

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2005 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 39 fires reported. No new large fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California.

This will be the last daily Situation Report for the year. This report will be posted every Friday at 1000 MST through the winter unless significant activity occurs.

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:

HURRICANE WILMA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. An Emergency Operations Center is staffed in Tallahassee, FL.

Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley and Gelobter) and two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Koehler and Jones) are assigned.

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

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

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

Jones: managing a logistics staging area at West Palm Beach, FL

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.

Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Morcom and Carlson) are assigned.

Morcom: managing a base camp at Gulfport, MS.

Carlson: managing the Jackson Support Base in the New Orleans French Quarter. A transfer of command back to FEMA will occur today.

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will bring dry, gusty northeast winds to portions of Southern California. In the Southeast, a frontal system will spread showers from Texas to the Mississippi River Valley, with generally dry weather to the east.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Mostly sunny.	60 to 75 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 80 to 90 lower deserts.	5 to 20%.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph over Central California and northeast to east 15 to 25 mph over Southern California.



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

IN COUNTRY NOT SEEN IN DAYLIGHT

Often firefighters arrive on a fire after dark. This is recognized as Watchout Situation #2. Before safely fighting fire in country not seen in daylight, firefighters must be able to answer the following questions:

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? Identify whom you might get information from. Can you meet up with the departing crew/engine leaders?
- Can you observe the area/use scouts? List ways you could observe the area you need to work.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted and marked for night use? Talk about what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone; who would identify them; and in what ways might they be marked.
- Have potential dangers been located; can they be mitigated? What are the dangers associated with Watchout Situation #2? How can they be worked around?
- Reduce the risks by:
Posting lookouts.
 - Checking communications.
 - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or the situation becomes too complex. Give examples of arriving on a fire after dark and what was done to allow you to fight fire safely in country not seen in daylight.

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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					8	4	12
	ACRES					1	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					21	6	27
	ACRES					257	36	293
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	29	10	39
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	258	36	294

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	920	2,791
	ACRES	28,097	43,134	5,797	122	73,875	99,915	250,940
Northern California	FIREs	170	31	12	15	2,209	512	2,949
	ACRES	252	24,898	45	101	27,003	8,656	60,955
Southern California	FIREs	127	119	15	56	2,709	704	3,730
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	138	74,223	48,534	10,176	140,321
Northern Rockies	FIREs	497	62	33	12	654	667	1,925
	ACRES	20,389	8,800	9,798	25	38,267	51,736	129,015
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	53	723	8	36	714	606	2,140
	ACRES	23,199	639,314	8	2,681	150,548	105,842	921,592
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	1,325	1,518	4,852
	ACRES	34,713	159,215	35,642	365	130,499	423,462	783,896
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	284	490	31	27	710	548	2,090
	ACRES	6,879	9,830	553	30	32,058	25,817	75,167
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		66	54	10,512	572	11,799
	ACRES	7,114		1,794	963	68,647	9,987	88,505
Southern Area	FIREs	216		183	37	22,150	587	23,173
	ACRES	26,922		42,413	2,474	282,405	20,172	374,386
TOTAL	FIREs	3,685	2,633	496	370	42,889	6,777	56,850
	ACRES	151,921	3,692,310	1,743,375	84,651	1,815,010	774,170	8,261,437

Ten Year Average Fires	72,759
Ten Year Average Acres	4,653,108

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					15		15
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	15	15

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	34	129	90	3	1	366	623
	ACRES	8,286	31,030	4,921	265	1	42,143	86,646
Northern California	FIREs	12	25	146	43		300	526
	ACRES	193	1,372	26,397	8,879		29,638	66,479
Southern California	FIREs	1	6	8	20	9	86	130
	ACRES	1,000	402	1,004	5,773	87	8,218	16,484
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	38	108	6	36	359	556
	ACRES	495	5,061	24,014	192	3,498	40,142	73,402
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	39	6	11	21	93	171
	ACRES	1	20,241	1,460	119	1,788	24,037	47,646
Western Great Basin	FIREs		14	11	3		2	30
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,903	13,130
Southwest	FIREs	8	47	2	13	1	384	455
	ACRES	6,459	52,110	3,210	17,818	300	93,880	173,777
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	54	102	20	37	138	381
	ACRES	3,871	24,828	20,400	12,451	5,461	41,515	108,526
Eastern Area	FIREs	44		513	36	1,135	197	1,925
	ACRES	17,741		69,736	4,423	72,940	40,533	205,373
Southern Area	FIREs	34		164	60	407	1,129	1,794
	ACRES	7,180		90,362	55,168	273,031	902,268	1,328,009
TOTAL	FIREs	173	352	1,150	215	1,651	3,054	6,595
	ACRES	45,226	141,462	244,965	105,436	357,732	1,225,277	2,120,098

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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				18		20	38
	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		85,412	85,578
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	72	3	276	432
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	164,832	1,767	296,583	496,669

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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										
Northern California	1				1					
Southern California	1				1					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			5	2						
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1		4		2				30	
Total	3	0	9	2	4	0	0	0	30	0

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