

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2005 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 81 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northern Rockies Area. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Southern California and Western Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/29 for Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is providing incident coordination at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA. for Hurricane Katrina Support. An Area Command Team (Ribar) has been ordered. Numerous resources are being mobilized as part of the relief effort.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function #4 is staffed at the Regional Response Coordination Centers in Atlanta, GA and Denton, TX. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Quesinberry, Pincha-Tulley and Gelobter) are assigned. Custer's Team is working to establish a base camp in Port Allen, LA. Quesinberry's Team is establishing and managing a mobilization center in Meridian, MS. Pincha-Tulley's Team will establish and manage two camps and support the receiving and distribution of relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. Gelobter's Team is assigned at Moss Point, MS. Another Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Cable) has been ordered. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lineback) is providing support for the receiving and distribution of supplies and resources at a mobilization center in Pineville, LA. A Planning Team (Terry) is supporting relief efforts at the Long Term Recovery Center in Orlando, FL.

Five Logistics Management Teams have been mobilized; two at Meridian, MS, and one each at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA and Beauregard, LA. A Florida State All Risk Incident Management Team (Hill) has been assigned to Biloxi, MS. The Team is providing logistical support to Florida Urban Search and Rescue teams. A Florida State Incident Management Team (Jones) has established a Logistics Staging Area at Stennis Space Center in MS. The Team is helping with distribution of relief supplies throughout southern Mississippi. A National Park Service All Risk Team has been ordered for Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in New Orleans.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SEEPAY #2, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned. This fire is two miles southwest of Perma, MT in timber. A microwave communications site, structures and cultural sites remain threatened. Steep rugged terrain and heavy fuel loading are hampering containment efforts. Active surface fire with isolated single tree torching was observed.

SIGNAL ROCK, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Turman) is assigned. The fire is 17 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT in timber and is burning on both the Bitterroot and Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forests. Structures remain threatened. Fire activity increased with crown runs and backing fire observed.

SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the El Capitan, Wapiti, Beaverjack, Reynolds Lake and numerous other fires, is 26 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT in timber. This complex, burning on both the Salmon-Challis and Bitterroot National Forests, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. A historic ranger station and lookout continues to be threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Magruder road is open to restricted travel. Torching was reported on the majority of the fires with smoldering on the remaining fires.

RED RIVER COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A transfer of command will occur from a Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) to the local unit today. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Burnt, Center and eight other fires is 23 miles southeast of Elk City, ID in timber. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Magruder road reopened to the public and a closure was initiated around the fire area. Fire activity increased due to lower humidity resulting in torching and crown runs. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

LONG BLACK COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Long Creek and Black Canyon fires, is 38 miles northeast of Pierce, ID in timber. Steep terrain, numerous snags and limited access continue to hamper containment efforts. Fire activity increased due to lower humidity. The Long Creek fire is contained but will continue to be monitored by aircraft.

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. Increased fire activity was observed due to warmer temperatures and lower humidity resulting in torching and crown runs.

BIG SANDS, Clearwater National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 15 miles southeast of Powell Ranger Station in timber. This fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Creeping and torching were observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity is reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SEEPAY #2	MT	FHA	7,000	40	9/15	554	18	16	8	0	1.3M	BIA
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BRF	7,700	10	UNK	221	5	2	2	0	2.1M	FS
SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX - WFU	MT	BRF	15,320	N/A	N/A	74	0	1	1	0	645K	FS
RED RIVER COMPLEX - WFU	ID	NPF	5,143	N/A	N/A	24	0	0	0	0	105K	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	2,610	25	UNK	52	1	2	2	0	1.9M	FS
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	4,950	60	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	1.5M	FS

HAZARD LAKE	WFU	MT	LCF	760	N/A	N/A	41	0	0	3	0	75K	FS
BIG SANDS	WFU	ID	CWF	250	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	3K	FS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

BLOWOUT, Western Slope Center, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is located five miles south of Palisade, CO. Residences, structures, cultural resources and a watershed remain threatened. Steep terrain and limited access are hampering containment efforts. Roads into the area remain closed. Significant progress was made securing containment lines. Creeping and smoldering were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN	
BLOWOUT	CO	GJD	426	80	9/2	147	4	11	2	0	147K	BLM	
WOLVERINE	WFU	CO	RTF	320	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	1	0	12K	FS

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

PATTERSON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire is two miles north of Patterson, ID in timber. Internal creeping, smoldering and torching were observed. No further information was received.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Wildland Fire Use Team (Hahneberg) has been released. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Reinarz) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, comprised of the Bear Creek, Root Creek, West Fork/Joe, Missouri Ridge and several other fires is 50 miles northeast of McCall, ID in timber. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Commercial property, residences and historical structures remain threatened. Structure protection is in place. Fire behavior remains active.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PATTERSON	ID	SCF	1,185	90	9/3	170	6	4	3	0	512K	FS
FRANK CHURCH WFU	ID	PAF	27,636	N/A	N/A	93	0	0	2	0	1.7M	FS
NORTH NEOLA	UT	UOA	4,036	100	---	11	0	3	0	1	NR	BIA

UOA Uinta and Ouray Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

GRANITE COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lunde) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 30 east of Enterprise, OR in timber and grass. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Warmer temperatures caused an increase in fire activity. Burn out operations continue.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
GRANITE COMPLEX - WFU	OR	WWF	33,468	N/A	N/A	472	11	9	5	0	2.0M	FS

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

GRASS SPRINGS, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The fire is eight miles east of Austin, NV in grass, sage brush, pinyon pine, and juniper. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
GRASS SPRINGS	NV	HTF	547	99	UNK	171	3	14	1	0	200K	FS
NORTH ROAD	NV	WID	12,885	100	---	18	0	1	1	9	NR	BLM

WID Winnemucca Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BLAISDELL	CA	BDF	5,493	100	---	56	2	0	2	0	2.5M	BLM

BDF San Bernadino National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

MOUNTAIN, Gila National Forest. This fire is six miles east of Reserve, NM in timber. Creeping and smoldering fire behavior was observed. Natural barriers are helping to minimize fire spread. The fire will be monitored. No further information was reported.

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MOUNTAIN	NM	GNF	969	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	600	FS

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: For Saturday in p.m. hours due to moderate to strong winds combined with low humidity for areas in and near northeast California.

Weather Discussion: Warm and dry conditions will continue over much of the interior West as high pressure continues to build over the Rockies. Windy conditions will begin to develop across portions of the Northwest, eastern California, Nevada, Idaho and western Montana, mainly across ridge tops and favored valley locations. Isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible along the Canadian border with eastern Washington and Idaho. Scattered wet thunderstorms are forecast for the four corners region.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern Rockies A ridge of high pressure will bring warmer and drier conditions. No moisture is expected.	West of divide: 78 to 86. East of divide: 82 to 90. North Dakota: 74 to 82.	West of divide: 19 to 29%. East of divide: 15 to 22%. North Dakota: 30 to 45%.	West of divide: Southwest 10 to 20 mph. East of divide: South 10 to 20 mph. North Dakota: Southeast 10 to 20 mph.
Northern California Mostly sunny, with areas of fog along and near the coast.	From 60s near the ocean to upper 80s to near 100 in warmer inland areas.	From 10 to 22% drier inland areas to 50% plus along the coast.	Morning: light and variable wind Afternoon: South to West/southwest increasing to 5 to 13 mph lower terrain and to 8-18 mph Cascade/Sierras eastward, with peak gusts in 22 to 28 mph range.
Southern California Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	80 to 95 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 95 to 105 upper deserts. 105 to 115 lower deserts.	5 to 15%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
Eastern Great Basin Mostly sunny area wide. Isolated afternoon mountain thunderstorms over Utah. Breezy.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 66 to 80 mountains, 80 to 92 valleys. Northern Utah: 72 to 82 mountains, 82 to 91 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 80 to 92 mountains, 90 to 102 valleys except 100 to 109 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 15 to 30% mountains, 9 to 18% valleys. Northern Utah: 15 to 20% mountains, 6 to 15% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 18 to 25% mountains, 7 to 18% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph. Northern Utah: Southwest 10 to 20 mph, upslope 4 to 8 mph Uinta Basin Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Southwest 10 to 20 mph.
Western Great Basin Mostly sunny skies.	North valleys: 80 to 94. South valleys: 84 to 106. Mountains: 72 to 86.	North valleys: 6 to 15%. South valleys: 10 to 18%. Mountains: 12 to 22%.	Southwest 10 to 15 mph. In the north, afternoon gusts 20 to 30 mph.
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http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Standard Fire Orders

The NWCG approved a revision of the Standard Fire Orders, in accordance with their original arrangements. The orders are arranged according to their importance and grouped in logical sequence. Review and consider Standard Fire Orders as a part of every shift.

- Did you receive or request adequate weather briefing, current and predicted fire behavior, wind direction, predicted humidity, fuel moisture, local factor?
- Do you have map of the fire? Is topography, type of fuels, direction of the spread defined?
- Fire behavior group deals with what the firefighter will encounter - weather, fire status, fire behavior.
 1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
 2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
 3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
- Are you familiar with direction, distance, location, size of escape routes and safety zones?
- Discuss the need for lookout, such as extreme fire behavior, fire located out of line-of-sight.
- Discuss importance of the situational awareness.
- Fireline safety group emphasizes personal safety.
 4. Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.
 5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
 6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
- Review importance and means of passing tactical decisions and resource movement.
- Review other factors influencing potential changes in tactics, which could affect control of your forces.
- Organizational Control group is centered around tactical decisions.
 7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
 8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
 9. Maintain control of your forces at all time.
- After you have considered, discussed and acted on the previous nine orders:
 10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		0		0
	ACRES		501	51,202		21,646		73,349
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	3	5
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Northern California	FIRES				25		3	28
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIRES				21		7	28
	ACRES				84		0	84
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		0	2
	ACRES				350	150		500
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		208				59	267
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				2			2
Southwest	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			15			574	589
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3				2	2	7
	ACRES	0				12	2	14
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				6			6
TOTAL	FIRES	3	4	1	0	56	17	81
	ACRES	0	710	51,217	0	22,115	785	74,827

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	4	96	59	16	388	21	584
	ACRES	4	1,748,034	1,437,565	3,409	721,692	336	3,911,040
Northwest	FIREs	160	221	25	30	1,128	754	2,318
	ACRES	27,943	45,126	5,773	121	64,392	98,379	241,734
Northern California	FIREs	110	28	9	14	1,488	327	1,976
	ACRES	180	24,896	14	101	22,717	4,419	52,327
Southern California	FIREs	34	101	13	45	1,960	511	2,664
	ACRES	962	5,321	136	73,813	29,355	3,076	112,663
Northern Rockies	FIREs	460	41	28	11	543	546	1,629
	ACRES	17,636	3,129	3,257	25	24,878	46,357	95,282
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	37	602	6	30	559	445	1,679
	ACRES	6,514	648,118	24	626	108,803	60,755	824,840
Western Great Basin	FIREs	5	438	19	24	90	105	681
	ACRES	27	981,531	13,312	258	112,174	8,755	1,116,057
Southwest	FIREs	1,513	338	26	51	1,265	1,400	4,593
	ACRES	34,136	158,774	9,588	364	129,702	416,410	748,974
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	269	419	30	20	489	425	1,652
	ACRES	4,575	6,721	553	25	23,880	23,269	59,023
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	50	9,367	510	10,558
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	66,556	8,168	84,523
Southern Area	FIREs	213		174	37	16,760	473	17,657
	ACRES	26,883		31,385	2,474	223,405	11,801	295,948
TOTAL	FIREs	3,400	2,284	425	328	34,037	5,517	45,991
	ACRES	125,974	3,621,650	1,503,339	82,169	1,527,554	681,725	7,542,411

Ten Year Average Fires	62,679
Ten Year Average Acres	4,232,103

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			60				60
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						237	237
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0		0	0			0
	ACRES	3		10	10			23
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	600						600
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						7	7
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	7	9
	ACRES	0	603	60	10	10	246	929

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	18	94	82	2		209	405
	ACRES	5,651	12,408	3,981	249		17,973	40,262
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	138	24		169	364
	ACRES	188	1,101	24,845	2,690		18,439	47,263
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	14		79	104
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	2,733		6,819	11,242
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	28	97	3	31	253	418
	ACRES	275	3,244	19,902	22	2,131	30,146	55,720
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	20	4	3	11	43	82
	ACRES	1	6,071	711	31	163	11,779	18,756
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,297	2,711			2,903	11,911
Southwest	FIRES	7	47	2	10		252	318
	ACRES	2,342	51,790	3,210	15,014		65,975	138,331
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	43	102	16	21	103	314
	ACRES	3,709	10,924	20,319	10,342	2,526	31,019	78,839
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		467	36	1,082	139	1,765
	ACRES	17,625		68,181	4,423	69,040	25,556	184,825
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,112	1,765
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,428	1,316,664
TOTAL	FIRES	149	270	1,064	166	1,553	2,361	5,563
	ACRES	37,971	92,117	227,826	90,372	345,116	1,111,037	1,904,439

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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				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		33,663	33,665
Northern California	FIREs				1		4	5
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIREs				12		11	23
	ACRES				5,542		1,510	7,052
Northern Rockies	FIREs				10		75	85
	ACRES				25		29,333	29,358
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		0		3		78	81
	ACRES		6		166		44,935	45,107
Western Great Basin	FIREs		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIREs	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,860			9,308	5	105,868	119,041
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		33		5	2	8	48
	ACRES		2,594		1	1,762	1,906	6,263
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIREs	1	41	2	61	3	212	320
	ACRES	3,860	2,601	27,225	160,450	1,767	217,216	413,119

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	1	0	875	34,423
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	3	0	1,218	60,508
Northwest Territory	0	2	257	199,992
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	212,757
Manitoba	0	0	232	45,021
Ontario	2	1,095	1,701	42,201
Quebec	3	0	1,258	831,598
Newfoundland	0	0	138	21,429
New Brunswick	0	0	289	282
Nova Scotia	0	0	270	508
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	0	7	88	36,326
Total	9	1,104	6,738	1,672,526

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	15	6	26	25	7	9	3		137	23
Northern California	2		4				3			
Southern California	4		4		4		3		2	
Northern Rockies	31	2	7	19	9	11	3		269	82
Eastern Great Basin	5	2	15	1	10		2		108	9
Western Great Basin	2	1	17	3	3		2		5	3
Southwest										1
Rocky Mountain	3	3	10	7	3				18	4
Eastern Area									14	2
Southern Area										
Total	62	14	83	55	36	20	16	0	554	123

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