

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 69 fires reported. One new large fire was reported and one large fire was contained in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado 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). A fourth Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) has been ordered.

Ribar's Team is located at Foley, AL, and is providing coordination for incident management operations in Mississippi 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 and Baton Rouge, LA 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. A transfer of command to Carlson's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Dave Johnson, Larsen, Goheen, West, Allen Johnson, Houseman, Cowin, Whalen, and Carlson) are assigned.

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. Demobilization is tentatively planned for 10/9.

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 in Louisiana. A transfer of command to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stewart) will occur today.

Cowin: managing receiving and distribution operations at Barron Point Camp north of Gulfport, MS.

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

A Logistics Management Team (O'Brien) is assigned. The Team is operating a base camp at 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. Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 at the state Emergency Operations Centers in Austin, TX is staffed.

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

Feser: supporting distribution operations from Hurricane Rita Support Camp at Brookeland, TX.

Lohrey, Bennett and Molumby: A transfer of command from Lohrey's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Molumby's team occurred this morning. The Teams are jointly managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX. The Teams are also supporting distribution centers and several emergency operations centers in three counties.

Sexton: managing a 500 person base camp near the town of Cameron, LA and supporting the Lake Charles Regional Staging Area and several distribution sites at Lake Charles, LA.

Custer: managing a base camp for utility crews at Kirbyville, TX. A transfer of command to Feser's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) is assigned and is in transit to the new base camp at Lufkin, TX.

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

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. Areas of concern include radio facilities, cultural resources, and vernal pool sites. Containment efforts continue to be hindered by extremely broken terrain with steep slopes and narrow drainages. Some hot spots are located in the fire interior.

SKY, Cleveland National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Garwood) is assigned. This fire is 28 miles east of San Diego, CA in chaparral. Road closures are in effect. A detention facility, endangered species and riparian vegetation are threatened. Continued fire activity in heavy fuels was reported.

WAPAMA COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised 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. Minimal fire behavior was reported. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BORDER #50	CA	MVU	4,100	90	10/8	736	32	30	4	0	2.1M	ST
SKY	CA	CNF	170	50	10/8	328	10	25	6	0	NR	FS
WAPAMA COMPLEX WFU	CA	YNP	560	0	UNK	32	1	0	1	0	280K	NPS
WOODHOUSE	CA	RRU	6,442	100	---	390	12	30	0	0	1.4M	ST

RRU Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## **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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KING VALLEY	AZ	KGR	26,000	80	UNK	90	4	6	1	0	NR	FWS
OCTOBER - WFU	NM	GNF	118	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

GNF Gila National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Dry and windy conditions over portions of southern California, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah today. Scattered rain showers and high elevation snow will extend from the Northwest, across the Great Basin, and into Montana and Wyoming.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Low clouds and fog in the lower coastal slopes in the morning. Partly cloudy in the afternoon. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the Sierra.	Mountains: 55 to 75. Valleys: 70s to 80. Upper deserts: 75 to 82. Lower deserts: 90 to 100.	25 to 40%.	Southwest to northwest 12 to 25 mph.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly cloudy with scattered mountain rain and snow showers. Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 41 to 59. Valleys: 59 to 62. Northern Utah: Mountains: 48 to 57. Valleys: 55 to 63. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 55 to 70. Valleys: 70 to 84.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 43 to 65%. Valleys: 36 to 46%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 39 to 42%. Valleys: 42 to 52%. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 26 to 38%. Valleys: 14 to 26%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West to northwest 10 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: Northwest 15 mph in the western portions. Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph in the eastern portions. . Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Northwest 10 to 15 mph.



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

### **REFUSING RISK ( TURNDOWN PROTOCOL)**

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A "turndown" is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A "turndown" must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a "turndown" if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						2	2
Northern California	FIRES	1				18		19
	ACRES	0				8		8
Southern California	FIRES	3	2			16	1	22
	ACRES	0	0			2,816	0	2,816
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						15	15
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					17	1	18
	ACRES					627	1	628
TOTAL	FIRES	4	2	0	0	56	7	69
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3,453	18	3,471

**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	1,384	884	2,744
	ACRES	28,097	42,534	5,797	122	73,872	99,955	250,377
Northern California	FIREs	155	31	10	15	1,999	482	2,692
	ACRES	247	24,898	14	101	26,151	8,320	59,731
Southern California	FIREs	126	117	13	55	2,516	658	3,485
	ACRES	1,283	5,932	136	74,222	45,860	9,946	137,379
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	569	2,072
	ACRES	23,199	631,493	9	2,844	148,486	105,751	911,782
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	503	19	26	105	114	776
	ACRES	3,069	881,997	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,544
Southwest	FIREs	1,553	358	39	52	1,310	1,469	4,781
	ACRES	34,712	159,007	9,639	364	129,977	416,407	750,106
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	284	487	30	22	603	521	1,947
	ACRES	6,874	8,969	553	30	30,521	23,681	70,628
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	54	10,368	563	11,616
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,953	9,977	87,739
Southern Area	FIREs	213		180	37	20,843	533	21,806
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	266,417	14,198	352,036
TOTAL	FIREs	3,657	2,590	459	369	40,867	6,483	54,425
	ACRES	151,835	3,681,534	1,716,926	84,812	1,789,950	761,377	8,186,434

Ten Year Average Fires	69,598
Ten Year Average Acres	4,524,640

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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					4	5
	ACRES	60					318	378
Northern California	FIREs				1		2	3
	ACRES				895		723	1,618
Southern California	FIREs				101		1	102
	ACRES				450		13	463
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1				1	0	2
	ACRES	200				3	151	354
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0				0	0	0
	ACRES	53				57	317	427
Eastern Area	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					40		40
Southern Area	FIREs			1				1
	ACRES			655				655
TOTAL	FIREs	1	1	1	102	2	7	114
	ACRES	60	253	655	1,345	100	1,522	3,935

**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	19	113	87	3	1	243	466
	ACRES	5,711	26,654	4,758	265	1	21,575	58,964
Northern California	FIREs	12	23	142	32		185	394
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,800	4,220		20,065	51,453
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	6	19		80	111
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	4,306		6,826	12,998
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	37	5	10	19	74	146
	ACRES	1	18,943	1,459	58	1,485	20,747	42,693
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		304	373
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697		81,032	160,391
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	47	104	19	25	114	339
	ACRES	3,871	22,187	20,684	11,251	4,914	36,447	99,354
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		484	36	1,124	180	1,868
	ACRES	17,741		68,717	4,423	70,214	39,779	200,874
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	158	321	1,106	196	1,613	2,639	6,033
	ACRES	42,529	132,591	236,245	97,539	350,361	1,170,558	2,029,823

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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				3		5	8
	ACRES				441		1	442
Southern California	FIRES				14		15	29
	ACRES				9,056		2,331	11,387
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3		3		96	102
	ACRES		183		166		84,872	85,221
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	41	45
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,968	119,009
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	46	2	65	3	264	381
	ACRES	3,680	2,765	27,225	164,482	1,767	296,666	496,585

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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	2				1		1			
Northern California	8		29		1		1			
Southern California	11	46	41	55	10	3	13		31	153
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin				10	1	3				
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	4	2	7	2		1			13	7
Rocky Mountain			1	7	2				38	8
Eastern Area										1
Southern Area							2			
Total	25	49	94	60	15	4	17	0	83	168

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