

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 43 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in 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 Rounsville). A fourth Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) has been ordered.

Ribar's Team is at Foley, AL, and is providing coordination for incident management operations in Mississippi for FEMA Region IV. Zimmerman's Team is at the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA and is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana (FEMA Region VI). Rounsville'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.

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.

Eight Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Dave Johnson, Larsen, Goheen, Allen Johnson, Stewart, 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.

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

Stewart: assessing timber damage and coordinating wildfire pre-suppression and initial attack planning in Hammond, LA.

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.

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

A Logistics Management Team (O Brien) is operating a base camp at Vancleave, MS.

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 at the state Emergency Operations Centers in Austin, TX is staffed.

Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Feser, Molumby, and Sexton) are assigned.

Feser: managing a receiving and distribution site in Lufkin, TX, a base camp in Kirbyville, TX, and supporting distribution operations from Hurricane Rita Support Camp at Brookeland, TX.

Molumby: supporting distribution centers and several emergency operations centers in three counties, and managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX.

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.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WAPAMA COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) back to the local unit will occur today. 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. Minimal 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
WAPAMA COMPLEX WFU	CA	YNP	980	N/A	N/A	43	2	0	1	0	280K	NPS
SKY	CA	CNF	230	100	---	242	4	10	0	0	1.7M	FS

CNF Cleveland National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TRIANGLE	AZ	AZS	410	100	---	34	0	7	0	0	40K	ST

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: For the San Francisco area through mid-day for gusty northeast winds and low humidity. For San Bernardino and Riverside counties until 2 pm for gusts over 35 mph and relative humidity below 15 percent.

Weather Discussion: Moderate offshore flow will continue today across California with gusty northeast winds and low relative humidity. Dry conditions will persist along the Lower Colorado River Valley and surrounding deserts. Scattered showers will move over much of the Rocky Mountain Area, extending down into Texas.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Mostly sunny.	Mountains: 60 to 80. Valleys: 75 to 88. Upper deserts: 75 to 85. Lower deserts: 85 to 95.	12 to 25%.	Northeast 15 to 25 mph with locally higher gusts over Southern California. Lighter in the northeast.
Northern California Clear.	60s and 70s in the coasts and mountains, with 80s in the inland valleys.	10 to 20% driest in the inland areas.	Northeast to east 7 to 17 mph with gusts to 25 to 35 mph until mid day, then decreasing.



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

SMOKE EXPOSURE

Exposure to smoke during fire operations can be a significant safety concern. Research has shown that smoke exposure on prescribed fires, especially in the holding and ignition positions, often exceeds that on wildfires. There are many precautions that can be taken to reduce personnel exposure to smoke.

● Planning: Smoke exposure needs to be considered when planning suppression tactics and prescribed fires. Simple actions can mitigate smoke exposures, such as:

- Altering line locations can have a significant impact on smoke exposure.
- Placing firelines in areas of lighter fuels or moving lines to roads or other barriers that will require less holding, patrol and mopup will significantly reduce the smoke exposure to personnel.
- Use flanking attack as opposed to head attack (where appropriate) in heavy smoke situations.
- Check fire behavior forecasts for smoke and inversion potential.
- In heavy smoke, give up acres to gain control.

● Implementation: Many techniques can help reduce the exposure of personnel to heavy smoke, such as:

- Rotating people out of the heaviest smoke area may be the single most effective method.
- Locate camps and incident command posts in areas that are not prone to inversions.
- Minimize snag falling, consistent with safety concerns, to avoid putting heavy fuels on the ground that will require mopup.
- Changing firing patterns and preburning (black lining) during less severe conditions can greatly reduce exposure to smoke.
- The use of retardant, foam or sprinklers can also significantly reduce the workload and exposure time for holding crews.

FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern California	FIREs					13	4	17
	ACRES					6	0	6
Southern California	FIREs				0	15		15
	ACRES				400	21		421
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		201			1	0	202
Western Great Basin	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIREs		1			3		4
	ACRES		205			267		472
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	4	0	0	33	6	43
	ACRES	0	406	0	400	295	1	1,102

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	234	29	38	1,385	888	2,750
	ACRES	28,097	42,537	5,797	122	73,872	99,958	250,383
Northern California	FIREs	155	31	10	15	2,019	487	2,717
	ACRES	247	24,898	14	101	26,159	8,320	59,739
Southern California	FIREs	126	118	13	55	2,544	663	3,519
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	136	74,222	47,784	10,119	139,511
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	705	13	42	697	572	2,081
	ACRES	23,199	635,678	9	2,844	149,178	105,752	916,660
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	506	19	26	109	114	783
	ACRES	3,069	882,021	13,312	258	114,122	18,065	1,030,847
Southwest	FIREs	1,553	361	39	52	1,313	1,469	4,787
	ACRES	34,712	159,215	9,639	364	130,244	416,407	750,581
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	284	487	30	22	604	522	1,949
	ACRES	6,874	8,969	553	30	30,521	23,681	70,628
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	54	10,368	564	11,617
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,953	9,977	87,739
Southern Area	FIREs	213		180	37	20,843	538	21,811
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	266,417	14,311	352,149
TOTAL	FIREs	3,657	2,602	459	369	40,926	6,507	54,520
	ACRES	151,835	3,685,989	1,716,926	84,812	1,793,120	761,667	8,194,349

Ten Year Average Fires	69,809
Ten Year Average Acres	4,540,863

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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	0	0					0
	ACRES	476	60					536
Northern California	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						6	6
Southern California	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						35	35
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	476	60	0	0	0	47	583

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	114	87	3	1	243	467
	ACRES	6,536	26,734	4,758	265	1	21,575	59,869
Northern California	FIREs	12	23	142	32		186	395
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,800	4,220		20,071	51,459
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	6	19		80	111
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	4,306		7,128	13,300
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	75	147
	ACRES	1	19,743	1,459	58	1,485	20,752	43,498
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	26	114	340
	ACRES	3,871	22,199	20,684	11,251	5,001	36,752	99,758
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		484	36	1,124	182	1,870
	ACRES	17,741		68,717	4,423	70,214	39,816	200,911
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	322	1,106	196	1,614	2,643	6,039
	ACRES	43,354	133,483	236,245	97,539	350,448	1,171,213	2,032,282

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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		18	32
	ACRES				9,056		2,345	11,401
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	267	384
	ACRES	3,680	2,765	27,225	164,482	1,767	296,680	496,599

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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	1						1			
Northern California	4		6				1			
Southern California	9		14		1		13		41	64
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain				2					5	8
Eastern Area										
Southern Area							2			
Total	14	0	20	2	1	0	17	0	46	72

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