,795	3,137		19,011	49,311
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	6	18		79	109
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	3,736		6,822	12,424
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	35	108	4	36	333	525
	ACRES	495	4,817	24,014	103	2,491	39,437	71,357
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	31	5	7	14	66	124
	ACRES	1	17,170	1,459	42	1,474	17,501	37,647
Western Great Basin	FIREs		14	11	3		2	30
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,903	13,130
Southwest	FIREs	8	47	2	12		295	364
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697		78,467	157,826
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	47	103	18	25	110	333
	ACRES	3,871	22,050	20,619	10,551	4,857	35,024	96,972
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		484	36	1,122	180	1,866
	ACRES	17,741		68,717	4,423	70,133	39,779	200,793
Southern Area	FIREs	34		157	58	404	1,117	1,770
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	901,002	1,317,238
TOTAL	FIREs	157	313	1,105	189	1,605	2,582	5,951
	ACRES	42,469	130,679	236,175	95,170	350,211	1,159,945	2,014,649

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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				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIREs				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIREs				14		15	29
	ACRES				8,911		2,321	11,232
Northern Rockies	FIREs				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		3		3		96	102
	ACRES		183		166		90,871	91,220
Western Great Basin	FIREs		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIREs	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,868	118,909
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIREs				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIREs	1	45	2	64	3	258	373
	ACRES	3,680	2,765	27,225	163,897	1,767	302,555	501,889

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	17	72	935	34,954
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	5	2	1267	60,510
Northwest Territory	1	431	260	224,526
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	88	36	1915	42,310
Quebec	31	294	1363	833,560
Newfoundland	0	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	1	0	304	249
Nova Scotia	17	5	292	511
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	0	92	36,325
Total	162	840	7,229	1,728,058

\*\*\*Weekly updates will be provided starting 9/7/05.\*\*\*

### 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	4	7	16		1		1		2	17
Northern California	13	1	26		3		4		35	
Southern California	15		30		18		8			
Northern Rockies				3					5	
Eastern Great Basin			14		2				8	
Western Great Basin			3							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	2		2				1		2	8
Eastern Area					2				5	
Southern Area	1			5			3			
Total	35	8	91	8	26	0	17	0	57	25

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