

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 153 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Eastern Area. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Western Great Basin and Eastern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Williams-Rhodes Area Command Team is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana and Texas (FEMA Region VI) and in Mississippi for (FEMA Region IV). Ribars Area Command Team has been released. The Marietta Mobilization Center in Marietta, GA continues to house and in-brief 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:**

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA 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.

Six Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Johnson, Goheen, Stewart, Floyd, Carlson, and LaFave) are assigned.

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

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

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

Floyd: 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.

LaFave: managing distribution sites in Hancock County from a base camp at Stennis Space Center, MS.

Brunner: supporting distribution centers and several emergency operations centers in three counties and managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX in support of Hurricane Rita.

## 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
SURRUP	ID	BOD	900	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

BOD Boise District, Bureau of Land Management

## WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PRUNTY RANCH	NV	EKD	1,000	100	---	0	1	0	0	0	NR	PRI

EKD Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

## EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NORLAND	MN	MNS	350	100	---	20	0	5	0	0	2K	ST

MNS Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** For the western Florida panhandle for low relative humidity.

**Fire Weather Watch:** For inland areas of the Florida big bend and the eastern panhandle for low relative humidity and warm temperatures.

**Weather Discussion:** The upper low which has been off the southern California coast the past couple of days will begin to move inland today. High pressure will continue to bring warm, dry weather to most of the Southern Area.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.	Mountains: 50 to 65. Valleys: 60 to 75. Upper deserts: 60 to 70. Lower deserts: 70 to 80.	Central California: 30 to 50%. Southern California: 50 to 70%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.



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

## FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

• Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)

• Continued from above...

- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

• To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	3	5
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	1				19	1	21
	ACRES	0				31	1	32
Southern California	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						21	21
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				3		5
	ACRES	5				0		5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES	1					3	4
	ACRES	1					0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Area	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					351	2	353
Southern Area	FIRES	1				97	2	100
	ACRES	2				609	11	622
TOTAL	FIRES	5	2	0	0	127	19	153
	ACRES	8	0	0	0	992	36	1,036

**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	237	29	38	1,387	896	2,763
	ACRES	28,097	43,134	5,797	122	73,872	99,905	250,927
Northern California	FIREs	164	31	10	15	2,121	497	2,838
	ACRES	248	24,898	14	101	26,875	8,325	60,461
Southern California	FIREs	126	119	13	55	2,609	678	3,600
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	136	74,222	47,912	10,173	139,693
Northern Rockies	FIREs	496	62	31	12	650	664	1,915
	ACRES	20,362	8,800	9,795	25	38,245	51,734	128,961
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	52	715	8	42	707	584	2,108
	ACRES	23,199	637,420	8	2,844	149,466	105,788	918,725
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	513	19	26	112	115	794
	ACRES	3,069	883,272	13,312	258	114,123	18,070	1,032,104
Southwest	FIREs	1,554	361	41	52	1,320	1,482	4,810
	ACRES	34,713	159,215	35,642	364	130,451	416,505	776,890
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	284	489	31	22	618	524	1,968
	ACRES	6,879	9,782	553	30	31,786	24,571	73,601
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		66	54	10,469	566	11,750
	ACRES	7,114		1,794	963	68,622	9,980	88,473
Southern Area	FIREs	214		181	37	21,031	551	22,014
	ACRES	26,885		42,104	2,474	267,997	14,403	353,863
TOTAL	FIREs	3,674	2,623	488	369	41,428	6,585	55,167
	ACRES	151,853	3,690,368	1,743,030	84,812	1,798,400	759,791	8,228,254

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,476</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,185,996</b>

\*\*\* 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						10	10
	ACRES						656	656
Northern California	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						49	49
Southern California	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						43	43
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						10	10
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						58	58
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	221	221
Eastern Area	FIREs			2			1	3
	ACRES			149			240	389
Southern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						40	40
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	2	0	1	18	21
	ACRES	0	0	149	0	0	1,317	1,466

**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	272	503
	ACRES	7,286	26,786	4,883	265	1	23,560	62,781
Northern California	FIREs	12	23	142	33		206	416
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,800	4,558		21,702	53,428
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	6	19		82	113
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	5,373		7,211	14,450
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	79	149
	ACRES	1	19,752	1,460	57	1,477	22,470	45,217
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	324	394
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697	300	85,233	164,892
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	51	102	20	31	123	357
	ACRES	3,871	23,035	20,400	12,451	4,457	36,861	101,075
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		492	36	1,124	188	1,884
	ACRES	17,741		68,599	4,423	70,214	40,172	201,149
Southern Area	FIREs	34		157	58	406	1,120	1,775
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	271,531	901,742	1,318,879
TOTAL	FIREs	159	332	1,113	197	1,620	2,745	6,166
	ACRES	44,104	134,380	235,969	100,143	352,104	1,181,494	2,048,194

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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		98	102
	ACRES		3		166		85,054	85,223
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	42	46
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,981	119,022
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	270	420
	ACRES	3,680	2,585	27,225	164,832	1,767	296,885	496,974

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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		14		1					2
Northern California	4		5				2			
Southern California		3		7			12			2
Northern Rockies									5	
Eastern Great Basin							1			
Western Great Basin		1								
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			2	1					4	4
Eastern Area				5						
Southern Area							2			
Total	5	4	21	13	1	0	17	0	11	6

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