

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 79 fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Three large fires were contained, two in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Arizona.

Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas and Florida. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana and Texas (FEMA Region VI). 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.

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 (Morcom, Goheen, Floyd, Carlson, LaFave and Koehler) are assigned.

Morcom: managing base camps at Gulfport and Vancleave, MS. Preparation to demobilize Vancleave Camp is in progress.

Goheen: managing a mobilization center and base camp at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA. No new information was reported.

Floyd: managing a receiving and distribution center at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, LA.

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

LaFave: supporting receiving and distribution of supplies from Stennis Space Center, MS.

Koehler: managing a logistics staging area at Lakeland, FL.

HURRICANE WILMA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center is currently staffed in Atlanta, GA. An Emergency Operations Center is staffed in Tallahassee, FL.

Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley and Gelobter) are assigned.

Gelobter: managing the Jacksonville Operational Staging Area at Jacksonville, FL, and the receiving and distribution of relief supplies.

Pincha-Tulley: coordinating receiving and distribution operations and supporting military relief operations at Homestead Air Force Base, FL.

BEETLE, National Forests in Florida. This fire is 12 miles north of Sumatra, FL, in timber and Southern rough. Drought conditions in a dry swamp, along with high winds are contributed to high rates of spread.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BEETLE	FL	FNF	1,400	50	10/30	50	1	6	0	0	40K	FS
RICE	TX	TXS	240	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
BULLHEAD BAY	FL	FLS	350	100	---	7	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI

TXS - Texas Forest Service

FLS Florida Division of Forestry

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

MARSHALL BUTTE, Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 25 miles west of Rogerson, ID in grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MARSHALL BUTTE	ID	TFD	4,000	98	UNK	22	0	7	0	0	NR	BLM
ELK MOUNTAIN	UT	NWS	640	100	---	18	1	1	0	0	125K	ST

NWS - Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Dry conditions will persist along most of the Gulf Coast region. A large low pressure system will continue to spread showers across the northwest quarter of the county as it progresses inland. Dry and windy conditions will develop out ahead of the weather system across the Rocky Mountain Area.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Areas of morning low clouds and fog to the lower coastal slopes, otherwise partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to scattered showers over the northern part of Central California.	50 to 65 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 65 to 75 upper deserts. 80 to 90 lower deserts.	50 to 70% Central California, and 30 to 50% Southern California.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.



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

WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE STRUCTURE PROTECTION

The primary consideration of any operation is to assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structure.

● Factors that may make an attempt to save a structure hopeless or too dangerous include:

- The fire is making a sustained run and there is little or no clearance between the structure and the fuel.
- The fire behavior is extreme; spot fires are numerous and the spread is outpacing containment.
- Water supply will not last as long as the threat of the fire.
- The fire's intensity dictates that you leave the fire area immediately.
- The structure is constructed of wood and has a wood, shake roof.
- The roof of the structure is more than one-quarter involved.
- There is fire inside of the structure or windows are broken and there is no way to quickly repair them.
- You can't safely remain at the structure because your escape route could become unusable.

● When implementing a plan to protect structures, consider the following:

- Don't enter a burning structure unless you are trained, equipped, and authorized. Firefighter safety and survival is the number one priority.
- Always stay mobile and wear all of your PPE.
- Back in equipment to allow for a quick escape.
- Coil a short, 1 1/2", charged line with fog nozzle on your engine for safety and quick knock down capability.
- Don't make long hose lays. Keep at least 100 gallons of water reserve in your tank.
- Check the road system before the fire approaches. Know bridge limits, alternate access routes, and turnarounds for your vehicle and other support vehicles.
- Determine if residents are home. Leave on the inside and outside lights, regardless of the time of day. Close the garage door.
- Place the owner's ladder at a corner of the home on the side with the least fire threat.
- Coil and charge garden hoses.
- Check and mark hazmat; e.g., LPG, pesticides, and paint storage.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		1				12	13
	ACRES		0				3	3
Northern California	FIREs				9			9
	ACRES				11			11
Southern California	FIREs				12	1		13
	ACRES				5	0		5
Northern Rockies	FIREs				1	1		2
	ACRES				0	1		1
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		3					3
	ACRES		4,000					4,000
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs	1		1		30	6	38
	ACRES	2		299		267	26	594
TOTAL	FIREs	1	5	1	0	52	20	79
	ACRES	2	4,000	299	0	283	30	4,614

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	238	29	38	1,390	919	2,790
	ACRES	28,097	43,134	5,797	122	73,875	99,915	250,940
Northern California	FIREs	170	31	12	15	2,193	510	2,931
	ACRES	252	24,898	45	101	27,002	8,534	60,832
Southern California	FIREs	127	119	13	55	2,682	697	3,693
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	136	74,222	48,403	10,176	140,187
Northern Rockies	FIREs	496	62	33	12	653	666	1,922
	ACRES	20,362	8,800	9,798	25	38,246	51,736	128,967
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	53	723	8	36	713	605	2,138
	ACRES	23,199	641,106	8	2,681	150,179	105,842	923,015
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	53	1,321	1,515	4,845
	ACRES	34,713	159,215	35,642	365	130,453	423,459	783,847
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	284	490	31	27	667	546	2,045
	ACRES	6,879	9,830	553	30	32,058	25,817	75,167
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		66	54	10,486	572	11,773
	ACRES	7,114		1,794	963	68,626	9,987	88,484
Southern Area	FIREs	215		183	37	22,041	575	23,051
	ACRES	26,887		42,413	2,474	281,447	14,761	367,982
TOTAL	FIREs	3,683	2,633	494	369	42,662	6,748	56,589
	ACRES	151,859	3,694,102	1,743,373	84,650	1,813,463	768,634	8,256,081

Ten Year Average Fires	72,470
Ten Year Average Acres	4,692,287

*** 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				7	9
	ACRES		18				272	290
Northern California	FIREs						16	16
	ACRES						1,252	1,252
Southern California	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						19	19
Northern Rockies	FIREs						8	8
	ACRES						299	299
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs			1			2	3
	ACRES			5			4	9
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						6	6
	ACRES						593	593
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0		1	0	2		3
	ACRES	160		1,231	24	481		1,896
Eastern Area	FIREs		3			1		4
	ACRES		130			45		175
Southern Area	FIREs			1	1	2		4
	ACRES			100	1,500	129		1,729
TOTAL	FIREs	0	2	3	3	2	43	53
	ACRES	0	178	130	1,336	1,569	3,049	6,262

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	128	90	3	1	350	592
	ACRES	7,286	30,930	4,921	265	1	41,872	85,275
Northern California	FIREs	12	25	145	43		271	496
	ACRES	188	1,372	26,396	8,870		28,124	64,950
Southern California	FIREs	1	6	8	19	9	85	128
	ACRES	1,000	402	1,004	5,373	87	8,153	16,019
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	36	108	6	36	359	554
	ACRES	495	4,931	24,014	192	3,498	40,142	73,272
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	38	6	10	21	89	165
	ACRES	1	20,048	1,460	99	1,788	23,798	47,194
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	373	443
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697	300	92,554	172,213
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	54	102	20	37	136	379
	ACRES	3,871	23,631	20,400	12,451	5,461	39,770	105,584
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		504	36	1,133	196	1,913
	ACRES	17,741		69,020	4,423	70,835	40,413	202,432
Southern Area	FIREs	34		163	60	407	1,127	1,791
	ACRES	7,180		86,862	55,168	273,031	902,196	1,324,437
TOTAL	FIREs	159	348	1,139	212	1,649	2,988	6,495
	ACRES	44,104	139,842	240,748	104,886	355,627	1,219,925	2,105,132

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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				6		102	108
	ACRES				166		85,156	85,322
Western Great Basin	FIREs		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIREs	1			2	1	42	46
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,321	118,362
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	78	2	68	3	274	426
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	164,832	1,767	296,327	496,413

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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				
Northern California	6		8							
Southern California	4	4	5	10	3	1		9		3
Northern Rockies										5
Eastern Great Basin		1	17	3				2	14	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1		7	3	1	2		3	17	7
Total	11	5	37	16	5	3	0	14	36	10

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