

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 106 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Northern Rockies Area and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Areas, and two in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce and white spruce. Active surface fire on several flanks was observed.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Cooler temperatures and higher humidity levels moderated fire behavior to intermittent torching and creeping.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Rock Creek, Preacher Creek, Middle Birch, Big Bluff and Takoma Bluff fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Cooler temperatures and isolated showers on the fire area moderated fire behavior.

BOUNDARY, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Smoldering fire behavior was observed.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Minimal fire activity was reported.

TORS, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 30 miles east of Fairbanks, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Minimal ground fire activity was observed.

EVANSVILLE, Bureau of Land Management, Tanana Zone. This fire is one half mile southeast of Bettles, AK in black spruce. Low fire behavior was observed. Crews continue to secure containment lines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	174,000	50	9/30	271	8	3	4	3	5.1M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,306,605	NR	10/01	349	10	15	5	6	13.3M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	451,162	25	UNK	86	2	5	2	15	9.4M
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	537,098	75	UNK	44	0	0	1	30	17.7M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	8,600	0	9/30	48	2	0	0	0	315K
TORS	AK	FAS	30,714	NR	UNK	11	0	1	1	0	119K
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	122,000	NR	UNK	25	1	0	1	0	1.5 M

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAIL DRAW, Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Vernal, UT in timber, pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. Rapid rates of spread, spotting, and flame lengths up to eight feet were observed.

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. Steep and rough terrain, poor access and roll-out from the fire are major concerns. Active fire behavior and minimal fire growth were observed. Nighttime inversion is contributing to 24 hour fire activity. 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
MAIL DRAW	UT	VLD	3,000	20	UNK	187	5	8	4	0	NR
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	3,105	5	9/10	270	7	9	5	0	304K

## NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

DEEP CREEK, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. This fire is ten miles west of Amidon, ND in grass and ponderosa pine. Wind-driven fire behavior with long-range spotting and crowning was reported.

RICHARDTON, State of North Dakota. This fire is ten miles south of Richardton, ND in tall grass. A wind-driven fire behavior with high rates of spread was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEEP CREEK	ND	DPF	3,900	0	UNK	31	0	8	1	0	NR
RICHARDTON	ND	NDS	1,000	70	9/2	50	0	12	0	0	NR
DESERT	ND	NDS	350	100	---	29	0	8	0	0	NR

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BASIN DRAW, Crook County, WY. This fire is four miles west of Aladdin, WY in logging slash, grass, and timber. Extreme fire behavior was caused by hot, dry and windy conditions. Long range spotting, torching, and crowning were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BASIN DRAW	WY	CRX	2,007	0	UNK	153	5	16	1	0	NR
WELL	CO	UMA	1,117	100	---	175	5	11	2	0	583.5K

UMA = Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ute Mountain Ute Agency

## NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Minimal fire activity was observed.

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte, Crescent Lake, Freezeout and Freezeout 2 fires, and the Devil's Creek and Jacks Wildland Fire Use incidents is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. 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
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	90	UNK	147	3	6	3	3	27.3M
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	2,095	90	UNK	86	2	0	1	0	6M

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

UNIT 7-04-1W, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is five miles northeast of Johnson Bayou, LA in tall grass. The fishing area remains closed. The fire is being monitored with engines and a fire boat. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
UNIT 7-04-1W	LA	SBR	971	50	9/2	15	0	3	1	0	8K
BOAT HOUSE	LA	SBR	1,700	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	14K
WEST COVE 04-3W	LA	SBR	524	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

### OUTLOOK:

**Red flag Warnings:** Red Flag Warning for central and southern Utah and central and southern Nevada for strong gusty winds and low humidity. Also for northeast Wyoming and western South Dakota for winds, hot temperatures, dry relative humidity, and dry fuels.

**Fire Weather Watches:** Fire Weather Watch for northeast Utah for strong winds and potentially critically low relative humidity Thursday. Also for western Colorado for strong winds, low relative humidity, hot temperatures, and dry fuels. Northern California also has Fire Weather Watches for the Upper Trinity River region, interior Mendocino county, the north costal mountains of the Mendocino and Shasta Trinity National Forests and adjacent California Department of Forestry (CDF) units, west slope of the northern Sierra Nevada including the Lassen, the Plumas, the Tahoe, the Eldorado, and the Stanislaus National Forests and adjacent CDF units, Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, and all areas of the Monterey forecast area for strong winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** Fire Danger will be elevated today across much of the Dakotas and into northern Minnesota as a cold front ushers in gusty winds and thunderstorms. Toward the West, the Great Basin will still see very windy conditions again today with areas of low relative humidity and thunderstorms. In California, low relative humidity and windy conditions will be in place today. In addition, northern California will mostly likely see moderate north to northeast winds developing overnight tonight and lasting into Friday morning. Hurricane Frances is expected to track through the Bahamas today packing winds up to 140 mph. Landfall along the southeast coast is expected sometime on Saturday at this point.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> <b>Eastern Interior</b> Mostly cloudy with rain likely. <b>Kenai Peninsula</b> Rain showers.	<b>Eastern Interior</b> Upper 40s and 50s. <b>Kenai Peninsula</b> Near 60.	<b>Eastern Interior</b> Above 40%. <b>Kenai Peninsula</b> Above 60%.	<b>Eastern Interior</b> West to northwest 5 to 10 mph. <b>Kenai Peninsula</b> Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the north 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> <b>Upper Mississippi Valley</b> Partly to mostly sunny. Very warm and becoming windy.	<b>Upper Mississippi Valley</b> 80s.	<b>Upper Mississippi Valley</b> 30 to 40% western Minnesota. 35 to 45% eastern Minnesota, northwest Wisconsin and the western parts of the upper peninsula of Michigan.	<b>Upper Mississippi Valley</b> South wind increasing to 15 to 25 mph, gusting up to 40 mph mainly over the Northwest half of Minnesota.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Breezy and much cooler. Scattered showers or thunderstorms east portions, isolated showers west. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Becoming mostly cloudy, breezy, and much cooler in northwest Utah with a cold front moving through bringing a chance of rain. Partly cloudy, windy, and hot elsewhere with isolated showers or thunderstorms.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 15 to 20 degrees cooler. 53 to 64 mountains. 65 to 77 valleys. <b>Utah and Arizona Strip:</b> 64 to 82 northwest Utah. Elsewhere: 73 to 88 mountains. 88 to 105 valleys. 105 to 110 Lake Mead area.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 25 to 44% mountains. 20 to 32% valleys. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 13 to 28% mountains. 7 to 18% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> West to northwest 10 to 25 mph with gusts 30 to 45 mph. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Northwest 10 to 20 mph northwest Utah. Southwest 15 to 30 mph with gusts over 40 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly clear. Some areas of coastal morning low clouds and fog.	Warmest inland areas 80s to mid 90s.	10 to 22% warmest inland valleys.	Mostly west northwest to north 5 to 17 mph with areas of gusts to around 25 mph.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Cloudy and cool with scattered showers mainly Washington and northern Oregon.	<b>West of Cascades:</b> Cooler. Mostly 50s western Washington to lower 70s southwest Oregon interior. <b>East of Cascades:</b> Cooler. Mostly 50s higher terrain and 60s valleys.	<b>West of Cascades:</b> Mostly above 60%, except 30 to 50% southwest Oregon interior. <b>East of Cascades:</b> Generally 25 to 50% valleys and above 60% higher terrain.	<b>West of Cascades:</b> Northwest 5 to 15 mph. <b>East of Cascades:</b> Not as windy with northwest winds 10 to 15 mph and gusts to 30 mph likely over exposed terrain and including the Columbia Gorge.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Mostly Sunny. Isolated dry thunderstorms portions of Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota.	Highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s.	10% to 20% western Colorado most of Wyoming, and western South Dakota.	15 to 20 mph, gusts 25 to 40 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning fog lower coastal areas of Southern California, otherwise sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 75 to 95 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 95 to 100 upper deserts. 105 to 112 lower deserts.	15 to 30% valleys 10 to 20% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.

<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Windy with partly cloudy skies and isolated thunderstorms in the northeastern quarter of the state.	North valleys: 72 to 84. South Valleys: 84 to 99. Mountains: 62 to 76.	North Valleys: 14 to 20%. South Valleys: 8 to 12%. South Mtns: 10 to 16%. North Mtns: 18 to 28%.	Southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 to 45 mph.
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Topic of Choice

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0		0		0
	ACRES	44	2,886	50,864		22,230		76,024
Northwest	FIRES	7	3		1	1	12	24
	ACRES	1	60		0	1	2	64
Northern California	FIRES	1		1		10	4	16
	ACRES	5		0		34	17	56
Southern California	FIRES					23	2	25
	ACRES					14	2	16
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6				2	5	13
	ACRES	5				30	3,901	3,936
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		2,906				4	2,910
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	1					7	8
	ACRES	0					0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					3		3
Southern Area	FIRES			0		10		10
	ACRES			1,921		11		1,932
TOTAL	FIRES	15	5	1	1	50	34	106
	ACRES	55	5,853	52,785	0	22,323	3,927	84,943

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	76	18	462	22	642
	ACRES	6,109	1,178,333	1,833,346	29,121	3,172,017	5	6,218,931
Northwest	FIRES	336	295	37	62	1,579	1,232	3,541
	ACRES	22,656	4,428	880	258	17,189	74,553	119,964
Northern California	FIRES	109	87	11	19	2,220	871	3,317
	ACRES	147	8,894	7	481	38,241	9,619	57,389
Southern California	FIRES	36	100	19	45	2,508	677	3,385
	ACRES	668	5,925	1,866	29	62,041	10,215	80,744
Northern Rockies	FIRES	932	70	19	13	759	818	2,611
	ACRES	5,167	1,450	1,062	4	15,938	11,157	34,778
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	55	751	6	44	461	661	1,978
	ACRES	528	40,226	11	57	7,027	47,242	95,091
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	599	11	17	95	140	878
	ACRES	340	21,984	2,665	51	7,856	8,111	41,007
Southwest	FIRES	693	141	5	75	648	1,569	3,131
	ACRES	5,184	5,656	201	514	6,997	281,918	300,470
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	327	449	34	45	420	422	1,697
	ACRES	5,254	4,388	1,272	37	22,584	8,030	41,565
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	29	7,377	469	8,417
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	109	56,862	5,653	70,068
Southern Area	FIRES	131		63	43	24,748	582	25,567
	ACRES	15,821		15,001	3,467	315,011	73,419	422,719
TOTAL	FIRES	3,136	2,550	328	410	41,277	7,463	55,164
	ACRES	66,983	1,271,284	1,858,646	34,128	3,721,763	529,922	7,482,726

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>61,730</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,322,002</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				1
	ACRES			40				40
Northern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				140			140
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						44	44
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						5	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		270				62	332
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						54	54
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	4	5
	ACRES	0	270	40	140	0	165	615

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			17,027		50,027
Northwest	FIRES	38	82	46	1		262	429
	ACRES	7,626	7,221	4,538	30		58,329	77,744
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	2,830		22,617	40,593
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	374	541
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,626	63,756
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	18	48	96
	ACRES	149	12,452	547	1,102	1,490	18,115	33,855
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	5			5	18
	ACRES		1,488	541			971	3,000
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		326	374
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		78,698	109,208
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	115	375
	ACRES	5,117	12,351	22,280	13,664	3,947	45,750	103,109
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,074	196	1,691
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,689	28,353	164,822
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	393	1,130	1,856
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,739	1,386,990
TOTAL	FIRES	224	221	974	166	1,547	2,715	5,847
	ACRES	42,204	74,747	204,411	107,011	311,964	1,301,411	2,041,748

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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		7	12
	ACRES				200		1,545	1,745
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				240		0	240
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,398		222	4,620
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		62	77
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	42	43
	ACRES				0	25	8,632	8,657
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				558		12,554	13,112
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24	3	2	0	5	34
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	612	10,174
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	36	3	62	0	147	248
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	72,105	2,296	25,976	108,161

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	2,316	215,000
Yukon Territory	0	106,686	273	1,561,596
Alberta	3	0	1,524	234,422
Northwest Territory	2	0	286	346,485
Saskatchewan	1	0	318	238,224
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	2	0	361	1,492
Quebec	2	24	254	3,014
Newfoundland	1	0	143	8,432
New Brunswick	1	0	239	291
Nova Scotia	0	0	243	245
Prince Edward Island	0	0	20	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>106,690</b>	<b>6,286</b>	<b>2,812,013</b>

**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	14	9	7	17	4	10			148	130
Northwest	8	1	13	9	2	5			47	36
Northern California	5	4	8	5	1				7	3
Southern California	1	4		5		1			2	5
Northern Rockies			6	22	2					8
Eastern Great Basin	13	1	19	3	14	1			53	5
Western Great Basin			1							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	6	4	7	23	2	1			53	7
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			3		1				4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>194</b>

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