

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 63 fires reported. No new large fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, and Utah.

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.

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, Goheen, Allen Johnson, Stewart, Whalen, Carlson, LaFave, and Floyd) are assigned.

Dave Johnson: managing base camps at Gulfport and Vancleave, MS.

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) occurred 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.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Molumby) is 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.

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TED	AZ	AZS	389	100	---	28	3	1	1	0	20K	ST

AZS = Arizona State

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: From the Big Bend through the panhandle areas of Florida for low relative humidity.

Fire Weather Watch: For a large portion of the southern half of the Northern California Area for strong and gusty winds and very low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A frontal system will bring rain and high mountain snow to the Pacific Northwest and northern California. This system will also bring cooler weather and higher humidity to southern California. Warm, dry weather will prevail over most of the Southern Area.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms over Central California.	Mountains: 55 to 70. Valleys: 65 to 75. Upper deserts: 70 to 80. Lower deserts: 80 to 90.	Southern California: 30 to 50%. Central California: 50 to 70%.	Southwest to northwest 15 to 25 mph.
Northern California Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Showers decreasing during the day.	50s to mid 70s.	25 to 55%.	Becoming west to north-northwest 5 to 18 mph and gusty.



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

HELICOPTER PERFORMANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS

Certain helicopter missions push the limits of the aircraft's performance capabilities. Items that reduce the effectiveness and increase the risk of the mission include weight, temperature, altitude, and visibility.

- Helicopter missions that transport external loads increase risk.
- Helicopters reach their maximum performance capabilities as temperature and/or altitude increase.
- All helicopters have different maximum performance capabilities, so be aware of the capabilities of the specific helicopter that you are working with.
- Low-level helicopter operations often occur in heavy smoke where hazards (e.g., trees, snags, antennas, visibility, turbulence, and other aircraft) increase the risk level significantly.
- Determine the risk level for every mission. Is the risk level acceptable? Can the risk be mitigated? If the risk is not acceptable or it cannot be mitigated, then the mission should not be flown.
- A large part of the success of a helicopter mission is the result of good communications between the pilot and the user on the ground.
- Accurate target and hazard descriptions are essential to a safe mission. Locate this information and relay it to the pilot. Things to consider in the target description include:
 - Have you considered what the target would look like from the air?
 - Are you located where the pilot can see you?
 - Do you have a signal mirror?
 - Are you using cardinal directions or clock directions in relation to the track of the aircraft?
 - What is the wind direction? Provide this information to the pilot.
 - Are all firefighters clear of the drop area?
 - Is there a safer way to carry out an effective suppression action?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2	2
Northern California	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES					14	2	16
	ACRES					58	29	87
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			4		5
	ACRES		1			126		127
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			3			0	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					80		80
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					23	2	25
	ACRES					125	2	127
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	1	0	51	8	63
	ACRES	1	1	3	0	389	33	427

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	893	2,757
	ACRES	28,097	42,537	5,797	122	73,872	99,853	250,278
Northern California	FIREs	157	31	10	15	2,087	493	2,793
	ACRES	247	24,898	14	101	26,623	8,322	60,205
Southern California	FIREs	126	118	13	55	2,597	669	3,578
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	136	74,222	47,901	10,151	139,660
Northern Rockies	FIREs	494	62	31	12	647	664	1,910
	ACRES	20,357	8,800	9,795	25	38,245	51,734	128,956
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	52	710	8	42	702	576	2,090
	ACRES	23,199	635,935	8	2,844	149,461	105,754	917,201
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	41	52	1,316	1,476	4,799
	ACRES	34,712	159,215	35,642	364	130,446	416,500	776,879
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	284	487	31	22	606	528	1,958
	ACRES	6,879	8,970	553	30	31,021	24,855	72,308
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		66	54	10,464	566	11,745
	ACRES	7,114		1,794	963	68,271	9,980	88,122
Southern Area	FIREs	213		180	37	20,895	545	21,870
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	266,784	14,369	352,574
TOTAL	FIREs	3,663	2,610	487	369	41,214	6,553	54,896
	ACRES	151,844	3,686,229	1,742,990	84,812	1,795,797	759,925	8,221,597

Ten Year Average Fires	70,262
Ten Year Average Acres	4,572,740

*** 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	0			1	3
	ACRES		0	125			420	545
Northern California	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						188	188
Southern California	FIREs				0		1	1
	ACRES				600		5	605
Northern Rockies	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						5	5
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						780	780
Rocky Mountain	FIREs				1	1		2
	ACRES				1,200	3		1,203
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						900	900
TOTAL	FIREs	0	2	0	1	2	11	16
	ACRES	0	0	125	1,800	903	1,399	4,227

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	120	87	3	1	261	492
	ACRES	7,286	26,786	4,883	265	1	22,744	61,965
Northern California	FIREs	12	23	142	33		200	410
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,800	4,558		21,486	53,212
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	6	19		82	113
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	5,036		7,168	14,070
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	35	108	4	36	349	541
	ACRES	495	4,817	24,014	103	3,498	39,640	72,567
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	37	6	9	17	76	146
	ACRES	1	19,752	1,460	57	1,477	21,560	44,307
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	320	390
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697	300	84,630	164,289
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	49	102	20	30	123	354
	ACRES	3,871	22,199	20,400	12,451	4,457	36,641	100,019
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		490	36	1,124	187	1,881
	ACRES	17,741		68,450	4,423	70,214	39,932	200,760
Southern Area	FIREs	34		157	58	406	1,119	1,774
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	271,531	901,702	1,318,839
TOTAL	FIREs	159	330	1,111	197	1,619	2,719	6,135
	ACRES	44,104	133,544	235,820	99,806	352,104	1,178,406	2,043,784

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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	1		13		1					2
Northern California	4	4	10	11		1	2			3
Southern California	1						13		16	
Northern Rockies									5	
Eastern Great Basin				11					14	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest		3		1		1			2	5
Rocky Mountain					1				4	4
Eastern Area										
Southern Area							2			
Total	6	7	34	13	1	2	17	0	43	12

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