

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2005 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 52 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area. One large fire was contained in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Montana, and Nevada.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Two Area Command Teams (Ribar and Williams-Rhodes) are assigned.

Ribar's Team is at Foley, AL providing coordination for incident management operations in Mississippi for FEMA Region IV. Williams-Rhodes Team is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana and Texas (FEMA Region VI). The Marietta Mobilization Center in Marietta, GA 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.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Dave Johnson, Larsen, Goheen, Allen Johnson, Stewart, Whalen, Carlson, LaFave, and Floyd) are assigned.

Dave Johnson: managing base camps at Gulfport and Vancleave, 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. Demobilization will begin today.

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

Stewart: assessing timber damage and coordinating wildfire suppression and initial attack planning in Hammond, LA. No new information was reported.

Whalen: managing a receiving and distribution center and supporting a mobilization center at Bossier City, LA. A transfer of command to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Floyd) will begin today.

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

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 in Jasper County, TX. A transfer of command to a Logistics Management Team has begun.

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

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. Demobilization will occur today.

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

TED, Arizona State. This fire is 30 miles north of Wickenburg, AZ in brush and slash. Two structures are threatened. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TED	AZ	AZS	500	60	10/14	28	1	1	2	0	NR	ST

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RUMSEY	CA	LNU	400	100	---	39	4	2	0	0	225K	ST

LNU California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** For Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, California mountains and valleys above 1,000 ft. for very low humidity.

**Fire Weather Watch:** For inland areas of the Big Bend and panhandle areas of Florida, to southwest Alabama and southeast Mississippi for low relative humidity and above normal temperature.

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure over the west will give way to a strong low pressure system moving into the Pacific Northwest. This trough will bring gusty winds to portions of the west. Further south, a warm, dry offshore flow will continue over Southern California.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Sunny.	Mountains: 68 to 85. Valleys: 88 to 98. Upper deserts: 90 to 95. Lower deserts: 95 to 105.	8 to 18%.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.



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

### **NO COMMUNICATION LINK WITH CREW MEMBERS, SUPERVISORS & ADJOINING FORCES**

Watchout Situation #7 is a danger that must be mitigated by maintaining good communications while working on fires. Firefighters must constantly ask themselves the following questions as situations change on the fireline:

- Can communications be established?
  - Talk about how communications are set up on fires.
  - Review situations where communications were a problem and what was done to fix the problem.
  
- Is the communication triangle complete?
  - Review the communication triangle and where it comes up in the "10 Standard Fire Orders" and the "18 Watchout Situations."
  - Discuss ways that firefighters can maintain the communication triangle on the fireline.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				10	1	11	
	ACRES				15	1	16	
Southern California	FIRES				15	1	16	
	ACRES				3	0	3	
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0				1	1	
	ACRES	3				0	3	
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1			1			2
	ACRES	6			0			6
Southwest	FIRES					3	3	
	ACRES					4	4	
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES				3	2	5	
	ACRES				0	3	3	
Southern Area	FIRES				12	1	13	
	ACRES				128	1	129	
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	41	9	52
	ACRES	0	9	0	0	146	9	164

**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	235	29	38	1,386	888	2,752
	ACRES	28,097	42,537	5,797	122	73,872	99,849	250,274
Northern California	FIREs	157	31	10	15	2,078	492	2,783
	ACRES	247	24,898	14	101	26,623	8,322	60,205
Southern California	FIREs	126	118	13	55	2,581	667	3,560
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	136	74,222	47,842	10,122	139,572
Northern Rockies	FIREs	492	62	31	12	647	664	1,908
	ACRES	20,356	8,800	9,795	25	38,245	51,734	128,955
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	52	709	8	42	698	576	2,085
	ACRES	23,199	635,934	8	2,844	149,335	105,754	917,074
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	510	19	26	110	115	789
	ACRES	3,069	882,027	13,312	258	114,122	18,070	1,030,858
Southwest	FIREs	1,553	361	40	52	1,316	1,475	4,797
	ACRES	34,712	159,215	35,639	364	130,446	416,500	776,876
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	284	487	31	22	605	526	1,955
	ACRES	6,879	8,970	553	30	30,941	24,854	72,227
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	54	10,437	566	11,688
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	68,262	9,980	88,051
Southern Area	FIREs	213		180	37	20,872	543	21,845
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	266,659	14,367	352,447
TOTAL	FIREs	3,661	2,609	456	369	41,134	6,540	54,769
	ACRES	151,843	3,686,228	1,742,925	84,812	1,795,398	759,889	8,221,095

Ten Year Average Fires	70,171
Ten Year Average Acres	4,568,739

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		2				2	4
	ACRES		37				422	459
Northern California	FIREs			1			4	5
	ACRES			17			982	999
Southern California	FIREs			0				0
	ACRES			130				130
Northern Rockies	FIREs				0	0		0
	ACRES				1,007	65		1,072
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				1	1		2
	ACRES				10	32		42
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs					8		8
	ACRES					855		855
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					0		0
	ACRES					8		8
Eastern Area	FIREs					5		5
	ACRES					116		116
Southern Area	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
TOTAL	FIREs	0	2	0	1	2	20	25
	ACRES	0	37	0	147	1,018	2,480	3,682

**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	20	118	87	3	1	260	489
	ACRES	7,286	26,786	4,758	265	1	22,195	61,291
Northern California	FIREs	12	23	142	33		196	406
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,800	4,558		21,297	53,023
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	6	19		81	112
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	4,436		7,163	13,465
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	35	108	4	36	348	540
	ACRES	495	4,817	24,014	103	3,498	39,639	72,566
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	37	6	9	17	76	146
	ACRES	1	19,752	1,460	57	1,477	21,055	43,802
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	1	316	386
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697	300	83,850	163,509
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	49	102	19	29	123	352
	ACRES	3,871	22,199	20,400	11,251	4,454	36,621	98,796
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		488	36	1,124	187	1,879
	ACRES	17,741		68,779	4,423	70,214	39,932	201,089
Southern Area	FIREs	34		157	58	405	1,119	1,773
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,631	901,702	1,317,939
TOTAL	FIREs	159	328	1,109	196	1,617	2,708	6,117
	ACRES	44,104	133,544	236,024	98,006	351,201	1,176,357	2,039,236

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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		35		1		1	37
	ACRES		0		2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				3		5	8
	ACRES				791		1	792
Southern California	FIRES				14		18	32
	ACRES				9,056		2,355	11,411
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1		3		96	100
	ACRES		3		166		85,028	85,197
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	79	2	65	3	267	417
	ACRES	3,680	2,585	27,225	164,832	1,767	296,846	496,935

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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				18						5
Northern California	4	4	14	2	1		2			2
Southern California	1	3		3			13		19	1
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin				1						
Southwest		1		1		2			2	2
Rocky Mountain					1					4
Eastern Area										
Southern Area							2			
Total	5	8	33	7	1	2	17	0	30	9

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