

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 89 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Northwest Areas. One large fire was contained in the Southern California 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. A third Area Command Team (Zimmerman) has been ordered, and will replace Ribar's Team.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function #4 are staffed at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA, and 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. Over 2,500 trucks were shipped to 6 states over a 15 day period. Pincha-Tulley's Team is operating a mobilization center, base camp, and is supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies to six counties from Stennis Space Center in MS. Gelobter's Team is providing logistical support to FEMA Branch II at base camps at Gautier, MS, and Mobile, AL. 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 is at Saints Field in New Orleans operating a base camp in support of 1,700 emergency response and military 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 at several facilities housing 5,000 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. Registered evacuees housed at the center numbers 1,300. Stanford's Texas State Incident Management

Team is jointly managing the Hammond Receiving and Distribution Center and the Harahan Regional Staging Area with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry 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. Preparations are being made to transfer operations to Gelobter's Type 1 IMT. 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 Florida State Incident Management Team is managing a logistical staging area at Stennis Space Center. The Team is training state personnel to take over management of the staging area.

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 and counties with requested resources.

G3-05-WF, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire, previously named Grey Estate-2, is 24 miles east of Hackberry, LA in tall grass and peat. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
G3-05-WF	LA	SBR	3,540	10	9/20	9	0	1	1	0	10K	FWS

### **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. Recreation areas and wildlife habitat remain threatened. Moderate temperatures and higher relative humidity have reduced fire activity to smoldering and creeping. Pockets of heavy fuels continue to burn out.

WILSON, Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire started on private land four miles northeast of Eden, ID in tall grass. Residences are threatened. Running fire behavior was observed.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Reinarz) back to the local unit will occur today. 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. Remote location and difficult access continue to hamper

operations. Smoldering, creeping and isolated torching were observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

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. 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
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,838	80	9/27	490	14	1	7	3	NR	PRI
WILSON	ID	TFD	1,200	0	9/15	91	0	19	2	0	NR	PRI
FRANK CHURCH WFU	ID	PAF	44,328	N/A	N/A	33	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
SOUTH FORK WFU	UT	FIF	366	N/A	N/A	4	0	1	0	0	NR	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. Area closure remains in effect.

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HEARTLAND	MT	LED	13,567	95	9/15	81	2	5	2	3	200K	BLM
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	6,869	55	10/21	3	0	0	1	0	1.8M	FS

#### NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

TURNER CREEK, Northeast Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is nine miles south of Imnaha, OR in grass and understory. Active fire behavior with upslope runs and isolated torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TURNER CREEK	OR	97S	300	0	UNK	75	2	8	3	0	100K	ST

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KINGSTON 3	CA	CDD	600	100	---	81	3	2	2	0	NR	BLM
ECHO COMPLEX	CA	YNP	150	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	10k	NPS

CDD - California Desert District, Bureau of Land Management

YNP Yosemite National Park

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Warm, dry weather is on tap for the West as high pressure covers the area. Along the Gulf Coast, scattered thundershowers are expected over Louisiana and Mississippi with generally dry weather elsewhere. Highs will be in the 90s.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern Rockies</b> A chance of showers north and dry south. Seasonal temps east and above normal west.	West of divide: 67 to 74. East of divide: 69 to 80. North Dakota: 68 to 74.	West of divide: 29 to 41%. East of divide: 20 to 35%. North Dakota: 35 to 45%.	West of divide: Southwest 5 to 15 mph. East of divide: Variable 5 to 10 mph. North Dakota: North to east 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 80 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 80 to 93 upper deserts. 90 to 104 lower deserts.	15 to 30%.	Southwest to northwest 8 to 15 mph.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mostly sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 59 to 68 mountains, 68 to 82 valleys. Northern Utah: 59 to 70 mountains, 70 to 82 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: 62 to 74 mountains, 72 to 82 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 35% mountains, 13 to 25% valleys. Northern Utah: 20 to 28% mountains, 11 to 20% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: 18 to 28% mountains, 10 to 18% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: South 10 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Drier and warmer on Thursday.	Mid 70s to mid 80s with 60s in the mountains.	Relative humidity values below 20%, in portions of the lower elevations of Colorado and Wyoming.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Mostly sunny inland with low clouds and fog along the coast.	50s and 60s coast, 60s and 70s mountains, and mid 80s to mid 90s warmest inland valleys.	15 to 30% inland, except 10 to 20% east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 10 mph with gusts to 22 mph coast and east of the Cascade-Sierra crest. Southeast to southwest 4 to 8 mph with gusts to 17 mph elsewhere.



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

## NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

● The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior and difficulty of control.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Locally significant values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more.

● Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the PocketCard for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES				3	5	1	9
	ACRES				0	6	300	306
Northern California	FIRES					14	3	17
	ACRES					216	2	218
Southern California	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					7	6	13
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		6				0	6
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	0	4
	ACRES		1			1,200	30	1,231
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			2	2	7
	ACRES		10			6	0	16
Eastern Area	FIRES					21	1	22
	ACRES					4	1	5
Southern Area	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					49	51	100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	0	3	67	14	89
	ACRES	0	17	0	0	1,488	391	1,896

# 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	35	1,239	809	2,503
	ACRES	28,020	41,411	5,787	121	71,474	98,736	245,549
Northern California	FIRES	131	30	10	15	1,680	386	2,252
	ACRES	213	24,896	14	101	23,084	4,618	52,926
Southern California	FIRES	37	110	13	46	2,152	563	2,921
	ACRES	962	5,921	136	73,814	32,377	8,683	121,893
Northern Rockies	FIRES	480	52	31	11	601	602	1,777
	ACRES	20,220	7,536	9,793	25	37,539	54,524	129,637
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	637	11	31	624	497	1,850
	ACRES	27,491	652,483	25	626	113,327	63,309	857,261
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	447	19	24	93	107	696
	ACRES	27	981,532	13,312	258	112,195	8,755	1,116,079
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	345	37	52	1,293	1,470	4,716
	ACRES	34,202	158,783	9,634	364	129,761	416,382	749,126
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	280	460	30	21	532	474	1,797
	ACRES	6,865	8,626	553	25	25,551	22,943	64,563
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	10,020	539	11,240
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	67,094	8,235	85,128
Southern Area	FIRES	213		178	37	17,637	507	18,572
	ACRES	26,883		38,064	2,474	232,602	13,137	313,160
TOTAL	FIRES	3,482	2,405	449	338	36,259	5,975	48,908
	ACRES	152,001	3,731,467	1,715,911	82,170	1,692,177	699,658	8,073,384

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,113</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,390,976</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		9,215					9,215
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				100			100
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		85					85
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				22			22
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		250				280	530
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	9,550	0	122	0	280	9,952



**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	100	82	3		211	414
	ACRES	5,651	21,984	3,981	265		17,980	49,861
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	3,073		6,819	11,582
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	6,172	1,459	31	163	12,276	20,102
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,297	2,711			2,903	11,911
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	11		258	326
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	15,036		66,057	142,435
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	48	102	16	21	106	322
	ACRES	3,709	13,824	20,519	10,342	2,526	32,199	83,119
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	282	1,070	170	1,569	2,382	5,624
	ACRES	42,111	104,694	231,105	90,780	345,577	1,124,607	1,938,874

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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		76,665	76,831
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	286,393	485,287

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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	12	0	918	34,882
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	14	1	1,262	60,508
Northwest Territory	0	21,105	259	224,095
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	102	62	1,827	42,274
Quebec	61	1,585	1,332	833,266
Newfoundland	5	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	14	2	303	284
Nova Scotia	4	2	275	506
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	7	90	36,333
Total	214	22,764	7,067	1,727,260

\*\*\*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	3	17	9	3	8			23	27
Northern California	9	8	2	5	1	2				2
Southern California	12	1	18	5	8	1	2		10	3
Northern Rockies	4		5	6	4	2			69	1
Eastern Great Basin	16	5	34	4	12	3			187	31
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	3					1			28	5
Rocky Mountain			2		1				11	4
Eastern Area					1				80	4
Southern Area	1		1			1			4	
Total	50	17	79	29	30	18	2	0	412	77

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