

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2004 – 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 102 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Montana, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Presidential Disaster Declarations have been issued for Hurricane Frances in Florida on 9/4; for Hurricane Ivan in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi on 9/16; and for Hurricane Jeanne in Florida on 9/26. An Area Command Team (Zimmerman) is assigned to the Florida Disaster Field Office, Orlando, FL. 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 (Hart) is managing a base camp at Saufley Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is managing a base camp in Brewton, AL, supporting the receiving and distribution of supplies and debris removal in central Alabama.

**HURRICANE JEANNE RESPONSE**, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Kearney) is managing a base camp in Martin County, FL. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) to a Type 3 organization will begin today. The Type 3 organization will be assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL and continue supporting the receiving and distribution of relief supplies.

**HURRICANE IVAN RECOVERY**, Gulf Islands National Seashore. A National Park Service All-Risk Incident Management Team (Wissinger) is assigned. The Team is managing clean-up and recovery efforts.

**HURRICANE JEANNE RECOVERY**, State of Florida. A Florida Division of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jones) is managing the distribution of relief supplies in Polk County, FL.

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

GANNETT ROAD, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Southern Idaho Area. This fire is three miles south of Bellevue, ID in sagebrush and grass. Difficult access to the fire area due to steep, rough terrain is a major concern. Rapid rates of spread at the head of the fire with moderate rates of spread on the flanks were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GANNETT ROAD	ID	SID	400	10	10/6	75	0	9	1	0	NR

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue to bring warm and dry conditions over much of the interior West today. Some thunderstorms will once again occur in the afternoon heating over Colorado, New Mexico and northern Texas. Late in the evening, a front will approach the Pacific Northwest. This will bring a chance of showers to the Washington Cascades overnight.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	10 to 25% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. 5 to 15% deserts.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Sunny northwest, partly cloudy east and central with isolated afternoon thunderstorms.	North Valleys: 72 to 85. South Valleys: 74 to 90. Mountains: 60 to 78.	Valleys: 10 to 18%. Mountains: 16 to 24%.	Northwest to north 5 to 10 mph with afternoon gusts to 20 mph.



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

### **WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS**

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the "Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts" in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or "chimneys" on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

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- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2				2	2	6
	ACRES	1				2	1	4
Northern California	FIRES	1			1	11	9	22
	ACRES	0			0	1	6	7
Southern California	FIRES		1			10	3	14
	ACRES		1			0	1	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5					1	6
	ACRES	2					1	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		2				0	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					24	4	28
	ACRES					77	6	83
Southern Area	FIRES					18	2	20
	ACRES					127	0	127
TOTAL	FIRES	8	5	0	1	66	22	102
	ACRES	3	3	0	0	207	15	228

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	81	18	490	23	676
	ACRES	6,109	1,194,125	1,875,977	29,426	3,292,494	5	6,398,136
Northwest	FIRES	360	306	38	62	1,714	1,288	3,768
	ACRES	22,674	4,796	1,370	258	18,159	74,589	121,846
Northern California	FIRES	137	87	12	23	2,622	987	3,868
	ACRES	178	8,894	43	481	51,545	9,737	70,878
Southern California	FIRES	38	112	34	49	2,899	774	3,906
	ACRES	671	6,037	1,867	30	67,057	11,567	87,229
Northern Rockies	FIRES	976	63	19	13	783	859	2,713
	ACRES	6,363	1,448	1,062	4	18,143	11,082	38,102
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	62	856	2	47	568	724	2,259
	ACRES	522	41,386	1	60	8,798	37,453	88,220
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	641	13	17	100	148	935
	ACRES	340	23,138	2,666	51	7,858	8,363	42,416
Southwest	FIRES	728	172	5	76	673	1,725	3,379
	ACRES	5,287	6,127	201	514	7,046	282,456	301,631
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	465	37	50	455	465	1,808
	ACRES	5,465	4,998	1,273	37	24,431	8,058	44,262
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	31	10,597	493	11,663
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	82,535	5,789	95,878
Southern Area	FIRES	140		65	44	25,790	611	26,650
	ACRES	16,015		21,186	3,468	330,121	73,635	444,425
TOTAL	FIRES	3,294	2,760	353	430	46,691	8,097	61,625
	ACRES	68,733	1,290,949	1,907,981	34,439	3,908,187	522,734	7,733,023

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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						731	731
Northern California	FIRES			0	1			1
	ACRES			557	63			620
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					60	49	109
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						103	103
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		30					30
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		1				264	265
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					97		97
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						13	13
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	2	7	10
	ACRES	0	31	557	63	157	1,160	1,968

**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	92	68	1		309	508
	ACRES	7,626	18,429	5,152	30		68,483	99,720
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	106	22		184	365
	ACRES	251	2,097	16,039	4,678		23,685	46,750
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	13		76	113
	ACRES		27	1,686	851		6,213	8,777
Northern Rockies	FIRES	43	9	93	3	99	599	846
	ACRES	2,761	3,336	16,873	1,046	4,402	49,230	77,648
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	30	4	5	23	75	138
	ACRES	149	14,572	2,447	4,753	3,485	25,463	50,869
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	5	3		5	23
	ACRES		2,347	541	414		971	4,273
Southwest	FIRES	22	15	7	15		399	458
	ACRES	4,964	4,876	12,769	11,376		89,026	123,011
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	47	48	164	19	13	134	425
	ACRES	6,277	13,412	24,611	13,864	3,347	49,850	111,361
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		372	23	1,096	208	1,726
	ACRES	14,804		43,704	4,443	74,611	36,417	173,979
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	81	395	1,156	1,887
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	86,652	212,772	1,000,927	1,400,705
TOTAL	FIRES	243	248	1,043	185	1,631	3,145	6,495
	ACRES	45,335	92,096	215,673	128,107	321,518	1,350,265	2,152,994

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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				4,712		222	4,934
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	61	62
	ACRES				0	10	13,498	13,508
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15		2			17
	ACRES		494		0			494
Southwest	FIRES				9		26	35
	ACRES				1,705		14,759	16,464
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	43	3	62	0	175	283
	ACRES	0	7,490	295	76,491	2,281	33,274	119,831

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**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	2		1		1					
Northern California	3		12		2					
Southern California	1									
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1		12		2				19	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			5						2	3
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	6	3			1				425	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>140</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,195</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,901,565</b>

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