

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 45 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota 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 is located at Pensacola, FL, and is providing 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.

Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Krugman and Anderson) 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 Fire Department and other fire departments, and is providing fire and emergency response to the City of New Orleans. No new information was reported.

A transfer of command from Wilcock's Type 1 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization occurred yesterday.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Smith, Dave Johnson, Larsen, Furlong/Gormley, West, Allen Johnson, Houseman, Cowin and Whalen) are assigned.

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 today.

Dave Johnson: Is managing a base camp at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS.

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 and providing logistical support 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 for three affected parishes in Louisiana.

Whalen: Is managing a receiving and distribution center at Bossier City, LA.

Three Logistics Management Teams (LMT) (Hayes and O'Brien) are assigned. The Teams are operating a mobilization center, trailer staging area and base camp in 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, to manage Hemphill Base Camp, and also supporting 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 thirteen points of distribution centers and several emergency operations centers in three counties.

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

Custer: Is managing a base camp for utility crews at Kirbyville, TX.

Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Saleen and Quesinberry) are assigned.

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

Quesinberry: Is managing a base camp and receiving and distribution center at the Reliant Arena in Houston, TX.

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

THURMAN, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kerr) is assigned. A transfer of command to a Type 1 Incident Management Team will not occur. This fire is five miles northeast of Redlands, CA in chaparral. Evacuations orders have been lifted. Electrical transmission lines, watershed and endangered species remain threatened. Steep terrain and limited access are impeding containment efforts.

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 in Chatsworth, CA in chaparral. Residences continue to be threatened. Containment efforts are hindered by steep, inaccessible terrain.

HARVARD, Burbank Fire Department. This fire is in Burbank, CA in brush and grass. Residential areas, electrical transmission lines and communication facilities remain threatened. Steep and inaccessible terrain is hampering containment efforts. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

WAPAMA COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) has been ordered. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 20 miles northwest of Yosemite Village, CA in timber. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
THURMAN	CA	BDF	935	72	UNK	838	20	63	5	0	2.7M	FS
TOPANGA	CA	LAC	24,175	85	10/3	1,664	29	137	6	13	8.4M	CNTY
HARVARD	CA	BRK	1,045	50	UNK	926	34	66	5	0	2M	CNTY
WAPAMA COMPLEX - WFU	CA	YNP	400	0	UNK	22	1	0	1	0	20K	NPS

#### **EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

TRIPLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 24 miles west of Daniel, WY in timber. Steep, inaccessible terrain and high winds are impeding containment efforts. Group torching and short range spotting were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TRIPLE	WY	BTF	600	0	NR	20	0	2	1	0	10K	FS

## 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. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received,

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MARTIN ROAD	WA	NES	900	50	NR	176	7	3	3	0	160K	ST

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cones) back to the local unit will occur today. 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. Minimal fire behavior was observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	3,131	0	10/25	30	0	0	1	0	292K	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A large trough of low pressure covers most of the West with cool, unsettled weather over the northwest quarter of the country. Gusty winds persist over southern Nevada and northwest Arizona and extend over to Wyoming and Colorado. Moisture from Tropical Storm Otis continues to spread into the Southwest.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Cloudy to partly cloudy to the north. Mostly sunny to the south, with night and morning low clouds in the coastal areas and valleys.	Mountains: 60s to 70s. Valleys: 70s to 80s. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 90 to 100.	30 to 45%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph, becoming much stronger the Sierra.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## FIRE SHELTER SITE SELECTION

The primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of an entrapment situation. However, firefighters must always be prepared for the possibility of having to deploy their fire shelters. The key to a successful fire shelter deployment is proper site selection. Consider the following when discussing shelter deployment site selection:

- Pick a site that will keep the fire shelter away from flames and convective heat. It should also limit the amount of radiant heat that reaches the shelter.
- Select an area with no fuels, or if that isn't possible, select a site in light fuels such as grass where the flaming front passes quickly. Clear the site to mineral soil if at all possible. If time is critical, pick a site with the least fuel.
- Pick natural firebreaks (e.g., wet meadows; creek beds; wet, swampy areas; large rockslides with no fuels). Note that rough terrain in rockslides may make obtaining an effective seal impossible, thus making the site unacceptable.
- Areas on the lee side of ridge tops and knobs can be effective deployment sites because convective heat and flames will generally continue rising above them.
- Wide areas that have been cleared of fuel such as dozer lines or roads can be effective deployment sites. In larger areas, don't let trucks, dozers, and other equipment occupy the best deployment sites.
- Flat areas on slopes, such as benches or road cuts, offer some protection from radiant and convective heat. Level areas like these can keep you below the path of flames and convective heat. The ditch on the inside of the road, if free of fuel, can improve the effectiveness of deploying in a road cut.
- Avoid areas that tend to funnel smoke, flames, and hot gases.
  - Narrow draws
  - Chutes
  - Chimneys
  - Saddles on ridge tops
- Know how long it takes to reach your safety zone. Crew supervisors should identify and communicate likely escape routes and safety zones.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	0				1	0	1
Northern California	FIREs		1			11	0	12
	ACRES		2			50	382	434
Southern California	FIREs		2			10	2	14
	ACRES		7			8	0	15
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs					1	2	3
	ACRES					55	600	655
Western Great Basin	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIREs					1	1	2
	ACRES					9	0	9
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					3	3	6
	ACRES					57	0	57
Eastern Area	FIREs					4		4
	ACRES					20		20
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	1	3	0	0	31	10	45
	ACRES	0	9	0	0	200	982	1,191

**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	233	29	37	1,288	860	2,623
	ACRES	28,097	42,534	5,797	121	73,312	99,949	249,810
Northern California	FIREs	151	31	10	15	1,941	479	2,627
	ACRES	247	24,898	14	101	25,878	8,265	59,403
Southern California	FIREs	123	115	13	55	2,434	649	3,389
	ACRES	1,283	5,932	136	74,223	36,573	9,934	128,081
Northern Rockies	FIREs	490	63	31	12	637	662	1,895
	ACRES	20,353	8,814	9,795	25	37,769	54,740	131,496
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	52	700	13	42	691	563	2,061
	ACRES	23,199	630,842	9	2,844	148,609	105,624	911,127
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	502	19	26	105	114	775
	ACRES	3,069	881,997	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,544
Southwest	FIREs	1,519	355	39	52	1,306	1,504	4,775
	ACRES	34,202	159,006	9,639	364	129,858	416,407	749,476
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	283	487	30	22	599	517	1,938
	ACRES	6,871	8,857	553	30	29,154	23,639	69,104
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	54	10,292	562	11,539
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,632	9,974	87,415
Southern Area	FIREs	213		180	37	20,349	531	21,310
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	264,275	14,196	349,892
TOTAL	FIREs	3,615	2,582	459	368	40,046	6,469	53,539
	ACRES	151,322	3,680,760	1,716,926	84,812	1,775,954	761,130	8,170,904

Ten Year Average Fires	68,972
Ten Year Average Acres	4,505,692

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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	1
	ACRES						30	30
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						33	33
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				80			80
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						712	712
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						100	100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	80	0	875	955

**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		227	446
	ACRES	5,651	26,652	4,758	265		20,041	57,367
Northern California	FIREs	12	23	142	30		175	382
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,795	3,137		19,069	49,369
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	6	18		79	109
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	3,856		6,822	12,544
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	33	5	7	14	66	126
	ACRES	1	17,545	1,459	42	1,474	20,101	40,622
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		296	365
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697		78,982	158,341
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	47	103	18	25	111	334
	ACRES	3,871	22,050	20,619	10,551	4,857	35,736	97,684
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	1,119	1,772
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	901,702	1,317,938
TOTAL	FIREs	157	315	1,105	189	1,605	2,588	5,959
	ACRES	42,469	131,054	236,175	95,290	350,211	1,164,572	2,019,771

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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	4		3		3	1		2	43
Northern California	9		22		1		1		39	
Southern California	35	65	89	218	23	9	12		78	340
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin				7	1	1		1		5
Western Great Basin				3						
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	2								2	9
Eastern Area										4
Southern Area	1						2			
Total	51	69	121	222	25	12	17	0	130	392

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