

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 120 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one in the Rocky Mountain and three in Southern California Areas. One large fire was contained in the Southern 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 and 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. A third Area Command Team (Rounsaville) has been ordered and will be assigned to Austin, TX.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function 4 at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA, and state Emergency Operations Centers in Tallahassee, FL, Montgomery, AL, Jackson, MS, Baton Rouge, LA and Austin, TX are staffed. Seven Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Krugman, Molumby, Anderson, Wilcock and Sandman) are assigned. Pincha-Tulley's Team is operating a base camp and six distribution points for relief supplies from Stennis Space Center in MS. Construction of Camp Glenn has been completed. Gelobter's Team is providing logistical support to FEMA Branches I and II from camps Gautier and Shriner at Gautier, MS, and Mobile, AL. Recovery projects at public schools continue. Krugman's Team is providing support to nearly 8,000 emergency personnel at the French Quarter and several satellite camps in and around New Orleans and southern Louisiana. A transfer of command from Molumby's Team to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (West) will occur today. The Team is providing logistical and planning support to the FEMA IST, and supporting more than 1,200 emergency response and military personnel at Saints Support Base in New Orleans. Anderson's Team is assigned to New Orleans, where it is supporting the New Orleans Fire Department. Wilcock's Team is at the Marietta Mobilization Center, Marietta, GA. Sandman's Team is being mobilized to San Antonio, TX. Another Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) has been ordered and will be assigned to Ft. Worth, TX.

Twelve Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Philbin, Stanford, Paul, Whalen, Sinclear, Koehler, Furlong/Gormley and West) are assigned. Jenkins' Team is managing a 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 in San Antonio, TX. The Team is making preparations to receive possible evacuees from hurricane Rita. 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 more than 1,000 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. Remaining self-evacuees at the shelter are being relocated and the center will close tomorrow. 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 to 13 points of distribution throughout eastern Louisiana. The National Guard is assuming greater responsibility for facility operations. 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 supporting National Forest recovery operations in Mississippi. Both Teams are in the process of demobilizing. Koehler's Florida State Incident Management Team is managing a logistical staging area at Stennis Space Center. The Team is beginning transition process back to local management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is managing the distribution of relief supplies at Camp Beauregard, LA.

Two Logistics Management Teams (Floyd and Hayes) are assigned. Floyd's Team in Bossier City, LA, and Hayes' Team in Texarkana, AR. 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.

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 new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BAY FIRE, Alabama Forestry Commission. This fire is seven miles north of Bayou La Batre, AL in tall grass. No new information 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	90	9/25	15	0	3	1	0	70K	FWS
WF-1100	TX	MCR	3,700	60	UNK	3	0	2	0	0	NR	FWS
BAY FIRE	AL	ALS	850	25	9/23	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

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

HORSESHOE, Lassen Volcanic National Park, CA. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is 13 miles north of Chester, CA in timber. Moderate fire behavior was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest, CA. This Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is

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HORSHOE-WFU	CA	LNP	110	0	11/15	13	1	2	0	0	15K	LNP
WOOLEY-WFU												

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

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PINE	CA	KRN	1,814	100	---	60	6	2	0	0	NR	CNTY
LA PALOMA	CA	MMU	800	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

MMU - Merced-Mariposa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

KRN - Kern County Fire Department, CA

### SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

PINE CANYON, Carson National Forest. A transfer of command from Whitney's Type 1 Incident Management Team back to the local unit will occur today. This fire is 69 miles west of Taos, NM in timber. Smoke management issues are lessening with the completion of burnout operations. Moderate fire behavior was reported. Rehab of dozer line has begun on the southern and western portions of the fire.

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PINE CANYON	NM	CAF	3,918	75	9/23	312	8	7	3	0	96.7K	FS

### NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

TURNER CREEK, Northeast Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lunde) is assigned. This fire is nine miles south of Imnaha, OR in timber and grass understory. Steep terrain is hampering containment efforts. Structure protection remains in place. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was reported. Line construction and burn out operations continue.

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TURNER CREEK	OR	97S	1,850	25	UNK	160	6	6	7	0	NR	ST

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

PUDDLE VALLEY, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 6 miles northwest of Dell, UT in grass and juniper. Smoldering and isolated torching was observed. Fire behavior was hindered by precipitation.

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. Air support continues to contain fire in inaccessible areas. North end of fire still a priority. No further information was received.

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PUDDLE VALLEY	UT	SLD	3,800	75	9/22	62	2	1	1	0	NR	BLM
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,868	90	9/27	21	0	0	2	3	NR	PRI

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

TABLE MOUNTAIN, Platte County, WY. This fire is 18 miles southwest of Glendo, WY in timber, sage and grass. One structure is threatened. Moderate fire behavior with running, torching and creeping was observed. Hot, dry and windy conditions with low relative humidity are hampering containment efforts.

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TABLE MOUNTAIN	WY	PLX	1,965	70	9/21	51	2	55	0	0	NR	CNTY
FAR DRAW - WFU	CO	SJF	1,105	N/A	N/A	15	1	1	0	0	20K	FS

SJF - San Juan National Forest

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Moisture is expected to linger over the Four Corner states while dry weather covers California and Nevada. A low pressure trough will be moving into the Pacific Northwest. Hurricane Rita is forecast to make landfall on the Texas coast late Friday night.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern Rockies</b> Partly cloudy and cool with scattered showers northwest.	West of Divide: 60s. East of Divide: 60s. North Dakota: 60s.	West of Divide: 27 to 39%. East of Divide: 29 to 40%. North Dakota: 40 to 50%.	West of Divide: West 10 to 20 mph. East of Divide: Southeast 10 to 20 mph. North Dakota: Southeast 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Mostly sunny to partly cloudy, with coastal low clouds and fog.	60s to mid 80s	15 to 45%	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph and locally gusty
<b>Southern California</b> Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	Mountains: 70 to 85. Valleys: 80 to 95. Upper deserts: 80 to 95. Lower deserts: 95 to 105.	15 to 30%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Cooler with less wind on Thursday..	Mid 60s to lower 70s are anticipated, with 50s to lower 60s in the mountains	Relative humidity values will be somewhat moist with most locations above 30%.	Winds 10 to 20 mph in northeast Wyoming, western South Dakota, and portions of the eastern plains

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Mostly sunny skies with a few afternoon clouds. Isolated afternoon wet thunderstorms in the northeast.	North valleys: 72 to 88. South valleys: 82 to 98. Mountains: 61 to 82.	North valleys: 15 to 25%. South valleys: 16 to 28%. Mountains: 14 to 32%.	Southwest 4 to 8 mph. In the north, afternoon gusts 20 to 25 mph.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and thunderstorms in the eastern portions while scattered showers and thunderstorms are elsewhere. Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and thunderstorms in the western portions and scattered in the eastern portions. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms in the valleys, numerous showers and thunderstorms in the mountains	Idaho, Bridger-Teton Mountains: 50 to 70. Valleys: 70 to 78. Northern Utah Mountains: 60 to 70. Valleys: 70 to 80. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mountains: 61 to 80. Valleys: 80 to 91.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 60%. Northern Utah Mountains: 35 to 50%. Valleys: 28 to 38%. Southern Utah, Arizona strip Mountains: 38 to 48%. Valleys: 20 to 35%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West/northwest 10 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: West 15 to 20 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: South 15 to 20.
<b>Southwest</b> Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms AZ and northwest NM.	60s and 70s mountains, and 80s to near 100 lower elevations.	2 to 35%.	South to southwest 10 to 15 mph.



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

### **TRANSFER OF COMMAND**

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transfer of command periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. There is a high potential for fatalities, serious injuries, or incidents with potential during transfer of command periods (some have occurred in the past). Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES—Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

● Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel
- Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed
- Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.

- Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
- Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.

🔴 Mitigation actions to take:

- Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
- Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
- Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					0	102	102
Northern California	FIRES					11	3	14
	ACRES					20	0	20
Southern California	FIRES					16	7	23
	ACRES					2	0	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			3	1	5
	ACRES		7			14	3	24
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	3	6
	ACRES		100			15	1	116
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	3			2	3	9
	ACRES	1	9			765	5	780
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					47	1	48
	ACRES					463	8	471
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	0	0	84	30	120
	ACRES	1	116	0	0	1,279	120	1,516

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	404	28	607
	ACRES	4	1,917,948	1,633,875	3,409	849,130	337	4,404,703
Northwest	FIRES	170	225	29	35	1,250	827	2,536
	ACRES	28,030	41,413	5,797	121	72,197	99,918	247,476
Northern California	FIRES	138	30	10	15	1,754	411	2,358
	ACRES	218	24,896	14	101	25,413	5,393	56,035
Southern California	FIRES	42	113	13	47	2,229	583	3,027
	ACRES	972	5,925	136	73,815	32,459	8,894	122,201
Northern Rockies	FIRES	482	56	31	12	620	622	1,823
	ACRES	20,266	8,715	9,793	25	37,584	54,553	130,936
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	688	12	29	665	531	1,975
	ACRES	27,501	621,844	8	2,828	146,223	103,763	902,167
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	492	19	26	102	111	757
	ACRES	3,067	878,773	13,312	258	112,650	17,745	1,025,805
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	347	39	52	1,298	1,487	4,742
	ACRES	34,202	158,789	9,639	364	129,816	416,391	749,201
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	282	465	30	22	578	493	1,870
	ACRES	6,871	8,743	553	30	27,860	23,114	67,171
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	52	10,083	542	11,308
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,143	8,237	85,189
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	19,806	511	20,747
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	259,813	13,149	344,383
TOTAL	FIRES	3,502	2,512	458	343	38,789	6,146	51,750
	ACRES	155,128	3,667,046	1,716,923	84,388	1,760,288	751,494	8,135,267

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>67,084</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,471,489</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	3			1	5
	ACRES		22	722			15	759
Northern California	FIRES				1		2	3
	ACRES				2		3	5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						95	95
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				5	6
	ACRES		12				407	419
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						10	10
	ACRES						2,469	2,469
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		5,167				176	5,343
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			51				51
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						75	75
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	5	1	0	20	29
	ACRES	0	5,201	773	2	0	3,240	9,216

**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	101	85	3		213	420
	ACRES	5,651	22,356	4,703	265		19,191	52,166
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	140	26		171	370
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,025	2,722		18,442	47,478
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	261	431
	ACRES	495	3,244	22,053	22	2,131	34,806	62,751
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	24	5	3	14	50	97
	ACRES	1	8,864	1,459	31	823	12,794	23,972
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,367	2,711			2,903	11,981
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12		273	342
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		69,494	148,533
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	102	17	23	109	328
	ACRES	3,871	21,436	20,519	10,348	4,526	34,279	94,979
Eastern Area	FIRES	43		474	36	1,112	145	1,810
	ACRES	17,632		68,432	4,423	69,760	35,835	196,082
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,114	1,767
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,543	1,316,779
TOTAL	FIRES	156	285	1,079	175	1,588	2,417	5,700
	ACRES	42,360	115,440	232,078	93,742	348,496	1,135,106	1,967,222

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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		2,264	10,954
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		94	104
	ACRES				55		63,274	63,329
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		94	97
	ACRES				166		77,022	77,188
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	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	42	2	62	3	254	364
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	163,628	1,767	288,003	486,885

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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 updates 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	8	1	18	4	3	8	2		27	3
Northern California	4		1				4			
Southern California	5	6	5	19	1	4	3			9
Northern Rockies	2			3	3				32	
Eastern Great Basin	2	1	12	1	6		2		39	4
Western Great Basin		1	1							
Southwest	7		5	23	1		3		91	36
Rocky Mountain	2	4	10	13	3		1		28	20
Eastern Area									6	
Southern Area			5			1	2		3	1
Total	30	13	57	63	17	13	17	0	226	73

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