

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2004 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 44 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest and Southern California Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, 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 (Mann) 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. An Area Command Team (Ribar) has been ordered. Numerous resources have been mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, Type 1 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 assigned to a base camp in Pensacola, FL. A Type 1 incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned to manage a staging area at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is staged in Atlanta, GA and will transition with Oltrogge's Type 1 Incident Management Team on 9/19. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to Eglin Air Force Base, Pensacola, FL and is supporting receiving and distribution of supplies. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) has been assigned to Sarasota, FL and is supporting receiving and distribution of mobile homes. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Wilcock) is assigned to the Alabama State Emergency Operations Center in Clanton, AL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) managing a base camp in Baldwin County, AL. A Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Koehler) is assigned in Lakeland, FL and is implementing a supply receiving, distribution, inventory and tracking system. A North Carolina State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL and is supporting receiving and distribution of supplies.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LEFEVRE, Kaibab National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) has been ordered. This fire is six miles north of Jacob Lake, AZ in pinyon pine and juniper. Fire behavior was active with crowning. Highway 89a is closed from Fredonia to Jacob Lake.

HUNTER, Gila National Forest. This fire is ten miles southeast of Mogollon, NM in timber and grass. Minimal fire activity was reported with creeping and isolated torching. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LEFEVRE	AZ	KNF	170	UNK	UNK	176	6	6	3	0	NR
HUNTER	NM	GNF	250	10	9/18	20	1	0	0	0	2K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

LITTLE, Stanislaus National Forest. This fire is five miles northwest of Pinecrest, CA in logging slash and timber. Fire activity was moderate with group torching and spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LITTLE	CA	STF	110	5	UNK	166	6	10	6	0	NR
TUOLUMNE	CA	STF	800	100	---	48	1	5	1	0	2.2M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CONCRETE	UT	SLD	544	100	---	105	4	3	1	0	80K

SLD = Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office

OUTLOOK:

FIRE WEATHER WATCHES: Saturday for winds, low relative humidity levels, dry fuels and isolated dry lightning for northwest Colorado, central Nevada and northeast Utah.

Weather Discussion: A storm system will drop out of the Gulf of Alaska and into the northwest quarter of the country this weekend. Showers will be widespread along with cooler temperatures as the trough deepens into Sunday. Moisture from tropical storm Javier will be drawn north into Arizona and southeast California late today and persist into Sunday. Winds will be quite high across the central California mountains and over the Great Basin. In the Southeast, Tropical Storm Jeanne is expected to intensify back into a hurricane as it passes through the southern Bahamas today.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise partly cloudy with scattered showers over Southern California, mainly over the mountains and deserts south and east of Cajon Pass.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 65 to 80 mountains. 75 to 85 valleys. 75 to 85 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	20 to 35% mountains, 20 to 35% deserts, 30 to 45% valleys.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of rain showers far northwest by late afternoon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy north and partly cloudy south.	70s to mid 80s inland valleys, 50s and 60s coast and mountains.	10 to 20% east side, otherwise 20 to 35% inland valleys.	Southwest to northwest 7 to 15 mph with local gusts to 35 mph; strongest along and east of the Cascades to the Sierra crest.

<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms west, dry east.</p>	<p>Highs ranging from the 80s to mid 90s, with 70s in the mountains.</p>	<p>Below 20% portions of Colorado, eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota, with higher values elsewhere.</p>	<p>Southwest 10 to 25 mph.</p>
<p>EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Rain/snow showers mountains scattered rain showers Snake River Plain. Isolated thunderstorms western Wyoming. Northern Utah: Partly cloudy and windy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly in mountains. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy and windy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly in the mountains.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 51 to 68 mountains, 68 to 78 valleys. Northern Utah: 65 to 78 mountains, 75 to 85 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 68 to 85 mountains, 82 to 92 valleys, except 95 to 101 Lake Mead area.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 40 to 65% mountains, 20 to 40% valley. Northern Utah: 20 to 27% mountains, 13 to 20% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 25 to 35% mountains, 15 to 25% valleys.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest to west 8 to 15 mph with gusts to 30 to 40 mph western Wyoming. Northern Utah: South 15 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph possible. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: South to southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph west.</p>
<p>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly sunny, chance for a thunderstorm across the southeast.</p>	<p>North valleys: 66 to 76. South valleys: 76 to 96. Mountains: 55 to 75.</p>	<p>North valleys: 10 to 25%. North mountains: 20 to 35%. South valleys: 10 to 25%. South mountains: 10 to 25%.</p>	<p>Southwest to west at 10 to 25 mph with gusts to 45 mph in spots.</p>



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DRIVING SAFETY

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about every thing you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?

- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
 - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
 - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
 - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
 - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
 - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
 - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving, pull over and park.
 - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations causal and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
 - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.

- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		3		3
	ACRES			584		56		640
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES	2				13	1	16
	ACRES	2				5	0	7
Southern California	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					3		3
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		346			26		372
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		20					20
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					5	15	20
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					110	21	131
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	0	0	37	3	44
	ACRES	2	366	584	0	207	36	1,195

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	81	18	485	22	670
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,655	1,879,225	29,426	3,270,566	5	6,377,986
Northwest	FIRES	345	300	37	62	1,661	1,248	3,653
	ACRES	22,663	4,622	880	258	17,471	74,472	120,366
Northern California	FIRES	120	87	12	19	2,457	907	3,602
	ACRES	154	8,894	43	481	51,386	9,646	70,604
Southern California	FIRES	36	110	21	47	2,735	725	3,674
	ACRES	668	6,036	1,867	29	66,791	10,627	86,018
Northern Rockies	FIRES	936	71	19	13	780	852	2,671
	ACRES	5,432	1,470	1,062	4	18,141	11,079	37,188
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	60	791	2	46	543	703	2,145
	ACRES	532	41,107	1	61	8,654	47,257	97,612
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	626	12	17	99	146	916
	ACRES	340	21,946	2,665	51	7,858	8,362	41,222
Southwest	FIRES	708	146	5	75	665	1,670	3,269
	ACRES	5,183	5,685	201	514	7,039	282,144	300,766
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	334	462	36	49	450	457	1,788
	ACRES	5,263	4,998	1,273	37	24,131	8,058	43,760
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	31	10,105	471	11,149
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	79,760	5,654	92,968
Southern Area	FIRES	133		64	43	24,952	592	25,784
	ACRES	15,826		20,866	3,467	321,288	73,465	434,912
TOTAL	FIRES	3,189	2,651	336	420	44,932	7,793	59,321
	ACRES	67,279	1,287,413	1,910,418	34,438	3,873,085	530,769	7,703,402

Ten Year Average Fires	66,175
Ten Year Average Acres	3,645,183

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES			2			1	3
	ACRES			67			1	68
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			1	1	2
	ACRES		245			50	29	324
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				270			270
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	2	1	1	2	6
	ACRES	0	245	67	270	50	30	662

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	87	63	1		266	455
	ACRES	7,626	14,155	4,929	30		58,359	85,099
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	98	19		183	353
	ACRES	251	731	14,259	4,145		22,617	42,003
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	9	77	3	45	447	621
	ACRES	2,585	3,336	12,590	1,046	3,066	44,064	66,687
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	25	4	4	19	52	105
	ACRES	149	13,119	2,447	1,252	1,540	19,302	37,809
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,263	541	414		971	4,189
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	14		342	392
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	10,976		85,692	118,152
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	43	45	164	19	12	119	402
	ACRES	5,117	13,271	24,611	13,864	3,947	47,079	107,889
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,084	201	1,706
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,946	34,629	171,355
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	395	1,138	1,866
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,772	1,000,105	1,387,383
TOTAL	FIRES	228	235	1,013	174	1,560	2,829	6,039
	ACRES	42,904	84,748	209,216	111,040	318,172	1,319,031	2,085,111

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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				4,536		222	4,758
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	47	48
	ACRES				0	10	11,365	11,375
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13		2			15
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		13,003	14,708
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	3	2	0	6	39
	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	3	62	0	160	266
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	76,315	2,281	29,385	115,765

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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 9/23/2004*****

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										
Northwest	3	1	4		1				3	
Northern California	3									
Southern California	12	6	11	14	5	2			10	171
Northern Rockies			1	1						
Eastern Great Basin	4	7	16	5	6				6	2
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	9		6		3				81	2
Rocky Mountain	3		9	2					13	
Eastern Area									2	
Southern Area										
Total	34	14	47	22	15	2	0	0	115	175

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