

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 37 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana and Texas (FEMA Region VI) and in Mississippi for (FEMA Region IV). The Marietta Mobilization Center in Marietta, GA continues to house and in-brief resources prior to assignment.

A link to a map with resources mobilized for hurricane response is located at http://gacc.nifc.gov/sacc/predictive/intelligence/Resource_Map.pdf.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 at the state Emergency Operations Centers in Jackson, MS and Baton Rouge, LA are staffed.

Seven Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Johnson, Goheen, Stewart, Floyd, Carlson, LaFave and Brunner) are assigned.

Johnson: managing base camps at Gulfport and Vancleave, MS.

Goheen: managing a mobilization center and base camp at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA.

Stewart: assessing timber damage and assisting with wildfire suppression at Hammond, LA.

Floyd: managing a receiving and distribution center and supporting a mobilization center at Bossier City, LA.

Carlson: managing the Jackson Support Base in the New Orleans French Quarter and supporting several satellite camps in southern Louisiana.

LaFave: managing distribution sites in Hancock County from a base camp at Stennis Space Center, MS.

Brunner: supporting distribution centers and several emergency operations centers in three counties and managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX.

SALT CREEK, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 5 miles northeast of Pooleville, TX in hardwood timber, mesquite and grass. Gusty winds and high fire behavior hindered containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SALT CREEK	TX	TXS	200	60	10/20	54	0	25	0	0	NR	PRI

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will bring dry weather from Southern California to the Gulf Coast states except for some showers over southern Florida. Hurricane Wilma is expected to reach the west coast of Florida on Saturday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Morning low clouds and fog in the coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	Mountains: 60 to 75. Valleys: 70 to 80. Upper deserts: 70 to 80. Lower deserts: 85 to 95.	20 to 40%.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Standard Fire Orders

The NWCG approved a revision of the Standard Fire Orders, in accordance with their original arrangements. The orders are arranged according to their importance and grouped in logical sequence. Review and consider Standard Fire Orders as a part of every shift.

- Did you receive or request adequate weather briefing, current and predicted fire behavior, wind direction, predicted humidity, fuel moisture, local factor?
- Do you have map of the fire? Is topography, type of fuels, direction of the spread defined?
- Fire behavior group deals with what the firefighter will encounter - weather, fire status, fire behavior.
 1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
 2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
 3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
- Are you familiar with direction, distance, location, size of escape routes and safety zones?
- Discuss the need for lookout, such as extreme fire behavior, fire located out of line-of-sight.
- Discuss importance of the situational awareness.
- Fireline safety group emphasizes personal safety.
 4. Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.
 5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
 6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
- Review importance and means of passing tactical decisions and resource movement.
- Review other factors influencing potential changes in tactics, which could affect control of your forces.
- Organizational Control group is centered around tactical decisions.
 7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
 8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
 9. Maintain control of your forces at all time.
- After you have considered, discussed and acted on the previous nine orders:
 10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

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					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	1	1
Southern California	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES					23		23
	ACRES					739		739
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	28	9	37
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	739	6	745

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	1,917,880	1,633,875	3,409	849,051	337	4,404,556
Northwest	FIRES	176	237	29	38	1,387	902	2,769
	ACRES	28,097	43,134	5,797	122	73,872	99,907	250,929
Northern California	FIRES	164	31	12	15	2,141	498	2,861
	ACRES	248	24,898	45	101	26,922	8,326	60,540
Southern California	FIRES	126	119	13	55	2,623	678	3,614
	ACRES	1,283	5,967	136	74,222	47,912	10,173	139,693
Northern Rockies	FIRES	496	62	32	12	652	664	1,918
	ACRES	20,362	8,800	9,795	25	38,246	51,734	128,962
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	719	8	36	708	588	2,112
	ACRES	23,199	637,104	8	2,681	149,476	105,839	918,307
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	513	19	26	112	115	794
	ACRES	3,069	883,272	13,312	258	114,123	18,070	1,032,104
Southwest	FIRES	1,554	361	41	52	1,320	1,500	4,828
	ACRES	34,713	159,215	35,642	364	130,451	423,449	783,834
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	284	489	31	22	619	524	1,969
	ACRES	6,879	9,830	553	30	31,915	24,571	73,778
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		66	54	10,469	572	11,756
	ACRES	7,114		1,794	963	68,622	9,986	88,479
Southern Area	FIRES	214		181	37	21,250	553	22,235
	ACRES	26,885		42,104	2,474	269,551	14,442	355,456
TOTAL	FIRES	3,675	2,627	491	363	41,685	6,622	55,463
	ACRES	151,853	3,690,100	1,743,061	84,649	1,800,141	766,834	8,236,638

Ten Year Average Fires	71,139
Ten Year Average Acres	4,610,754

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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		3				14	17
	ACRES		146				567	713
Northern California	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						283	283
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						78	78
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			0	0	0
	ACRES		46			84	110	240
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						173	173
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					0	0	0
	ACRES					36	6	42
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			47		30		77
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						111	111
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	1	0	1	33	38
	ACRES	0	192	47	0	150	1,328	1,717

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	20	123	87	3	1	294	528
	ACRES	7,286	29,507	4,883	265	1	30,111	72,053
Northern California	FIRES	12	24	142	34		220	432
	ACRES	188	1,222	25,800	5,115		22,689	55,014
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	7	19	1	85	119
	ACRES	1,000	402	604	5,373	20	7,322	14,721
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	35	108	6	36	349	543
	ACRES	495	4,817	24,014	192	3,498	39,640	72,656
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	37	6	9	19	80	152
	ACRES	1	19,798	1,460	63	1,651	22,856	45,829
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14	11	3		2	30
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,903	13,130
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12	1	342	412
	ACRES	6,342	52,110	3,210	17,697	300	87,046	166,705
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	52	102	20	32	130	366
	ACRES	3,871	23,145	20,400	12,451	3,937	37,539	101,343
Eastern Area	FIRES	44		496	36	1,131	188	1,895
	ACRES	17,741		68,747	4,423	70,710	40,172	201,793
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	406	1,123	1,778
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	271,531	901,949	1,319,086
TOTAL	FIRES	159	338	1,118	200	1,631	2,813	6,259
	ACRES	44,104	137,419	236,137	100,795	352,274	1,192,227	2,062,956

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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		35		1		1	37
	ACRES		0		2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				3		5	8
	ACRES				791		1	792
Southern California	FIRES				14		18	32
	ACRES				9,056		2,355	11,411
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		101	107
	ACRES				166		85,156	85,322
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	42	46
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,981	119,022
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	78	2	68	3	273	425
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	164,832	1,767	296,987	497,073

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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	1		9		1				4	
Northern California	6		7				2			
Southern California	1				1		11		4	
Northern Rockies									5	
Eastern Great Basin	1		2	2			1		17	1
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain				1					4	7
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			1	25		1	3			2
Total	9	0	19	28	2	1	17	0	34	10

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