

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 124 fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, three in the Southern Area and one each in the Northwest and Northern California Areas. Five large fires were contained, two in the Southern Area, and one in the Eastern Great Basin 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. Three Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes, Zimmerman and Rounsville). 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 and is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana. Rounsville's Team is in San Antonio, TX, and will be coordinating relief operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas. These two Teams are coordinating the activities of Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI.

**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 gradually closing Camp Armstrong. Hard rain from Hurricane Rita is impacting operations. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) has been ordered to replace Pincha-Tulley. Gelobter's Team is providing logistical support to FEMA Branches I and II, and public school recovery projects, from Camps Gautier and Shriner at Gautier, MS, and Mobile, AL. Krugman's Team is providing support to emergency responders and the military at the French Quarter and at several satellite camps in and around New Orleans and southern Louisiana. Anderson's Team, under unified command with New Orleans, New York City and Illinois fire departments, is providing fire and emergency response within the City of New Orleans. Wilcock's Team is planning and implementing fire response in Hurricane Katrina impacted areas in cooperation with Mississippi state agencies. A transfer of command from Mullenix's Type 2 Team to Sandman's Team is ongoing in San Antonio, TX.

Eight Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Stanford, Paul, Furlong/Gormley and West) are assigned. Jenkins Team is managing a base camp and providing services to military, state, local and federal agencies at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, LA. Mullenix's Team is managing base camp operations and long term support at several facilities in San Antonio, TX. The Team is preparing staging areas for resources involved with Hurricane Rita relief and providing services to new Hurricane Rita evacuees. Smith's Team is managing operations at Barron Point and Forrest Camps and supporting receiving and distribution of supplies at Camp Shelby, MS. More than 500 people are utilizing shelter facilities. Thomas Team is managing a base camp and supporting nearly 1,000

military and civilian first responders at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. 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 the 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. The Furlong/Gormley Team 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. More than 10,000 occupancies have been searched so far. All teams have established evacuation procedures should Hurricane Rita impact their operations.

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. The Bossier City Center will close today. 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 establishing a base camp for new evacuees. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey and Sexton) have been ordered. Lohrey's Team will establish and manage a staging camp in Austin, TX. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sinclair) is being assigned to Martindale Airfield in San Antonio, TX, and will operate a base camp for emergency response personnel. A second Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) has been ordered.

**GRAND BAY**, Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 10 miles east of Pascagoula, MS in timber and peat. Residences, railroad and power transmission lines are threatened. Minimal fire behavior with occasional torching was observed.

**BAY FIRE**, Alabama Forestry Commission. This fire is seven miles north of Bayou La Batre, AL in tall grass. Marshy conditions hamper equipment operations. Moderate fire behavior with spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
GRAND BAY	MS	GBR	1,000	NR	9/24	28	0	2	3	0	NR	FWS
BAY FIRE	AL	ALS	4,500	95	9/23	NR	2	15	2	0	NR	ST

#### **NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

**TURNER CREEK**, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lunde) and the Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is nine miles south of Imnaha, OR in timber and grass understory along steep drainages.

Threats to structures and private land remain a concern. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping was reported.

KLAMATH HILLS, Klamath Lake District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is 11 miles south of Klamath Falls, OR in grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TURNER CREEK	OR	WWF	1,419	70	UNK	291	6	10	7	0	849K	ST
KLAMATH HILLS	OR	98S	662	90	UNK	101	3	9	4	0	NR	ST

#### SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

PINE CANYON, Carson National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Command Team (Whitney) back to the local unit will occur today. This fire is 69 miles west of Taos, NM in timber. No new information was reported.

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	967K	FS

#### 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 reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,868	90	9/27	21	0	0	2	3	NR	PRI

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

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This fire is 39 miles southwest of Yreka, CA in the Marble Mountain Wilderness 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
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	250	N/A	N/A	25	1	0	1	0	NR	FS
HORSESHOE-WFU	CA	LNP	110	N/A	11/15	13	1	2	0	0	15K	NPS

LNP Lassen Volcanic National Park

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure trough moving into the West will bring cooler, unsettled weather to the Northwest, Northern Rockies, and northern portions of the Great Basin. Most of the rest of the West will be dry. Hurricane Rita is expected to make landfall Saturday morning near the Texas/Louisiana border.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern Rockies</b> Cloudy skies with rain and mountain snow showers. Much cooler.	West of Divide: 50 to 60. East of Divide: 40s to 65. North Dakota: 60 to 70.	West of Divide: 35 to 50%. East of Divide: 50 to 65%. North Dakota: 50 to 60%.	West of Divide: North 5 to 10 mph. East of Divide: North 5 to 15 mph North Dakota: South 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Variable cloudiness with coastal low clouds and fog. Slight chance of showers or thunderstorms in the northeast.	60s to mid 80s.	15 to 45%.	Becoming northwest to northeast 5 to 17 mph and gusty.
<b>Southern California</b> Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Mountains: 70 to 85. Valleys: 80 to 90. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 95 to 102.	12 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Partly to mostly cloudy in the north with showers and isolated thunderstorms. Mostly sunny in the south.	North valleys: 72 to 82. South valleys: 78 to 99. Mountains: 54 to 78.	North valleys: 17 to 30%. South valleys: 13 to 22%. Mountains: 22 to 40%.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph with afternoon gusts 30 to 40 mph.



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

#### AVIATION MISHAP RESPONSE ACTIONS

**Having a written mishap response action posted and accessible to all employees is an important first step. Having a list of actions to follow will ensure that nothing is missed in a stressful, time-critical period.**

- Immediate, positive action is necessary. Any delay may affect someone's chances of survival.
- Conduct rescue operations keeping the following priorities in mind:
  - Preserve life.
  - Do whatever is necessary to extricate injured occupants and to extinguish fires, keeping in mind the necessity of protecting and preserving evidence.
  - Document and/or photograph the location of any debris that must be disturbed in order to carry out rescues and/or fire suppression activities.
  - Secure the area. Treat the crash site as a crime scene. Arrange for security at the accident scene if necessary. Determine if hazardous materials were on the aircraft. Deny access except to credentialed officials and escorted media.
- Be aware that crash sites can be dangerous due to hazardous cargo, flammable and toxic fluids, sharp objects, disease, adverse terrain, hot/cold weather conditions, and fire.
- Exercise good judgment, utilize available protective devices and clothing, and use extreme caution when working near the wreckage site.
- Do not exceed your physical limitations.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2			2	2	6
	ACRES		0			3	2	5
Northern California	FIRES	2				16	4	22
	ACRES	7				10	68	85
Southern California	FIRES				2		1	3
	ACRES				2		1	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			1	2	5
	ACRES	2	0			10	0	12
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	7	9
	ACRES					8	4	12
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		1				0	1
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					64	8	72
	ACRES					545	698	1,243
TOTAL	FIRES	3	6	0	2	88	25	124
	ACRES	9	11	0	2	576	773	1,371

**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	228	29	35	1,253	832	2,547
	ACRES	28,030	41,414	5,797	121	73,297	99,921	248,580
Northern California	FIREs	143	30	10	15	1,789	418	2,405
	ACRES	240	24,896	14	101	25,628	5,461	56,340
Southern California	FIREs	115	113	13	49	2,246	595	3,131
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,817	33,056	8,895	123,112
Northern Rockies	FIREs	483	57	31	12	624	625	1,832
	ACRES	20,268	8,715	9,795	25	37,648	54,552	131,003
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	52	690	12	29	667	540	1,990
	ACRES	27,502	626,743	8	2,828	147,245	103,767	908,093
Western Great Basin	FIREs	7	495	19	26	103	112	762
	ACRES	3,067	878,774	13,312	258	112,650	17,745	1,025,806
Southwest	FIREs	1,519	349	39	52	1,298	1,487	4,744
	ACRES	34,202	158,809	9,639	364	129,816	416,391	749,221
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	282	473	30	22	584	496	1,887
	ACRES	6,871	8,823	553	30	28,253	23,116	67,646
Eastern Area	FIREs	595		36	52	10,103	543	11,329
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,155	8,239	85,203
Southern Area	FIREs	213		180	37	19,977	521	20,928
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	261,301	13,851	346,573
TOTAL	FIREs	3,583	2,531	458	345	39,048	6,197	52,162
	ACRES	155,464	3,672,047	1,716,925	84,390	1,765,179	752,275	8,146,280

Ten Year Average Fires	67,384
Ten Year Average Acres	4,464,861

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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						900	900
Northern California	FIRES		2	1		2		5
	ACRES		67	75		62		204
Southern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			5				5
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						123	123
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1				2		3
	ACRES	66				7		73
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1		1				2
	ACRES	50		129				179
Southwest	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					940		940
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		6			100		106
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	3	3	0	14	22
	ACRES	0	116	73	209	0	2,132	2,530

**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	102	86	3		216	425
	ACRES	5,651	23,075	4,743	265		20,514	54,248
Northern California	FIREs	12	21	142	28		172	375
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,092	2,997		18,502	47,880
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	5	18		79	108
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	3,371		6,819	11,880
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	29	104	3	31	271	447
	ACRES	495	3,287	22,706	22	2,131	35,531	64,172
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	27	5	5	14	51	103
	ACRES	1	9,048	1,459	38	823	12,774	24,143
Western Great Basin	FIREs		13	10	2		2	27
	ACRES		6,417	2,711	266		2,903	12,297
Southwest	FIREs	8	47	2	12		277	346
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		70,434	149,473
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		477	36	1,115	159	1,830
	ACRES	17,632		68,542	4,423	69,807	36,427	196,831
Southern Area	FIREs	34		157	58	404	1,116	1,769
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,702	1,316,938
TOTAL	FIREs	156	291	1,090	182	1,591	2,452	5,762
	ACRES	42,360	116,836	232,948	94,295	348,543	1,139,265	1,974,247

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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		76,977	77,143
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	288,000	486,882

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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	13	2	23	7	6	13	2		101	22
Northern California	11		13		4		4		13	
Southern California			2				5			
Northern Rockies				3					32	
Eastern Great Basin	1	1	15		8		2		43	
Western Great Basin			3							
Southwest	10		1	6	3		1		76	36
Rocky Mountain							1		6	8
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area	3		8	15	2	3	2		10	6
Total	38	3	65	31	23	16	17	0	284	72

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