

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 77 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported in the Southern California Area. One large fire was contained in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, and Washington.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Three Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes, Zimmerman and Rounsaville). A fourth Area Command Team (Ribar) has been ordered to replace Williams-Rhodes' Team.

Williams-Rhodes' Team is providing Incident Management Team coordination at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA (FEMA Region IV). An additional Area Command Team (Ribar) has been ordered, and will replace Williams-Rhodes' Team. Zimmerman's Team is located at the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA and is coordinating relief operations in Louisiana (FEMA Region VI). Rounsaville's Team is in San Antonio, TX, and is coordinating relief operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas (FEMA Region VI). The Marietta Mobilization Center in Georgia continues to house and in-brief Incident Management Teams and other 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:

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

Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Krugman, Anderson and Wilcock) are assigned.

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

Anderson: Under unified command with New Orleans, New York City and Illinois fire departments, is providing fire and emergency response to the City of New Orleans.

Wilcock: Is engaged in hazard fuel mitigation and fire suppression for counties in southeast Mississippi.

Seven Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Smith, Thomas, Larsen, Furlong/Gormley, West, Johnson and Houseman) are assigned. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Cowin and Dave Johnson) have been ordered.

Smith: Is managing receiving and distribution operations at Barron Point Camp north of Gulfport, MS.

Thomas: Is managing a base camp at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS.

Larsen: Is supporting the St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel, LA.

Furlong/Gormley: Is managing a mobilization center and base camp at Camp Beauregard, near Pineville, LA.

West: Is managing a staging area at Saints Support Base Camp in New Orleans.

Allen Johnson: Is managing five points of distribution in Hancock County from Stennis Space Center, MS.

Houseman: Is being assigned to Hammond, LA. No new information was reported.

Two Logistics Management Teams (LMT) (Floyd and Hayes) are assigned. The Teams are operating mobilization centers and trailer staging areas in Bossier City, LA, and Texarkana, AR. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service teams are engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue operations in Louisiana and Texas.

HURRICANE RITA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Austin, TX, is staffed with Emergency Support Function #4 personnel. A Planning Section Team is in place at the RRCC.

Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Oltrogge, Sandman, Lohrey, Bennett and Sexton) are assigned. Another Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) has been ordered.

Oltrogge: Is operating a receiving and distribution center, and base camp at Lufkin, TX.

Sandman: Is managing a base camp and supporting several evacuee centers in San Antonio, TX.

Lohrey and Bennett: Are managing a base camp at Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, TX. The Teams are also supporting points of distribution centers and two Emergency Operations Centers in Beaumont and Port Arthur, TX.

Sexton: The Team is supporting the Lake Charles Regional Staging Area (RSA) and six points of distribution sites at Lake Charles, LA. The team is also assessing wildland fuels loading and wildfire potential for Calcasieu Parish.

Five Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Sinclear, Quesinberry, Saleen, Larsen and Rogers) are assigned.

Sinclear: The Team is operating a receiving and distribution center at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX.

Quesinberry: The Team is awaiting assignment at Lufkin, TX. No new information was reported.

Saleen: Is managing a receiving and distribution center and base camp at Jennings, LA.

Larsen: Is establishing a receiving and distribution center in Lafayette, LA, and the St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel, LA.

Rogers: Is managing a base camp and receiving and distribution center at the Reliant Arena in Houston, TX.

CLINCH MOUNTAIN, Tennessee Division of Forestry. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Knoxville, TN in hardwood litter. No further 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	ORIGIN OWN
CLINCH MOUNTAIN	TN	TNS	560	85	UNK	6	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

TOPANGA, Los Angeles County Fire Department. This fire is located in Chatsworth, CA in chaparral. Residences, electrical and communication equipment, rail lines, and wildlife habitats are threatened. Evacuations and road and rail line closures are in place. High winds are hampering containment efforts. Extreme fire behavior with long range spotting was reported.

SAN TIMOTEO, Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This fire is six miles northeast of Moreno Valley, CA in brush and grass. Residences are threatened. Road closures and voluntary evacuations are in place. Difficult terrain and high winds are hampering containment efforts. Extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TOPANGA	CA	LAC	500	0	9/29	984	19	182	9	3	250K	CNTY
SAN TIMOTEO	CA	RRU	1,330	5	9/30	400	11	51	2	3	NR	ST

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WOOLEY, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This timber fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, 12 miles northeast of Somes Bar, CA. The fire is being managed under a confinement strategy. Cultural sites, fish and spotted owl habitat remain threatened. Inaccessible, steep terrain and heavy fuels continue to hamper containment efforts. An inversion moderated fire behavior causing airshed quality concerns in Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	2,200	0	10/15	56	1	0	3	0	224K	FS

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,868	100	---	0	0	0	0	3	NR	PRI

STF – Sawtooth National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: Fire weather watch for northeast Montana for windy conditions with low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: High winds across Montana today with dry offshore flow continuing over portions of Oregon and California. An upper level weak low pressure center will remain over the Four Corners region with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Another weather system is moving into the Northwest today with showers mainly over portions of Washington and extreme northern Idaho.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Eastern Great Basin Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms southeast corner.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 63 to 77. Valleys: 75 to 83. Northern Utah: Mountains: 61 to 70. Valleys: 70 to 80. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mountains: 61 to 69. Valleys: 70 to 92.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 16% to 23%. Valleys: 10% to 20%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 20% to 30%. Valleys: 15% to 25%. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 35% to 45%. Valleys: 15% to 35%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, AZ strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
Western Great Basin Sunny.	North valleys: 74 to 89. South valleys: 80 to 96. Mountains: 65 to 80.	North Valleys: 8% to 20% South Valleys: 10% to 15%. Mountains: 10 % to 30%.	Upslope and upvalley winds.
Rocky Mountain Dry in the north. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the southern Colorado.	70 to 75. Mid 50s to 60s in the mountains.	Relative humidity around 15% to 30% in the northern portions with 30% to 45% in the south.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph in the eastern plains. Otherwise, variable 5 to 15 mph.
Northern Rockies Very windy, warm and mostly dry conditions will prevail across the geographic area. Northwest Montana may see rain showers as pacific moisture moves through the upper level zonal flow.	West of divide: 70 to 75. East of divide: 75 to 80. North Dakota: 70 to 75.	West of divide: 20% to 30%. East of divide: 20% to 35%. North Dakota: 25% to 35%.	West of divide: West 5 to 15 mph. East of divide: West 20 to 30 mph with locally higher gusts. North Dakota: West 10 to 20 mph.
Northern California Clear and warm with gusty Northeast winds.	Mountains: 60 to 80. Valleys: 90.	10% to 20% driest inland areas and 15% to 30% coast and mountains.	Northeast to Southeast 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph, diminishing in the afternoon.
Southern California Sunny.	Mountains: 75 to 85. Valleys: 90 to 102. Upper deserts: 85 to 95. Lower deserts: 95 to 105.	10% to 20%.	Northeast 15 to 20 mph in the morning, becoming mostly onshore by afternoon.



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

Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

● Hazardous Materials

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

● Illicit Activities

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

● Propane tanks

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

● Utility lines

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

● Septic tanks and fields

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

● New construction materials

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

● Pets and livestock

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them

more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

● Evacuation occurring

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

● Limited access

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				2	2	5
	ACRES	22				0	2	24
Northern California	FIRES					22	4	26
	ACRES					5	609	614
Southern California	FIRES					12	6	18
	ACRES					2	5	7
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				2	2	7
	ACRES	5				5	0	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		2		2	9
	ACRES		5		1		1	7
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			300		300
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					8		8
Southern Area	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					2	1	3
TOTAL	FIRES	4	8	0	2	46	17	77
	ACRES	27	5	0	1	322	618	973

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	173	231	29	37	1,286	851	2,607
	ACRES	28,095	41,684	5,797	121	73,310	99,937	248,944
Northern California	FIRES	149	30	10	15	1,879	459	2,542
	ACRES	246	24,896	14	101	25,793	7,265	58,315
Southern California	FIRES	115	113	13	53	2,358	629	3,281
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,826	33,826	8,905	123,901
Northern Rockies	FIRES	487	63	31	12	635	658	1,886
	ACRES	20,343	8,814	9,795	25	37,766	54,729	131,472
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	699	13	40	681	553	2,038
	ACRES	23,199	630,284	9	2,843	148,270	104,422	909,027
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	498	19	26	104	113	769
	ACRES	3,069	881,995	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,542
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	352	39	52	1,304	1,499	4,765
	ACRES	34,202	158,834	9,639	364	129,848	416,406	749,293
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	283	482	30	22	594	505	1,916
	ACRES	6,871	8,857	553	30	28,543	23,133	67,987
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	54	10,262	560	11,507
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,598	9,574	86,981
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	20,301	526	21,257
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	264,058	14,191	349,670
TOTAL	FIRES	3,599	2,564	459	364	39,808	6,381	53,175
	ACRES	151,309	3,679,169	1,716,926	84,414	1,771,906	756,964	8,160,688

Ten Year Average Fires	68,527
Ten Year Average Acres	4,476,250

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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		70					70
Northern California	FIRES		2		1		1	4
	ACRES		79		115		125	319
Southern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			176				176
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2			1	13	16
	ACRES		270			2	232	504
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		738				353	1,091
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					50		50
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	6	1	1	2	17	27
	ACRES	0	1,157	176	115	52	710	2,210

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	18	107	86	3		218	432
	ACRES	5,651	24,163	4,743	265		20,514	55,336
Northern California	FIRES	12	23	142	30		174	381
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,795	3,137		18,943	49,243
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	6	18		79	109
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	3,685		6,822	12,373
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	31	107	3	36	315	501
	ACRES	495	3,557	23,944	22	2,497	37,215	67,730
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	30	5	7	14	59	116
	ACRES	1	10,495	1,459	42	1,474	13,492	26,963
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14	10	3		2	29
	ACRES		6,418	2,711	348		2,903	12,380
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12		287	356
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		76,389	155,428
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	103	18	24	109	331
	ACRES	3,871	22,050	20,619	10,551	4,851	34,824	96,766
Eastern Area	FIRES	44		483	36	1,122	179	1,864
	ACRES	17,741		68,594	4,423	70,133	39,448	200,339
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,116	1,769
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,702	1,316,938
TOTAL	FIRES	157	304	1,101	188	1,604	2,538	5,892
	ACRES	42,469	119,935	235,217	95,038	350,211	1,151,252	1,994,122

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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				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				13		15	28
	ACRES				8,698		2,306	11,004
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		95	105
	ACRES				55		63,914	63,969
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3		3		96	102
	ACRES		183		166		76,951	77,300
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,868	118,909
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	45	2	63	3	258	372
	ACRES	3,680	2,765	27,225	163,684	1,767	288,620	487,741

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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	1	12				2			3
Northern California	10		19		5	1	4		44	
Southern California		30	7	233	3	11	4		3	82
Northern Rockies				3					5	
Eastern Great Basin	1		14	3	4		2			
Western Great Basin			4							
Southwest	1									
Rocky Mountain							2		2	8
Eastern Area									5	
Southern Area	3		5	11	2		2			9
Total	16	31	61	250	14	12	16	0	59	102

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