

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 141 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and the Northern California Areas. Three large fires were contained, one in the Rocky Mountain Area and two in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, 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) is en route to Texas for Hurricane Rita Support.

**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. Six Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Krugman, 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. Resources are relocating to Camp Glenn, and receiving and distribution of relief supplies continues. 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 7,000 emergency personnel and the military at the French Quarter and several satellite camps in and around New Orleans and southern Louisiana. Anderson's Team is assigned to New Orleans, where it is supporting the New Orleans Fire Department. Wilcock's Team will relocate to Mississippi to plan and implement fire response in the Hurricane Katrina impacted areas in coordination with the state agencies. Sandman's Team is completing transfer of command from Mullenix's Type 2 Team in San Antonio, TX.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Philbin, Stanford, Paul, 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. A transfer of command from Mullenix's Team to Sandman's Type 1 Incident Management Team is planned for today. The Team will be assisting with base camp operations and long term support for approximately 3,000 people 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 900 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 today. The Team will close out 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 transferring operational control to the National Guard and is beginning process of relocating to Texas to preposition for Hurricane Rita. 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. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is managing the distribution of relief supplies at Camp Beauregard, LA. West's Team is providing logistical and planning support to the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST), and supporting emergency response and military personnel at Saints Support Base in New Orleans. Evacuation plans are in place should Hurricane Rita impact New Orleans.

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.

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Austin, TX, is staffed with Emergency Support Function 4 personnel. A Planning Section Team has been ordered for the RRCC. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned at Dallas-Ft Worth, TX, and is preparing for a mission assignment. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey and Sexton) have been ordered. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sinclear) will be reassigned to Martindale Airfield in San Antonio, TX, to establish and operate a base camp for emergency response personnel. Another Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) has also been ordered.

G3-05-WF, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 24 miles east of Hackberry, LA in tall grass and peat. 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. 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
G3-05-WF	LA	SBR	3,540	90	9/25	15	0	3	1	0	70K	FWS
BAY FIRE	AL	ALS	850	25	9/23	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

#### **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 continues to hamper containment efforts. Structures and private land remain threatened. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TURNER CREEK	OR	97S	1,419	40	UNK	283	6	10	7	0	410K	ST

### **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 have decreased with the completion of burnout operations. Moderate fire behavior was reported. Rehabilitation of the dozer line has begun on the southern and western portions of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PINE CANYON	NM	CAF	3,918	75	9/23	312	8	7	3	0	97K	FS

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

PUDDLE VALLEY, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is six miles northwest of Dell, UT in grass and juniper. Smoldering and isolated torching were observed.

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 monitor the fire in inaccessible areas. Spot fires on the North end of the fire were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
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

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

HORSESHOE, Lassen Volcanic National Park. 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 narrative report.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HORSESHOE-WFU	CA	LNP	110	0	11/15	13	1	2	0	0	15K	NPS

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PINE	CA	KRN	1,814	100	---	60	6	2	0	0	NR	CNTY
LA PALOMA	CA	MMU	700	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

KRN - Kern County Fire Department, CA

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

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TABLE MOUNTAIN	WY	PLX	1,965	100	---	27	1	3	0	0	NR	CNTY

## 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.	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.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<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>Southwest</b> Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms AZ and northwest NM.	60s and 70s mountains and 80s to near 100 lower elevations.	20 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					1,097	1	1,098
Northern California	FIRES	3				19	3	25
	ACRES	15				205	0	220
Southern California	FIRES	2				17	11	30
	ACRES	1				200	0	201
Northern Rockies	FIRES			0		3	1	4
	ACRES			2		54	0	56
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	2			0	2	6
	ACRES	1	67			644	0	712
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		8			5	3	16
	ACRES		80			473	2	555
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	2	2
Southern Area	FIRES					50	1	51
	ACRES					558	1	559
TOTAL	FIRES	7	11	0	0	98	25	141
	ACRES	17	147	2	0	3,231	6	3,403

# 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	226	29	35	1,251	830	2,541
	ACRES	28,030	41,414	5,797	121	73,294	99,919	248,575
Northern California	FIRES	141	30	10	15	1,773	414	2,383
	ACRES	233	24,896	14	101	25,618	5,393	56,255
Southern California	FIRES	115	113	13	47	2,246	594	3,128
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,815	33,056	8,894	123,109
Northern Rockies	FIRES	482	56	31	12	623	623	1,827
	ACRES	20,266	8,715	9,795	25	37,638	54,553	130,992
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	690	12	29	665	533	1,981
	ACRES	27,502	626,743	8	2,828	147,237	103,763	908,081
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	493	19	26	103	111	759
	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	473	30	22	583	496	1,886
	ACRES	6,871	8,823	553	30	28,253	23,116	67,646
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	52	10,092	543	11,318
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,150	8,239	85,198
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	19,882	513	20,825
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	260,463	13,152	345,036
TOTAL	FIRES	3,580	2,524	458	343	38,920	6,172	51,997
	ACRES	155,455	3,672,026	1,716,925	84,388	1,764,305	751,502	8,144,601

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>67,204</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,463,842</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	1			2	3
	ACRES		200	40			423	663
Northern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				200			200
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1	5			7	13
	ACRES		43	653			1,602	2,298
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		118				30	148
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				137			137
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		400				345	745
Eastern Area	FIRES			1			5	6
	ACRES			52			206	258
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	7	2	0	15	27
	ACRES	0	761	745	337	0	2,606	4,449

**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	86	3		215	423
	ACRES	5,651	22,556	4,743	265		19,614	52,829
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	140	27		171	371
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,025	2,922		18,442	47,678
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	17		79	107
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	3,366		6,819	11,875
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	29	104	3	31	268	444
	ACRES	495	3,287	22,706	22	2,131	36,408	65,049
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	26	5	3	14	51	100
	ACRES	1	8,982	1,459	31	823	12,774	24,070
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10	1		2	25
	ACRES		6,367	2,711	137		2,903	12,118
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	21,836	20,519	10,348	4,526	34,659	95,759
Eastern Area	FIRES	43		475	36	1,112	150	1,816
	ACRES	17,632		68,484	4,423	69,760	36,041	196,340
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	288	1,086	177	1,588	2,432	5,727
	ACRES	42,360	116,201	232,823	94,079	348,496	1,137,697	1,971,656

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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		2,306	10,996
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		94	104
	ACRES				55		63,274	63,329
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		94	97
	ACRES				166		76,909	77,075
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	287,932	486,814

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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	17	72	935	34,954
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	5	2	1267	60,510
Northwest Territory	1	431	260	224,526
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	88	36	1915	42,310
Quebec	31	294	1363	833,560
Newfoundland	0	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	1	0	304	249
Nova Scotia	17	5	292	511
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	0	92	36,325
Total	162	840	7,229	1,728,058

\*\*\*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	11	1	26		3	9	2		66	8
Northern California	5	4	13		3		4		3	
Southern California	1	6	8	2	4		3			3
Northern Rockies				3	1					
Eastern Great Basin		3	14	1	7		3		38	4
Western Great Basin		1	1							
Southwest	8		1	6	3		2		76	36
Rocky Mountain		4	9	2	1		1		14	16
Eastern Area									6	
Southern Area			3			1	2		3	1
Total	25	19	75	14	22	10	17	0	206	68

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