

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 88 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Southern California Area and one each in the Southwest and Southern Areas. Four large fire were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas and two in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California and Nevada.

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 Rounsaville).

Ribar's Team is located at Foley, AL, 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). Rounsaville's Team is assigned to the Austin Mobilization Center 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.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) is managing the Jackson Support Base in the New Orleans French Quarter and supporting several satellite camps in southern Louisiana.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Dave Johnson, Larsen, Goheen, West, Allen Johnson, Houseman, Cowin (Kusicko) and Whalen) are assigned. An additional Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) has been ordered.

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

Larsen: 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. The team is continuing to provide support to the St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel, LA.

Goheen: managing a mobilization center and base camp at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA.

West: managing a staging area and providing logistical support at Saints Support Base Camp in New Orleans.

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

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

Cowin (Kusicko): managing receiving and distribution operations at Barron Point Camp north of Gulfport, MS. No new information was reported.

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

Two 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.

Seven Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Oltrogge, Sandman, Lohrey, Bennett, Sexton, Custer, and Feser) are assigned. An additional Type 1 Incident Management Team (Molumby) has been ordered.

Feser: assigned to Brookeland, TX. No further information was reported

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

Lohrey and Bennett: jointly managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX. The Teams are also supporting thirteen distribution centers and several emergency operations centers in three counties.

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

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

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

Quesinberry: managing a base camp and receiving and distribution center at the Reliant Arena in Houston, TX. A new ICP and logistics staging area are being set up in Lufkin, TX.

NEW KENTUCKY RD, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land six miles southeast of Conroe, TX in mixed hardwood and pine. No further information was received

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NEW KENTUCKY RD	TX	TXS	100	0	10/6	8	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WOODHOUSE, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Riverside Unit. This fire is ten miles east of Moreno Valley, CA in grass and brush. Evacuations are in place. Structures, natural gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines are threatened. Highway 60 between Beaumont and Moreno Valley, and San Timoteo Canyon Road between Interstate 10 and Redlands Boulevard are closed. The Burlington/Northern Santa Fe Railroad route has been closed. High winds and limited access are hampering containment efforts. Rapid growth due to high winds and low humidity was reported.

BORDER #50, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Monte Vista Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Henson) is assigned. This fire is one half mile west of Tecate, Mexico, and extends into Southern California. Structures are threatened. Containment efforts are hindered by steep, rocky terrain. Active fire behavior with long range spotting was observed.

WAPAMA COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, compromised of the Wapama, Harden, Laurel and South Fork fires is 20 miles northwest of Yosemite Village, CA in timber. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Structure protection remains in place for the Hardin fire. Fire behavior was minimal with creeping and smoldering reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOODHOUSE	CA	RRU	1,000	5	UNK	577	28	64	5	0	NR	ST
BORDER #50	CA	MVU	2,640	10	10/8	715	34	72	2	0	NR	ST
WAPAMA COMPLEX - WFU	CA	YNP	519	0	UNK	60	3	0	1	0	280K	NPS
THURMAN	CA	BDF	935	100	---	385	7	20	5	0	3.9M	FS
HARVARD	CA	BRK	1,094	100	---	767	26	79	2	0	NR	CNTY

BDF San Bernadino National Forest BRK Burbank Fire Department

## **SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES**

KING VALLEY, Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 40 miles northeast of Yuma, AZ in grass and brush. No new information was reported.

OCTOBER, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 13 miles northeast of Glenwood, NM in hardwood litter and timber. Backing and smoldering fire behavior was reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KING VALLEY	AZ	KGR	10,000	40	UNK	134	6	21	5	0	NR	FWS
OCTOBER - WFU	NM	GNF	106	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	0	1.5K	FS

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NETHERLAND	KS	KSX	1,300	100	---	5	0	2	0	0	NR	CNTY

KSX Kansas Counties

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
COOPER KNOLLS	UT	DIF	125	100	---	66	3	0	0	0	NR	FS

DIF Dixie National Forest

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

PA-PAS-04026, Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection. This fire is one mile east of Fairhope, PA in light logging slash. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PA-PAS-042026	PA	PAS	300	60	10/7	25	0	7	0	0	NR	ST

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue over most of the west. Dry, gusty northeast to east winds will persist over California, but will begin to subside late in the day.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Sunny.	Mountains: 60 to 85. Valleys: 80s to 95. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 90 to 100.	8 to 15%.	North to northeast winds 25 to 35 mph, with higher gusts.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 50 to 56. Valleys: 56 to 71. Northern Utah: Mountains: 52 to 58. Valleys: 58 to 67. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 57 to 72. Valleys: 72 to 83.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 30 to 45%. Valleys: 18 to 30%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 29 to 38%. Valleys: 38 to 43%. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 23 to 32%. Valleys: 14 to 25%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: South to southwest 5 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope 4 to 8 mph.. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Upslope 5 to 10 mph.



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

### **BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW**

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
  - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
  - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter’s right and responsibility.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					4	4	8
	ACRES					1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES	2				8	1	11
	ACRES	0				42	1	43
Southern California	FIRES					6	2	8
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					119		119
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					5		5
Southern Area	FIRES					48		48
	ACRES					269		269
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	77	9	88
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	436	3	439

# 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	38	1,292	869	2,637
	ACRES	28,097	42,534	5,797	122	73,313	99,952	249,815
Northern California	FIRES	153	31	10	15	1,968	480	2,657
	ACRES	247	24,898	14	101	26,072	8,320	59,652
Southern California	FIRES	123	115	13	55	2,471	655	3,432
	ACRES	1,283	5,932	136	74,223	36,566	9,945	128,085
Northern Rockies	FIRES	490	64	31	12	640	662	1,899
	ACRES	20,353	8,824	9,795	25	37,819	54,740	131,556
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	701	13	42	695	567	2,070
	ACRES	23,199	631,367	9	2,844	148,616	105,736	911,771
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	1,546	358	39	52	1,310	1,468	4,773
	ACRES	34,094	159,007	9,639	364	129,977	416,407	749,488
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	283	487	30	22	602	521	1,945
	ACRES	6,871	8,857	553	30	30,509	23,681	70,501
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	54	10,336	563	11,584
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,702	9,977	87,488
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	20,778	532	21,740
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	266,244	14,197	351,862
TOTAL	FIRES	3,644	2,587	459	369	40,601	6,459	54,119
	ACRES	151,214	3,681,296	1,716,926	84,813	1,779,712	761,357	8,175,318

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	69,426
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	4,532,141

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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	16	17
	ACRES					1	205	206
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						15	15
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						44	44
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						13	13
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					40		40
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	23	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	41	299	340

**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	1	243	463
	ACRES	5,651	26,652	4,758	265	1	20,522	57,849
Northern California	FIRES	12	23	142	30		182	389
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,795	3,137		19,213	49,513
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	6	18		80	110
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	3,856		6,824	12,546
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	35	108	4	36	338	530
	ACRES	495	4,817	24,014	103	2,491	39,482	71,402
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	35	5	10	14	74	139
	ACRES	1	18,045	1,459	58	1,474	20,594	41,631
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		300	369
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697		79,682	159,041
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	104	19	25	113	338
	ACRES	3,871	22,050	20,684	11,251	4,857	36,048	98,761
Eastern Area	FIRES	44		484	36	1,123	180	1,867
	ACRES	17,741		68,717	4,423	70,174	39,779	200,834
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	317	1,106	193	1,607	2,631	6,011
	ACRES	42,469	131,554	236,240	96,006	350,253	1,166,749	2,023,271

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				440			440
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	440	0	0	440

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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	3		1		1		1			
Northern California	8		24				1			
Southern California	13	62	41	126	13	1	12		9	65
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin		3	5		1		1		6	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2	4	6	15		5			11	
Rocky Mountain			1	3					2	9
Eastern Area	1		3	12	7	1			130	56
Southern Area							2			1
Total	27	69	81	156	22	7	17	0	158	131

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