

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 64 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern and Northwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Washington.

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 Rounsaville). 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. Rounsaville's Team is in San Antonio, TX, and will be coordinating relief operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas. Both Zimmerman's and Rounsaville's Teams are coordinating the activities of Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI. The Marietta Mobilization Center in Georgia continues to house and in-brief Incident Management Teams and other resources prior to assignment throughout the South.

**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. Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Krugman, Anderson, Wilcock) are assigned. Pincha-Tulley's Team is operating a base camp and six distribution points for relief supplies at Stennis Space Center in MS. 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 a hazard fuel mitigation and fire suppression plan for seven counties and adjoining areas in southeast Mississippi in cooperation with Mississippi state agencies. Some teams suspended operations yesterday because of severe weather caused by Hurricane Rita. Funnel clouds, high winds, heavy precipitation and some flooding were reported.

Nine Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Smith, Thomas, Stanford, Paul, Furlong/Gormley, West, Beauchamp and Johnson) 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. The Team is preparing to demobilize. Smith's Team is re-establishing operations at Barron Point and Forrest Camp in support of the receiving and distribution of supplies at Camp Shelby, MS. Thomas Team is managing a base camp and supporting military and civilian first responders at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. Most of Stanford's Texas State Incident Management Team relocated 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. Nearly 5,000 truck loads of supplies have been processed at the facility so far. West's Team is providing logistical and planning support to the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST), and is supporting emergency response and military personnel at Saints Support Base in New Orleans. More than 12,000 occupancies have been searched so far. Beauchamp's Florida State Team is assessing wildfire potential in hurricane stricken parts of southern Louisiana. Many teams had to relocate to safety shelters as Hurricane Rita made landfall, and some operations have been temporarily suspended until the storm passes. Johnson's Team is traveling to Stennis Space Center for the transfer of command with Pincha-Tulley's Team.

Two Logistics Management Teams (LMT) (Floyd and Hayes) are assigned. The Teams are operating mobilization centers and trailer staging areas in Bossier City, LA, and Texarkana, AR. A third LMT (O'Brien) has been ordered and will be replacing Gelobter's Team. 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 operations 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 (ESF4) personnel. A Planning Section Team has been ordered for the RRCC. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Oltrogge, Lohrey, Sexton, Sandman) are assigned. An additional Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) has been ordered and will in-brief at Austin, TX. Oltrogge's Team is assigned at Longview, TX operating a receiving and distribution center. Sandman's is managing base camp operations and long term support at several facilities in San Antonio, TX. Lohrey's Team will establish and manage a receiving and distribution center at Beaumont TX. Sexton's team is relocating to Lake Charles, LA to establish a receiving and distribution center.

Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Sinclear, Quesinberry and Saleen) are assigned. Sinclear's Team will operate a receiving and distribution center at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. Quesinberry's Team will be assigned to Lufkin, TX, and will be engaged in damage assessment, repair and recovery work for national forests and grasslands in TX. Operations at the facilities have ramped up with the arrival of Hurricane Rita evacuees. Saleen's Type 2 Incident Management Team is assigned to Lafayette, LA.

EAST CANEY CREEK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 38 miles south of Paris, TX in hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

GRAND BAY, Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 10 miles east of Pascagoula, MS in timber 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. Marshy conditions are impeding equipment operations. Moderate fire behavior with spotting was observed. 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
EAST CANEY CREEK	TX	TXS	110	50	UNK	20	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
GRAND BAY	MS	GBR	1,000	NR	9/24	28	0	2	3	0	NR	FWS
BAY FIRE	AL	ALS	4,500	95	UNK	NR	2	15	2	0	NR	ST
SOUTH CEDAR CREEK	AR	OUF	300	100	---	61	2	13	1	0	4K	FS

OUF- Ouachita National Forest

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This timber fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, 12 miles northeast of Somes Bar, CA. The fire is being managed under a confinement strategy. A fire use module has been assigned. Cultural sites and fish habitat remain threatened. Inaccessible, steep terrain and heavy fuels are hampering containment efforts. Backing and flanking fire behavior with short range spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	535	0	11/1	57	1	0	2	0	112K	FS

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

CRISPIX, Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 12 miles west of Jiggs, NV in sage and grass. Heavy fuel loading and terrain continue to be a concern. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping was observed.

HASTINGS, Nevada Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles south of Jiggs, NV sage and grass. Wildlife winter feeding habitat is threatened. Rough terrain and high winds continue to be a concern. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CRISPIX	NV	EKD	3,252	70	9/25	65	3	4	1	0	NR	BLM
HASTINGS	NV	NNS	1,182	70	9/25	105	3	11	1	0	NR	ST

### 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	12	0	0	1	3	NR	PRI

## NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TURNER CREEK	OR	WWF	1,419	100	---	148	2	2	2	0	1.2M	ST

WWF - Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Red flag warning in effect until this evening for areas of northern California west of the Sierra Cascade Crest for moderate to strong northeast to east winds and low humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure trough will progress across the Northern Rockies today with showers and thunderstorms over mainly the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain areas. Offshore flow will continue for one more day over southwest Oregon and northwest California for gusty winds and moderate relative humidity recoveries overnight. Remnants of Hurricane Rita will produce heavy rainfall over northeastern Texas, northern Louisiana, and southern Arkansas.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northern California</b> Sunny.	60s to mid 80s.	12 to 35%.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 17 mph and gusty early, slightly decreasing in the afternoon.
<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 90. Lower deserts: 95 to 102.	10 to 20%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Northwest</b> Warmer and drier conditions primarily west of the Cascade Mountains. Temperatures increasing over the region. Offshore flow for west of the Cascade Mountains over the next few days.	Western Washington: Mid 60s to low 70s. Eastern Washington: Mid to upper 60s. Western Oregon: Low 70s. Eastern Oregon: High 50 s to mid 60 s.	Lowest relative humidity, region wide, will occur on the ridge tops and valleys west of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon. West side: 21%. East side: 15%.	Winds will be 20 mph on ridgetops west of the Cascade Crest with 15 to 20 mph in valleys east of the Cascade Crest in both states.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the north. Dry in the south.	North: 50s to mid 60s. Northern mountains: 40s to 50s. South: 70s to lower 80s. Southern mountains: 60s.	Relative humidity at or below 20% in the lower elevations of southwest Colorado. Otherwise, values remain moist.	Winds from the west at 10 to 20 mph in western Colorado, and southeast Wyoming. North winds at 10 to 20 mph across the eastern plains.



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**Topic of Choice**

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					5		5
Northern California	FIRES	4				15	4	23
	ACRES	3				5	0	8
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				8			8
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					8	1	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					19	1	20
	ACRES					342	200	542
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	0	1	47	12	64
	ACRES	3	0	0	8	361	202	574

### 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	171	228	29	35	1,269	833	2,565
	ACRES	28,032	41,414	5,797	121	73,304	99,921	248,589
Northern California	FIRES	148	30	10	15	1,811	423	2,437
	ACRES	244	24,896	14	101	25,631	5,462	56,348
Southern California	FIRES	115	113	13	50	2,272	598	3,161
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,825	33,299	8,902	123,370
Northern Rockies	FIRES	483	57	31	12	626	627	1,836
	ACRES	20,268	8,715	9,795	25	37,693	54,564	131,060
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	691	13	29	669	545	1,999
	ACRES	23,199	629,250	9	2,828	149,003	104,412	908,701
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	496	19	26	104	112	764
	ACRES	3,067	881,994	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,539
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	350	39	52	1,302	1,497	4,759
	ACRES	34,202	158,810	9,639	364	129,836	416,396	749,247
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	282	478	30	22	586	499	1,897
	ACRES	6,871	8,826	553	30	28,253	23,117	67,650
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	52	10,117	559	11,359
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,294	9,573	86,676
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	20,046	524	21,000
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	262,200	14,156	347,777
TOTAL	FIRES	3,589	2,539	459	346	39,206	6,245	52,384
	ACRES	151,167	3,677,778	1,716,926	84,398	1,769,486	754,905	8,154,660

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>67,757</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,468,998</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	0
	ACRES						100	100
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	130	130



**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	104	86	3		216	427
	ACRES	5,651	23,085	4,743	265		20,514	54,258
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	142	29		172	376
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,092	3,022		18,802	48,205
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	18		79	108
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	3,423		6,819	11,932
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	29	104	3	31	289	465
	ACRES	495	3,287	22,706	22	2,131	36,321	64,962
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	27	5	6	14	53	106
	ACRES	1	9,048	1,459	40	1,474	13,044	25,066
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		279	348
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		70,849	149,888
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	102	18	23	109	329
	ACRES	3,871	21,836	20,519	10,438	4,526	34,659	95,849
Eastern Area	FIRES	43		479	36	1,121	179	1,858
	ACRES	17,632		68,544	4,423	70,083	39,448	200,130
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	293	1,092	185	1,597	2,494	5,817
	ACRES	42,360	116,846	232,950	94,464	349,470	1,144,061	1,980,151

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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		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
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	255	365
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	163,628	1,767	288,640	487,522

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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	6	1	18		1	4	2		77	9
Northern California	14		3		5	2	4		36	
Southern California			2				4			
Northern Rockies				3					5	
Eastern Great Basin			18				2		28	
Western Great Basin	2	7	16	13	5				3	
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain							2		6	8
Eastern Area									1	
Southern Area	4		17	19	3	3	2		16	7
Total	26	8	74	35	14	9	16	0	172	24

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