

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2005 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 51 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern California, Eastern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Eastern Great Basin Area and one in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, 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, Zimmerman). Williams-Rhodes Team is providing Incident Management Team coordination for FEMA Region IV at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA. Zimmerman'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.

**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. Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Cable, Molumby and Anderson) are assigned. An additional Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman), has been ordered. 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 for 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. 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 assigned to New Orleans, where they are supporting the New Orleans Fire Department.

Eleven Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Philbin, Stanford, Paul, Whalen, Sinclear, Koehler and Furlong/Gormley) 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 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. 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. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is assigned to Camp Beauregard, LA. 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.

Four Logistics Management Teams (Prevey, Floyd, Hayes and Easterling) are assigned at the following locations: Prevey's Team, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL; Floyd's Team, Bossier City, LA; Hayes Team, Texarkana, AR and Easterling's Team, Baton Rouge, LA. The Teams are operating mobilization centers and trailer staging areas. Two 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 is 24 miles east of Hackberry, LA in tall grass and peat. No further information was received.

WF-1100, McFadden National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 12 miles southwest of Port Arthur, TX. No further information was received.

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	80	9/20	15	0	3	1	0	47K	FWS
WF-1100	TX	MCR	300	50	UNK	3	0	2	0	0	2.5K	FWS

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

CLOVER, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is three miles east of Upper Lake, CA in oak woodland. Minimal fire behavior was observed and significant progress made.

LICHENS, Siskiyou Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is five miles northeast of Montague, CA in tall grass. Structures are threatened. Moderate to high fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CLOVER	CA	LNU	750	80	9/18	819	32	34	3	3	750K	ST
LICHENS	CA	SKU	800	80	UNK	141	3	16	2	0	60K	ST
HIGHWAY	CA	MEU	225	100	---	209	8	11	0	0	680K	ST

MEU - Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,868	85	9/27	120	3	1	3	3	NR	PRI
ROUND BUTTE	ID	IFD	16,892	100	---	7	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
BOWN S ROOST	ID	BOD	3,900	100	---	78	1	11	1	2	NR	BLM

IFD - Idaho Falls District, Bureau of Land Management

BOD Boise District, Bureau of Land Management

### **NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. 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
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	6,889	60	10/21	3	0	0	1	0	2.0M	FS

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

FAR DRAW, San Juan National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 15 miles east of Dove Creek, CO in hardwood litter. Forest Service Road 517 is closed near vicinity of fire. Active fire behavior with crown runs and spotting was 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
FAR DRAW	CO	SNF	500	N/A	N/A	5	0	1	0	0	20K	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** An upper level low pressure system will continue to move across the Northern Rockies today with showers and thunderstorms mainly across Montana, northern Wyoming, and the Dakotas. Gusty winds and relatively dry conditions will continue over the Four Corners region. Along the Gulf Coast, mostly dry conditions are expected with high temperatures in the 90s.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern California</b> Mostly sunny to partly cloudy, areas of coastal low clouds and fog.	Mostly 60s and 70s.	20 to 40%.	Variable, quite often north to southeast, less than 10 mph.
<b>Northern Rockies</b> West half: Cooler with wide- spread wetting moisture. East half: Cooler with scattered showers.	West of divide: 60s. East of divide: 60s. North Dakota: 60s.	West of divide: 31 to 44%. East of divide: 33 to 47%. North Dakota: 41 to 55%.	West of divide: West- 5 to 15 mph. East of divide: Northeast 5 to 15 mph. North Dakota: Northeast 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> Morning low clouds and fog to the lower coastal mountain slopes, otherwise mostly sunny.	Mountains: 65 to 80. Valleys: 75 to 85. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 90 to 100.	15 to 30%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Dry, except isolated showers and thunderstorms in the extreme northern portions.	Mid 60s to low 70s in the north (mid 50s to lower 60s mountains), with 70s to mid 80s in the south (60s mountains).	Relative humidity values below 20% in southeast Wyoming and northwest Colorado, with 10% to 15% in the lower elevations of southern Colorado.	West 10 to 22 mph in the western portions, and north to northwest 5 to 20 mph in the eastern sections.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Mostly sunny skies.	North valleys: 66 to 80. South valleys: 79 to 98. Mountains: 58 to 80.	North valleys: 14 to 30%. South valleys: 5 to 15%. Mountains: 5 to 30%.	South to east at 5 to 15 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					14	10	24
	ACRES					684	775	1,459
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	8	1	11
	ACRES		0		1	29	97	127
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					50		50
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		14,449			4,384		18,833
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		2			22		24
Southwest	FIRES			1		1	2	4
	ACRES			3		1	2	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			1	1	2
	ACRES		5			0	0	5
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			300			2	302
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	2	1	30	15	51
	ACRES	0	14,456	303	1	5,170	876	20,806

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	405	28	608
	ACRES	4	1,850,279	1,637,158	3,409	847,179	337	4,338,366
Northwest	FIRES	168	228	29	35	1,242	819	2,521
	ACRES	28,026	41,411	5,797	121	71,476	99,712	246,543
Northern California	FIRES	134	30	10	15	1,723	405	2,317
	ACRES	215	24,896	14	101	24,050	5,393	54,669
Southern California	FIRES	42	112	13	47	2,185	570	2,969
	ACRES	972	5,924	136	73,815	32,439	8,787	122,073
Northern Rockies	FIRES	481	53	31	12	614	606	1,797
	ACRES	20,224	7,542	9,793	25	37,608	54,547	129,739
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	677	12	29	646	520	1,934
	ACRES	27,501	619,193	8	2,828	143,831	103,829	897,190
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	483	19	26	95	110	740
	ACRES	30	878,043	13,312	258	112,217	8,853	1,012,713
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	345	39	52	1,295	1,475	4,725
	ACRES	34,202	158,783	9,639	364	129,763	416,389	749,140
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	280	462	30	21	536	480	1,809
	ACRES	6,865	8,658	553	25	25,556	22,948	64,605
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	10,060	541	11,282
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	67,135	8,236	85,170
Southern Area	FIRES	213		179	37	17,752	508	18,689
	ACRES	26,883		38,364	2,474	233,419	13,139	314,279
TOTAL	FIRES	3,493	2,486	457	340	36,553	6,062	49,391
	ACRES	152,036	3,594,729	1,716,506	84,373	1,724,673	742,170	8,014,487

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,582</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,440,363</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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				117			117
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						0	0
	ACRES						50	50
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	117	0	50	167



**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		212	415
	ACRES	5,651	22,334	3,981	265		17,986	50,217
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	17		79	107
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	3,366		6,819	11,875
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	28	99	3	31	256	426
	ACRES	495	3,244	22,053	22	2,131	34,671	62,616
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	5	3	11	45	88
	ACRES	1	8,852	1,459	31	163	12,319	22,825
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,367	2,711			2,903	11,981
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	11		261	329
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	15,036		66,593	142,971
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	48	102	17	23	109	328
	ACRES	3,709	15,959	20,519	10,348	4,526	33,603	88,664
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		470	36	1,098	145	1,790
	ACRES	17,625		68,281	4,423	69,501	35,835	195,665
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,113	1,766
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,468	1,316,704
TOTAL	FIRES	153	284	1,072	173	1,571	2,391	5,644
	ACRES	42,191	109,929	231,205	91,079	347,577	1,129,636	1,951,617

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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		2,211	10,901
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		77	87
	ACRES				55		63,035	63,090
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		90	93
	ACRES				166		76,789	76,955
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		2,581		1	1,762	1,919	6,263
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	42	2	62	3	233	343
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	163,628	1,767	286,574	485,456

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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	2	1	2		3		1			2
Northern California	11	36	8	55	2	3	4		5	71
Southern California					1		4			
Northern Rockies	2			3	3	1	1		32	
Eastern Great Basin	4		28		8		3		23	3
Western Great Basin	2	1	4							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1		5	1	1		1		8	7
Eastern Area					1				7	
Southern Area			5			1	2		4	1
Total	22	38	52	59	19	5	16	0	79	84

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