

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2005 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 120 fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Eastern Great Basin Area and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Two large fires were contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, 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. Two Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes and Ribar). Williams-Rhodes Team is providing incident coordination at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA for Hurricane Katrina Support. Ribar's team is assigned to the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA. 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. Six Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Quesinberry, Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Cable and Molumby) are assigned. Custer's Team is managing a field hospital and refugee camp at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Port Allen, LA. Quesinberry's Team is managing a mobilization center in Meridian, MS. Pincha-Tulley's Team is managing two camps and supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. Gelobter's Team is managing a base camp at Montgomery, AL. Cable's Team is assigned to Metairie, LA. Molumby's Team is being assigned to San Gabriel, LA.

Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Lineback and Mullenix) are assigned. Lineback's Team is providing support for the receiving and distribution of supplies and resources at a mobilization center in Camp Beauregard, Pineville, LA. Mullenix's Team is being assigned to San Antonio, TX. A Texas State Incident Management Team is assigned at Baton Rouge, LA. A North Carolina State Incident Management Team (Hildreth) has been ordered. A Planning Team (Terry) is supporting relief efforts at the Long Term Recovery Center in Orlando, FL.

Four Logistics Management Teams have been mobilized; two to Meridian, MS, and one each to Maxwell Air Force Base, AL and Barksdale Air Force Base, 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. Two National Park Service All Risk Teams are assigned, one each in Everglades NP and Ocean Spring, MS.

## 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. Residences and commercial property remain threatened. Steep rugged terrain and heavy fuel loading are hampering containment efforts. Surface fire with isolated 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. Crown runs and spotting were reported.

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, a work center and a lookout remain threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Magruder road is open to restricted travel. Several fires on the complex were active with sustained crown runs due to high winds and low relative humidity.

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. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. Single tree torching and short crown runs were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SEEPAY #2	MT	FHA	7,500	50	9/15	643	20	17	9	0	2.0M	BIA
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BRF	8,700	5	UNK	238	6	2	2	0	2.2M	FS
SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX - WFU	MT	BRF	16,447	N/A	N/A	66	0	1	1	0	679K	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	2,610	25	UNK	52	1	2	2	0	1.9M	FS
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	5,100	60	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	1.5M	FS
HAZARD LAKE WFU	MT	LCF	775	N/A	N/A	41	0	0	3	0	156K	FS
BIG SANDS WFU	ID	CWF	250	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	3K	FS

LCF Lewis and Clark National Forest

## **EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. 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 remains in place. No further information was received.

PATTERSON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire is two miles north of Patterson, ID in timber. Internal creeping, smoldering and torching were observed. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

COW HOLLOW, Ashley National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use is 25 miles southwest of Duchesne, UT in mixed conifer. This fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Cow Hollow Forest Trail 089 has been closed. Active ground fire with isolated torching and short upslope crown runs were observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

SOUTH COTTONWOOD, Manti-Lasal National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use is 19 miles west of Monticello, UT in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. This fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Creeping, smoldering and isolated torching were observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FRANK CHURCH WFU	ID	PAF	28,280	N/A	N/A	83	0	0	2	0	1.8M	FS
PATTERSON	ID	SCF	1,185	90	9/10	30	1	2	0	0	519K	FS
COW HOLLOW WFU	UT	ASF	107	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
SOUTH COTTONWOOD - WFU	UT	MLF	116	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

## **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. Fire activity increased with slow rates of spread observed. Burn out operations are ongoing.

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	482	11	9	6	0	2.4M	FS

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOLVERINE WFU	CO	RTF	350	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	1	0	15K	FS
BLOWOUT	CO	GRD	426	100	---	85	3	7	2	0	202K	BLM
CHAOS	CO	CCA	4,453	100	---	46	0	26	0	0	35K	BIA

RTF - Routt National Forest

GRD Grand Junction Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

CCA Crow Creek Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

## 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	178	3	18	0	0	400K	FS

## 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. The fire is in monitor status. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MOUNTAIN	NM	GNF	969	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	600	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** For southwest and south-central Montana for strong winds and low relative humidity. For most of Nevada (except Mineral County and southern Lyon County) on Saturday afternoon and evening for gusty winds combined with low relative humidity.

**Fire Weather Watches:** For northeast California for moderate to strong gusty winds combined with low humidity. For central Montana for strong winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** An upper level low pressure system will approach the Pacific Northwest coast today with showers and isolated wet thunderstorms across northern Washington into northwestern Montana. The surface cold front will move across northwestern Montana, northwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon today. Windy and dry conditions will develop out ahead of the front throughout much of the West. Scattered wet thunderstorms are forecast for the four corners region.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern Rockies</b> Sunny and hot east and partly cloudy west.	West of divide: 75 to 85. East of divide: 86 to 95. North Dakota: 78 to 89.	West of divide: 20 to 30%. East of divide: 10 to 20%. North Dakota: 30 to 45%.	West of divide: West 10 to 20 mph. East of divide: Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph. North Dakota: southeast 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Mostly sunny, with areas of fog along and near the coast.	From 60s near the ocean to lower 90s in warmer inland areas.	From 13 to 27% drier inland areas to 50% plus along the coast.	Afternoon wind Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph and locally gusty, except in the northeast there will be areas of 6 to 18 mph with gusts to 30 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> 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.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Mostly sunny skies in the morning. Afternoon cloudiness with isolated thunderstorms in the southeast.	North valleys: 80 to 94. South valleys: 84 to 106. Mountains: 70 to 86.	North valleys: 6 to 15%. South valleys: 10 to 18%. Mountains: 12 to 22%.	Southwest 10 to 15 mph afternoon gusts 20 to 30 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Isolated thunderstorms over central and southern Colorado otherwise dry.	Mid 80s at lower elevations, with 70s in the mountains.	RH below 15%, over central/northeast Wyoming, with less than 20% across western Colorado and parts of eastern Colorado.	West to southwest winds of 10 to 20 mph over western Wyoming and southerly winds across eastern plains. Variable 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.



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

## OPERATIONAL BRIEFINGS

Operational briefings are critical to safe fire operations. To ensure a consistent and effective briefing, a standardized briefing checklist should always be used. The following checklist is printed on the cover of the NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide:

• Situation:

- Fire name, location, map orientation, other incidents in the area
- Terrain influences
- Fuel type and conditions
- Fire weather (previous, current, and expected)
- Fire behavior (previous, current, and expected)

• Mission/Execution:

- Command (Incident Commander/immediate supervisor)
- Commander's intent
- Specific tactical assignments
- Contingency plans

• Communications:

- Communication Plan (tactical, command, air/ground frequencies, cell phone numbers, etc.)
- Medivac Plan

• Service/Support:

- Other resources that may be working adjacent to you and those available to order
- Aviation operations
- Logistics (e.g., transportation, supplies, equipment)

• Risk Management:

- Identify known hazards and risks
- Identify control measures to eliminate hazards and reduce risk
- Identify trigger points for disengagement or reevaluation of operational plan

• Questions or Concerns

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			3,284				3,284
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			5		7
	ACRES	1	0			2		3
Northern California	FIRES	2			16	1		19
	ACRES	1			0	0		1
Southern California	FIRES		1		15	7		23
	ACRES		1		268	5,510		5,779
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1			2	3		6
	ACRES	8			0	1,160		1,168
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	4		1	1		8
	ACRES	1	0		1	1		3
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1			18		19
	ACRES		2			0		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1			2	1		4
	ACRES	1,453			52	0		1,505
Eastern Area	FIRES				25			25
	ACRES				11			11
Southern Area	FIRES			1	8			9
	ACRES			100	34			134
TOTAL	FIRES	7	7	1	0	74	31	120
	ACRES	1,464	3	3,384	0	368	6,671	11,890

**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	1,440,849	3,409	721,692	336	3,914,324
Northwest	FIREs	161	222	26	32	1,144	754	2,339
	ACRES	27,944	45,126	5,789	121	64,181	98,379	241,540
Northern California	FIREs	112	28	9	14	1,504	328	1,995
	ACRES	181	24,896	14	101	22,717	4,419	52,328
Southern California	FIREs	34	102	13	45	1,975	524	2,693
	ACRES	962	5,322	136	73,813	29,623	8,586	118,442
Northern Rockies	FIREs	461	41	28	11	546	547	1,634
	ACRES	17,644	3,129	3,257	25	24,888	47,515	96,458
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	39	606	6	30	563	446	1,690
	ACRES	6,593	648,118	24	626	108,922	60,756	825,039
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	339	26	51	1,265	1,417	4,611
	ACRES	34,136	158,776	9,588	364	129,702	416,444	749,010
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	270	419	30	20	491	426	1,656
	ACRES	6,028	6,724	553	25	23,932	23,269	60,531
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	50	9,395	510	10,586
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	66,567	8,168	84,534
Southern Area	FIREs	213		175	37	16,774	473	17,672
	ACRES	26,883		31,465	2,474	223,483	11,801	296,106
TOTAL	FIREs	3,407	2,291	427	330	34,135	5,551	46,141
	ACRES	127,516	3,621,656	1,506,719	82,169	1,527,881	688,428	7,554,369

Ten Year Average Fires	62,971
Ten Year Average Acres	4,254,704

\*\*\* 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
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES				1,635			1,635
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES						6	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES				54		125	179
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	1,635	0	54	131	1,820

**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	98	3	31	253	419
	ACRES	275	3,244	21,537	22	2,131	30,146	57,355
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		253	319
	ACRES	2,342	51,790	3,210	15,014		65,981	138,337
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	1,083	140	1,767
	ACRES	17,625		68,181	4,423	69,094	25,681	185,004
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	1,065	166	1,554	2,363	5,567
	ACRES	37,971	92,117	229,461	90,372	345,170	1,111,168	1,906,259

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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				5,892		1,608	7,500
Northern Rockies	FIREs				10		75	85
	ACRES				25		30,475	30,500
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		0		3		78	81
	ACRES		6		166		45,938	46,110
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	1,911	6,268
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	160,800	1,767	219,464	415,717

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

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

\*\*\*Weekly reports 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	14	18	25	16	7	9	2	2	158	3
Northern California	2		4				3			
Southern California	2		3		3		3		1	
Northern Rockies	34	2	7	20	11	12	3		259	95
Eastern Great Basin	2		10	1	4		3		92	4
Western Great Basin	2	1	21	3	1		2		17	3
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	3	1	24	20	1				20	4
Eastern Area									5	
Southern Area										
Total	59	22	94	60	27	21	16	2	552	109

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