

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2004 – 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 64 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northern Rockies Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 9/4 for Hurricane Frances in Florida and another was issued on 9/16 for Hurricane Ivan in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to the Florida Disaster Field Office, Orlando, FL. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Operations Center, Atlanta, GA. Numerous resources have been mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, crews and miscellaneous overhead personnel.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:**

HURRICANE FRANCES / IVAN RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is managing a base camp at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. A Type 1 incident Management Team (Sexton) is managing an Operational Staging Area at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to Eglin Air Force Base, Pensacola, FL and is managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned in Milton, FL and is managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Wilcock) is assigned in central Alabama and is managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies in nine counties. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is managing a base camp and supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies in Baldwin County, AL. A North Carolina State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL and is supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Kearney, Frye) have been ordered and will stage in Marietta, GA.

HURRICANE IVAN RECOVERY, State of Florida. The Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Teams are being redeployed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VEILED	TX	TXS	207	100	---	5	0	0	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

FREDS, Los Padres National Forest. A type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. This fire is 16 miles southwest of Soledad, CA in chaparral and grass. Fire spread was minimal due to high relative humidity. The evacuations of the Arroyo Seco recreation area remain in effect. 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
FREDS	CA	LPF	768	75	9/26	892	33	31	8	0	889K

## WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SAMPSON CREEK, Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office. This fire is six miles southeast of Lages Station, NV in pinyon pine, juniper and sage. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAMPSON CREEK	NV	ELD	1,192	90	9/25	2	0	1	0	0	NR

## NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RY	MT	FPA	509	100	---	NR	0	6	0	0	NR

FPA = Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Peck Agency

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue to bring warm, dry weather to most of the West except for scattered showers over New Mexico and far eastern Arizona. Hurricane Jeanne is expected to make landfall tonight along the east coast of Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Sunny.	85 to 95 coast. 75 to 90 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	8 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% valleys. 8 to 15% deserts.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph over southern California. Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph over central California.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	73 to 88 north valleys. 88 to 99 south valleys. 68 to 80 mountains.	8 to 18% north valleys. 12 to 22% north mountains. 6 to 16% south valleys. 10 to 20% south mountains.	Upslope/Upvalley at 4 to 8 mph.



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

### **Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) Tank Hazards**

Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) tanks are commonly found in the wildland-urban interface and present hazards to firefighters in that environment. LPG tanks may be found in a number of other environments such as motor homes, travel trailers, grills, camp stoves, lanterns, etc. Directly attacking LPG tank fires is a structural fire task involving hazardous materials and should only be attempted by trained personnel using full structural personal protective equipment and equipped with a volume of water adequate to safely attack the fire.

#### ● Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions (BLEVE)

- The most recognized hazard with LPG tanks is BLEVE (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions) or sudden complete failure of the tank. Some training courses have directed responders to approach the tank from the sides, believing that the force of the explosion will occur on the ends of the tank. However, this is not a guarantee that you will be safe from projectiles or missiles from the explosion, as they may travel in ALL directions up to 2,500 feet away. Leave the area immediately if you smell propane, hear a rising sound from venting safety devices or see discoloration or deformation of the tank. If you leave the area, get at least 2,500 feet away and do not go down wind or down slope of the leaking propane. BLEVEs are a major hazard to emergency responders!

#### ● Fuel Reduction Around Tanks

- Wildland firefighters may take action to prevent direct flame impingement on LPG tanks by removing wildland fuels in the area. However, be aware that lines from the tank to structures may be above or below ground, and may be cut by tools or equipment. Propane gas is heavier than air, and may move along the ground at some distance, and may ignited when it reaches open flame or another ignition source. Use extreme caution when doing fuels reduction around tanks, and flag any lines you encounter.

#### ● Other Wildland Fire Considerations

- Do not position engines or other apparatus near LPG tanks or down wind / down slope from tanks.
- Do not deploy fire shelters near LPG tanks or down wind / down slope from tanks.

#### ● Cooling Tanks

- In light fuels such as grasses, where any heat exposure to the tank will be very limited, rapid application of cooling water on the outside of the tank above the liquid level can reduce the likelihood of container failure by lowering the external temperature of the shell of the exposed tank. Water should not be directed at the valve safety devices, due to the potential of "icing" the valve closed.
- In heavy fuels where long duration heat exposure to the LPG tank is likely, evacuate all personnel and equipment 2,500 feet away and not down slope or down wind. NFPA says that direct flame impingement protection requires water flow of at least 500 gpm from an unmanned monitor nozzle. This is a situation for properly trained, equipped and supported structural firefighters.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					4	0	4
Southern California	FIRES			3		13	4	20
	ACRES			0		0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3					1	4
	ACRES	522					0	522
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					2	6	8
Southern Area	FIRES					18	1	19
	ACRES					59	4	63
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	3	0	44	14	64
	ACRES	522	0	0	0	65	11	598

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	81	18	490	22	675
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,655	1,878,052	29,426	3,292,494	5	6,398,741
Northwest	FIRES	345	299	37	62	1,679	1,269	3,691
	ACRES	22,663	4,789	880	258	18,174	74,480	121,244
Northern California	FIRES	121	87	12	19	2,525	917	3,681
	ACRES	156	8,894	43	481	51,491	9,647	70,712
Southern California	FIRES	38	110	25	47	2,792	743	3,755
	ACRES	671	6,036	1,867	29	66,812	11,537	86,952
Northern Rockies	FIRES	943	63	19	13	780	855	2,673
	ACRES	5,960	1,448	1,062	4	18,142	11,080	37,696
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	797	2	46	550	709	2,165
	ACRES	532	40,838	1	61	8,689	47,266	97,387
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	626	12	17	99	147	917
	ACRES	340	23,118	2,665	51	7,858	8,362	42,394
Southwest	FIRES	708	148	5	75	667	1,676	3,279
	ACRES	5,183	5,693	201	514	7,039	282,232	300,862
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	335	462	36	50	451	460	1,794
	ACRES	5,463	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,260
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	31	10,486	479	11,538
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	82,257	5,755	95,566
Southern Area	FIRES	139		65	44	25,509	601	26,358
	ACRES	15,965		21,186	3,468	326,300	73,564	440,483
TOTAL	FIRES	3,207	2,650	341	422	46,028	7,878	60,526
	ACRES	68,151	1,288,469	1,909,565	34,439	3,903,687	531,986	7,736,297

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>67,270</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,673,157</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				4	5
	ACRES		175				2,148	2,323
Northern California	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		30					30
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			2			6	8
	ACRES			172			66	238
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						176	176
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						100	100
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						7	7
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	2	0	0	17	20
	ACRES	0	205	172	0	0	2,497	2,874

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIRES	38	89	65	1		278	471
	ACRES	7,626	14,629	4,941	30		61,106	88,332
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	100	19		184	356
	ACRES	251	761	14,908	4,145		22,635	42,700
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	11		76	111
	ACRES		27	1,686	756		6,213	8,682
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	9	83	3	62	501	698
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	14,249	1,046	3,236	46,245	70,697
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	26	4	4	20	57	112
	ACRES	149	13,198	2,447	1,252	1,515	19,522	38,083
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,239	541	414		971	4,165
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	14		358	408
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,976		86,199	118,659
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	43	48	163	19	13	128	414
	ACRES	5,117	13,408	23,593	13,864	3,347	49,259	108,588
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,086	206	1,713
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,953	34,758	171,491
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	80	395	1,148	1,878
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	84,152	212,772	1,000,514	1,397,792
TOTAL	FIRES	228	241	1,022	177	1,581	2,941	6,190
	ACRES	42,904	85,444	210,518	121,078	317,724	1,327,422	2,105,090

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				62,266			62,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		13	18
	ACRES				200		1,771	1,971
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				3,165		0	3,165
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,690		222	4,912
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	48	49
	ACRES				0	10	13,498	13,508
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13		2			15
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		26	35
	ACRES				1,705		14,404	16,109
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	1,022	2	0	6	1,058
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	613	10,175
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	41	1,022	62	0	162	1,287
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,469	2,281	32,919	119,453

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,326	224,526
Yukon Territory			273	1,843,260
Alberta			1,536	234,420
Northwest Territory			286	347,292
Saskatchewan			321	240,672
Manitoba			222	4,895
Ontario			367	1,493
Quebec			258	3,013
Newfoundland			144	8,432
New Brunswick			239	295
Nova Scotia			248	246
Prince Edward Island			20	15
National Parks			88	197,904
Total			6,328	3,106,463

**\*\*\*The next weekly update for CIFFC will be on 9/30/2004\*\*\***

**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		1								
Northwest			3						3	
Northern California	2		2							
Southern California	54	9	41	13	19				28	57
Northern Rockies			4	2						
Eastern Great Basin	1		2		1					
Western Great Basin			2							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain									1	1
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area	19	1							606	214
Total	76	11	54	15	20	0	0	0	641	272

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