

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

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 142 fires reported. Nine new large fires were reported, five in the Eastern Great Basin Area, two in the Southern California Area and one each in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Areas. No large fires were contained. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, 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 Management Team coordination for FEMA Region IV 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. The Team is coordinating activities of the Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI. 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 an evacuation center and base camp at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Port Allen, LA. Quesinberry's Team is managing a mobilization center at Meridian Naval Air Station in 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 establishing a base camp in Metairie, LA. Molumby's Team is being assigned to St. 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 Hamond, LA. A North Carolina State Incident Management Team (Hildreth) is assigned at Shriner Brookley Field, AL. A Planning Team (Terry) is supporting relief efforts at the Long Term Recovery Center in Orlando, FL.

Four Logistics Management Teams (Prevey, Humphrey, Jenkins and Floyd) 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. National Park Service All Risk Teams are being assigned to assist with hurricane recovery.

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

WILDHORSE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire is 22 miles west of Mackay, ID in timber. Campers were evacuated from Wildhorse Campground. One outbuilding is threatened. Sustained wind driven runs, crowning and spotting were observed.

GREGORY, Boise National Forest. This fire is two miles southwest of Idaho City, ID in timber. Rapid rates of spread with active runs and some spotting were reported.

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. Creeping and backing fire with four to ten foot flame lengths were observed along with occasional torching.

BIG DRY CANYON, Caribou-Targhee National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 10 miles west of Swan Valley, ID in timber. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. One historic cabin is threatened. Short torching crown runs were observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire is located 15 miles south of Stanley, ID in timber. Residences, commercial property, structures, workcenter, wildlife habitat, campgrounds and recreation areas are threatened. Evacuations near the fire have occurred. Extreme fire activity with spotting and rapid rates of spread was observed.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is two miles north of Dell, UT in timber. Communication site and wildlife habitat are threatened. Torching and crowning with extreme rates of spread were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WILDHORSE	ID	SCF	160	0	UNK	138	6	2	3	0	NR	FS
GREGORY	ID	BOF	150	0	UNK	170	3	16	4	0	NR	FS
FRANK CHURCH WFU	ID	PAF	32,963	N/A	N/A	71	0	0	2	0	1.8M	FS
BIG DRY CANYON WFU	ID	CTF	290	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	35K	FS
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	2,800	0	9/11	95	0	13	1	0	NR	FS
BLACK MOUNTAIN	UT	SLD	2,000	0	9/5	13		6	1	0	NR	BLM
COW HOLLOW WFU	UT	ASF	179	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

ASF Ashley National Forest

## **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. Creeping surface fire with single and group 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 continue to be threatened. Active fire behavior with crown runs and spotting was 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, a work center and a lookout remain threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Magruder road is open to restricted travel. Fire behavior limited to creeping and slow surface spread.

**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 with torching observed.

**ROCKIN**, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. Steep, rocky terrain difficult to access and narrow canyons are impeding control efforts. Active fire behavior caused by windy conditions produced group torching and short crown runs.

**POWELL WFU COMPLEX**, Clearwater National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex comprised of Big Sands, Sponge, and several smaller fires is 45 miles southwest of Missoula, MT in timber. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Creeping, smoldering and torching were reported. 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
SEEPAY #2	MT	FHA	7,800	50	9/15	675	19	17	10	0	2.4M	BIA
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BRF	10,000	5	UNK	245	6	2	3	0	2.4M	FS
SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX - WFU	MT	BRF	24,759	N/A	N/A	65	0	1	1	0	713K	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	1,460	25	UNK	49	1	2	2	0	2.0M	FS
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	5,200	60	UNK	27	1	0	1	0	1.5M	FS
POWELL WFU COMPLEX WFU	ID	CWF	824	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
HAZARD LAKE WFU	MT	LCF	1,000	N/A	N/A	33	0	0	2	0	216K	FS

LCF Lewis and Clark National Forest

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

GORMAN, Los Angeles County Fire Department. This fire is two miles west of Gorman, CA in light and heavy fuels. Residences and structures are threatened. Structure protection is in place. Interstate 5 is closed. Active fire runs were observed with frequent spotting.

CORRAL, Sierra National Forest. This Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 11 miles southeast of Mammoth Lakes, CA in timber. This fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Backing fire was observed. This will be the narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
GORMAN	CA	LAC	2,500	10	9/5	400	12	39	3	4	NR	ST
CORRAL - WFU	CA	SNF	148	N/A	N/A	16	1	0	1	0	NR	FS

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

CASH, Montezuma County. This fire is ten miles northeast of Mancos, CO in pinyon pine, juniper, and sagebrush. Structures and power transmission lines possible threatened. Dead fuels and gusty winds are hampering containment efforts. Extreme fire behavior with torching, crowning and spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CASH	CO	MNX	171	0	UNK	72	3	6	2	2	100K	CNTY
WOLVERINE WFU	CO	RTF	330	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	1	0	15K	FS

RTF - Routt National Forest

## **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 spread is primarily through grass with pockets of heavy fuels. 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	34,096	N/A	N/A	443	10	9	6	0	2.8M	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 new information was reported. 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
GRASS SPRINGS	NV	HTF	547	99	UNK	178	3	18	0	0	400K	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watches:** For southwest Montana due to gusty winds, high temperatures, and low relative humidity. For Sunday afternoon across central and east central Nevada due to gusty winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure system moving across the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies today will bring windy weather to much of the intermountain West. Along the Gulf Coast, mostly sunny weather is expected along with a few thunderstorms. Highs will be in lower 90s, but the heat index will be up to 105.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern Rockies</b> Windy, turning cooler, more humid, scattered showers	West of divide: 70s. East of divide: 81 to 94. North Dakota: 83 to 87.	West of divide: 25 to 50%. East of divide: 10 to 20%. North Dakota: 25 to 45%.	West of divide: West 10 to 20 mph. East of divide: South to north 10 to 20 mph. North Dakota: Southeast 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Mostly sunny, areas of fog along and near the coast and thin high clouds in the north.	From 60s near the ocean to the lower 90s warmest inland areas.	From 13 to 30% driest inland areas, 40% or higher 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 around 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.	North valleys: 74 to 90. South valleys: 84 to 104. Mountains: 65 to 87.	North valleys: 6 to 19%. South valleys: 9 to 16%. Mountains: 10 to 22%.	West to southwest 10 to 25 mph with afternoon gusts 25 to 40 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Widely scattered mainly afternoon thunderstorms. Isolated dry lightning in northern portions.	80s to mid 90s at lower elevations, with 70s to lower 80s in the mountains.	RH below 15%, over the lower elevations of northern Wyoming, with less than 15% to 20% across southwest Wyoming and northwest 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)

**Topic of Choice**

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		0		0
	ACRES		61,026	3,471		105,615		170,112
Northwest	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					83	1	84
Northern California	FIRES				1	15	1	17
	ACRES				0	17	1	18
Southern California	FIRES				1	20	7	28
	ACRES				0	261	45	306
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				6	18	26
	ACRES	4,301				0	1,417	5,718
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10	5		7	9	31
	ACRES		5	1		10	521	537
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		11			3		14
	ACRES		1			202		203
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					68	3	71
TOTAL	FIRES	2	21	5	2	72	40	142
	ACRES	4,301	61,032	3,472	0	106,257	1,988	177,050

# 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	1,809,060	1,444,320	3,409	822,164	336	4,079,293
Northwest	FIRES	161	222	26	32	1,152	756	2,349
	ACRES	27,944	45,126	5,789	121	64,324	98,380	241,684
Northern California	FIRES	112	28	9	15	1,519	329	2,012
	ACRES	181	24,896	14	101	22,734	4,420	52,346
Southern California	FIRES	34	102	13	46	1,995	531	2,721
	ACRES	962	5,322	136	73,813	29,884	8,631	118,748
Northern Rockies	FIRES	463	41	28	11	552	566	1,661
	ACRES	21,945	3,129	3,257	25	24,888	48,952	102,196
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	39	616	11	30	570	455	1,721
	ACRES	6,593	648,123	25	626	108,932	61,277	825,576
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	1,266	1,419	4,614
	ACRES	34,136	158,776	9,588	364	129,702	416,444	749,010
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	272	430	30	20	494	426	1,672
	ACRES	6,031	6,725	553	25	24,134	23,269	60,737
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	9,399	510	10,590
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	66,568	8,168	84,535
Southern Area	FIRES	213		175	37	16,785	474	17,684
	ACRES	26,883		31,465	2,474	223,551	11,804	296,177
TOTAL	FIRES	3,411	2,312	432	332	34,210	5,592	46,289
	ACRES	131,820	3,682,688	1,510,191	82,169	1,629,055	690,436	7,726,359

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>63,251</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,288,331</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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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		1					1
	ACRES		150					150
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						27	27
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	150	0	0	0	27	177

**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	2,753		6,819	11,262
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	28	98	3	31	253	419
	ACRES	275	3,244	21,537	22	2,131	30,063	57,272
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	44	102	16	21	103	315
	ACRES	3,709	11,074	20,319	10,342	2,526	31,019	78,989
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		467	36	1,090	144	1,778
	ACRES	17,625		68,181	4,423	69,261	25,735	185,225
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	271	1,065	166	1,561	2,367	5,579
	ACRES	37,971	92,267	229,461	90,392	345,337	1,111,139	1,906,567

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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		34,291	34,293
Northern California	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		11	23
	ACRES				7,808		1,608	9,416
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		75	85
	ACRES				25		42,937	42,962
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		3		78	81
	ACRES		6		166		51,284	51,456
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	1,916	6,273
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	162,716	1,767	237,905	436,074

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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	13	5	25	16	8	9	2		162	23
Northern California	4		4				3			
Southern California	6	12	12	39	7	3	3		5	20
Northern Rockies	31	2	10	20	14	14	3		295	107
Eastern Great Basin	8	8	56	23	24		3		129	5
Western Great Basin			6		1		2			
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	3		15	3	3				19	2
Eastern Area									5	
Southern Area										
Total	65	27	128	101	57	26	16	0	615	157

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