

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 170 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Southern California Areas. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah 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 have been mobilized as part of the relief effort.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function #4 are staffed at the Regional Response Coordination Centers in Atlanta, GA, state emergency operations centers in Raleigh, NC, Montgomery, AL, Jackson, MS and Baton Rouge, LA.. Seven Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Quesinberry, Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Cable, Wilcock, Molumby and Anderson) are assigned. Quesinberry's Team is managing a mobilization center and receiving and distribution operations for FEMA at the Meridian Naval Air Station in MS. The Team is gradually scaling back operations. Pincha-Tulley's Team is operating a mobilization center and base camp, and supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. Gelobter's Team is providing logistical support for base camps at Gautier, MS, and Mobile, AL, and providing support to FEMA Branch II. Cable's Team is supporting emergency personnel at Jackson Square, New Orleans Convention Center and several satellite camps in and around New Orleans and southern Louisiana. Wilcock's Team has established an ICP in Selma, AL and is managing FEMA mobile trailer staging areas and supporting the allocation of trailers and mobile homes to stricken areas. Molumby's Team has relocated to Saints Field in New Orleans to establish and operate a base camp in support of emergency response personnel. Anderson's Team is staged in Baton Rouge, LA.

Eleven Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Philbin, Stanford, Hildreth, Paul, Whalen, Sinclear and Koehler) are assigned. Jenkins Team is managing an evacuation center and base camp, providing services to military, state, local and federal agencies at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, LA. Mullenix's Team is assisting with base camp operations and long term support of several facilities housing thousands of people in San Antonio, TX. Smith's Team is managing a base camp and supporting receiving and distribution operations at Camp Shelby, MS. Thomas Team is managing a base camp and supporting the military and civilian first responders at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. Philbin's Team is managing an evacuee center in Phoenix, AZ. The number of evacuees housed has decreased. Stanford's Texas State Incident Management Team is

operating the Hammond Receiving and Distribution Center and the Hammond and Harahan Regional Staging Areas in Hammond and Reserve, LA. The Team is distributing relief supplies throughout eastern Louisiana. Hildreth's North Carolina State Incident Management Team is staged at Marietta, GA. Paul's Team is managing the Louisiana Interagency Emergency Support Base camp and St Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel and Baton Rouge, LA. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Whalen and Sinclear) are clearing roadways and supporting National Forest recovery operations in Mississippi. An additional Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is currently staged at Marietta, GA. Koehler's Team is managing a logistics staging area at Stennis Space Center.

Five Logistics Management Teams (Prevey, Lineback, Floyd, Hayes and Phillips) are assigned. Prevey's Team is at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. Lineback's Team is at Pineville, LA. Floyd's Team is at Bossier City, LA. Hayes' Team is at Texarkana, AR. Phillips' Team is at Baton Rouge, LA. The Teams are operating mobilization centers and trailer staging areas. Three National Park Service All Risk Teams have been assigned to various areas to assist with hurricane recovery. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service team is engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue work in LaCombe, LA.

HURRICANE OPHELIA SUPPORT, North Carolina State. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is pre-positioned at Kinston, NC. The Team is assisting local Emergency Operations Centers preparing for hurricane landfall.

GREY ESTATE-2, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 24 miles east of Hackberry, LA in tall grass and peat. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
GREY ESTATE-2	LA	SBR	3,540	10	9/20	8	0	1	1	0	6K	FWS
JENNIFER	LA	KIF	900	100	---	32	1	1	1	0	UNK	FS

KIF - Kisatchie National Forest

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

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. Residences, commercial property, other structures, recreation areas and wildlife habitat remain threatened. Cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity continues to reduce fire activity to smoldering and creeping. Pockets of heavy fuels continue to burn out.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Fire Use 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. Structure protection for historic sites remains in place. Remote location and difficult access continue to hamper operations. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

SOUTH FORK WFU, Fishlake National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is five miles east of Fillmore, UT in oak brush and juniper. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Smoldering and isolated torching were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,838	70	9/27	597	18	1	8	3	5.5M	PRI
FRANK CHURCH WFU	ID	PAF	44,312	N/A	N/A	33	0	0	0	0	2.3M	FS
SOUTH FORK WFU	UT	FIF	345	N/A	N/A	4	0	1	0	0	UNK	FS

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HEARTLAND, Lewistown Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Malta, MT in grass, shrubs and timber. Difficult terrain and access continue to hamper containment efforts. One residence remains threatened. Area closure remains in place. Backing fire with isolated torching was reported.

SIGNAL ROCK, Bitterroot National Forest. The fire is 17 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT in timber and is burning on both the Bitterroot and Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forests. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. Difficult access and steep terrain are hampering containment efforts. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching were observed.

THUNDER MOUNTAIN, Lewis and Clark National Forest. This fire is six miles southwest of Monarch, MT in timber litter and understory. 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. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HEARTLAND	MT	LED	13,567	50	UNK	81	2	5	2	3	200K	BLM
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BRF	13,327	15	UNK	105	2	0	1	0	UNK	FS
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	6,869	55	10/21	3	0	0	1	0	1.8M	FS
THUNDER MOUNTAIN	MT	LCF	102	0	10/10	7	0	0	1	0	18K	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	2,160	35	UNK	101	4	1	2	0	2.4M	FS

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

KINGSTON 3, California Desert District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 30 miles south of Pahrump, NV in chaparral. Steep terrain and difficult access are hampering containment efforts. Wildlife habitat, historic sites, a mining facility and a watershed are threatened. No further information was received.

ECHO COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 10 miles northeast of Yosemite Village, CA in closed timber litter. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering was observed. The fire will be monitored by aircraft. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KINGSTON 3	CA	CDD	600	75	9/14	59	3	2	2	0	UNK	BLM
ECHO COMPLEX - WFU	CA	YNP	150	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	10K	NPS

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure is building over the West for a slow warming and drying trend over most areas. Sunny weather is expected to continue along the Gulf Coast with highs mostly in the lower 90s.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern Rockies</b> Upper level northwest flow will continue across the geographic region. Isolated showers possible along Canadian border. Expect partly cloudy skies and drier conditions.	West of divide: 70 to 75. East of divide: 70 to 75. North Dakota: 70 to 75.	West of divide: 25 to 35%. East of divide: 25 to 35%. North Dakota: 35 to 45%.	West of divide: West 5 to 15 mph. East of divide: West 10 to 15 mph. North Dakota: South 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys and coastal mountain foothills, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 80 mountains. 75 to 85 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 102 lower deserts.	20 to 35%.	Southwest to northwest 8 to 15 mph.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny with isolated mountain showers in the eastern portions. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 51 to 65 mountains, 65 to 77 valleys. Northern Utah: 56 to 64 mountains, 64 to 77 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 75 to 83 mountains, 83 to 91 valleys, 91 to 96 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 35% mountains, 13 to 25% valleys. Northern Utah: 20 to 32% mountains, 10 to 22% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 18 to 30% mountains, 6 to 18% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Light and variable western portions, west 10 mph eastern portions. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Dry, except widely scattered showers and thunderstorms over Nebraska, Kansas, and northeast Colorado.	Mid 70s to mid 80s with 60s in the mountains.	Relative humidity values above 20%, except 15% to 20% in portions of the lower elevations of Colorado and southeast Wyoming.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Sunny skies.	North valleys: 72 to 88. South valleys: 72 to 93. Mountains: 58 to 72.	North valleys: 8 to 18%. South valleys: 7 to 16%. Mountains: 16 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest at 5 to 10 mph with a few afternoon gusts of 20 mph.



[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
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					894	0	894
Northern California	FIRES	1				12	1	14
	ACRES	0				4	0	4
Southern California	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					185	4	189
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	1					0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2	1	5
	ACRES		23			1	53	77
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		0				0	0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	1				3	7
	ACRES	1	1				0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					48		48
	ACRES					21		21
Southern Area	FIRES					69	3	72
	ACRES					2,009	682	2,691
TOTAL	FIRES	5	6	0	0	144	15	170
	ACRES	2	24	0	0	3,114	739	3,879

# 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	1,850,279	1,636,861	3,409	847,173	336	4,338,062
Northwest	FIRES	167	228	25	32	1,237	808	2,497
	ACRES	28,020	41,411	5,787	121	72,183	98,436	245,958
Northern California	FIRES	131	30	10	15	1,666	383	2,235
	ACRES	213	24,896	14	101	22,868	4,616	52,708
Southern California	FIRES	37	110	13	46	2,130	561	2,897
	ACRES	962	5,921	136	73,814	32,185	8,677	121,695
Northern Rockies	FIRES	480	46	29	11	596	600	1,762
	ACRES	20,220	3,636	4,120	25	33,308	54,521	115,830
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	636	11	31	621	497	1,846
	ACRES	27,491	652,482	25	626	112,127	63,279	856,030
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	446	19	24	93	107	695
	ACRES	27	981,532	13,312	258	112,195	8,755	1,116,079
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	344	37	52	1,293	1,469	4,714
	ACRES	34,202	158,783	9,634	364	129,761	416,381	749,125
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	280	457	30	21	530	470	1,788
	ACRES	6,865	8,616	553	25	25,545	22,943	64,547
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	9,998	538	11,217
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	67,074	8,234	85,107
Southern Area	FIRES	213		178	37	17,623	505	18,556
	ACRES	26,883		38,064	2,474	232,542	13,086	313,049
TOTAL	FIRES	3,482	2,393	447	335	36,175	5,959	48,791
	ACRES	152,001	3,727,556	1,710,238	82,170	1,686,961	699,264	8,058,190

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>65,980</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,414,631</b>

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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						3	3
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				40			40
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5					5
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						450	450
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	5	0	40	0	453	498



**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	99	82	3		211	413
	ACRES	5,651	12,769	3,981	265		17,980	40,646
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	140	25		169	367
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,025	2,720		18,439	47,473
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	15		79	105
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	2,973		6,819	11,482
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	28	99	3	31	256	424
	ACRES	415	3,244	22,053	22	2,131	31,671	59,536
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	5	3	11	44	85
	ACRES	1	6,087	1,459	31	163	12,276	20,017
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,297	2,711			2,903	11,911
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	10		258	325
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	15,014		66,057	142,413
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	2,047	102	16	21	105	2,320
	ACRES	3,709	13,574	20,519	10,342	2,526	31,569	82,239
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		468	36	1,098	145	1,788
	ACRES	17,625		68,181	4,423	69,501	35,835	195,565
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	151	2,280	1,070	169	1,569	2,381	7,620
	ACRES	42,111	95,144	231,105	90,658	345,577	1,123,977	1,928,572

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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		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		14	26
	ACRES				8,690		2,158	10,848
Northern Rockies	FIRES				11		77	88
	ACRES				55		63,035	63,090
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		89	92
	ACRES				166		76,435	76,601
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,308	5	105,868	118,861
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,593		1	1,762	1,916	6,272
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	42	2	63	3	230	341
	ACRES	3,680	2,594	27,225	163,628	1,767	286,163	485,057

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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			906	34,727
Yukon Territory			82	187,438
Alberta			1,248	60,507
Northwest Territory			259	202,989
Saskatchewan			320	213,523
Manitoba			245	72,678
Ontario			1,725	42,212
Quebec			1,271	831,680
Newfoundland			139	21,429
New Brunswick			289	282
Nova Scotia			271	504
Prince Edward Island			10	42
National Parks			88	36,326
Total			6,853	1,704,340

\*\*\*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	5		4		2	2	1		9	21
Northern California	2		2		1	1	3			
Southern California	8		5		4		4		5	
Northern Rockies	10	2	5	6	6	4	3		117	7
Eastern Great Basin	18	3	7		9	3	4		184	33
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			1						11	4
Eastern Area					1				9	
Southern Area	2		2		1	1	1		9	
Total	45	5	26	6	24	11	16	0	344	65

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