

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 113 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Eastern Great Basin and Southern California Areas. Three large fire were contained, one each in the Southern California, Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Four Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes, Ribar, Zimmerman and Rounsaville).

A transfer of command from Williams-Rhodes' Area Command Team to Ribar's Area Command Team will occur today. The Team will provide Incident Management Team coordination at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA (FEMA Region IV). 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 Marietta, 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](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: Is managing the Holy Cross Base Camp under a unified command with New Orleans, New York City and Illinois fire departments, which is providing fire and emergency response to the City of New Orleans.

Wilcock: Is assigned at Purvis, MS, and 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, and assisting with planning and logistics for the Regional Staging Area at Lafayette, 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 a base camp at Stennis Space Center, MS.

Houseman: Is assigned at Hammond, LA, and is assessing timber damage and coordinating wildfire pre-suppression and initial attack planning in three affected parishes in Louisiana.

Three Logistics Management Teams (LMT) (Floyd, Hayes and O'Brien) are assigned. The Teams are operating a mobilization center, trailer staging area and base camp in Bossier City, LA, Texarkana, AR, and Vancleave, MS. 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 assigned at Lufkin, TX, and is operating a receiving and distribution center and base camp, and supporting numerous points of distribution.

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

Lohrey and Bennett: Are jointly 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 and six points of distribution sites at Lake Charles, LA. The team is also assessing wildland fuels loading and wildfire potential for Calcasieu Parish.

Four Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Sinclair, Saleen, Rogers and Quesinberry) are assigned.

Sinclair: The Team is operating a receiving and distribution center at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. The Team is closing down operations today.

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

Rogers: Is managing a base camp and receiving and distribution center at the Reliant Arena in Houston, TX. A transfer of command with another Type 2 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) will occur.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

TOPANGA, Los Angeles County Fire Department, CA. A Unified Command has been established between a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) Type 1 Incident Command Team (Heil) and other agencies. This fire is located in Chatsworth, CA in chaparral. Residences, watershed, electrical transmission lines, rail lines, and communication equipment are threatened. Road closures and evacuations are in place. Steep, inaccessible terrain, high winds, and low humidity continue to hamper containment efforts.

THURMAN, San Bernardino National Forest. This fire is five miles northeast of Redlands, CA in chaparral. Steep terrain and heavy fuels are hampering containment efforts. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TOPANGA	CA	LAC	16,200	12	UNK	2790	84	388	11	3	2M	CNTY
THURMAN	CA	BDF	300	5	UNK	227	8	38	5	0	NR	FS
SAN TIMOTEO	CA	RRU	1,160	100	---	500	20	27	2	3	NR	ST

RRU – Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

**NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

MARTIN ROAD, Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Northeast. This fire is one mile south of Gifford, WA along the Columbia River in timber and grazing lands. Residences are threatened. State and Canadian air support worked together on suppression efforts. Warm temperatures and low humidity are hampering containment efforts. 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
MARTIN ROAD	WA	NES	900	8	10/1	57	1	6	2	0	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. Containment efforts are hampered by inaccessible, steep terrain and heavy fuels. An inversion continues to moderate fire behavior. Isolated torching and spotting were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WOOLEY	CA	KNF	2,363	0	10/25	46	1	0	2	0	236K	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
FALLS	UT	CCD	680	100	---	107	4	7	0	0	NR	BLM

CCD - Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PLUM CANYON	CO	PBX	998	100	---	UNK	0	0	0	0	3K	CNTY

PBX – Pueblo County, CO

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** Has been issued for central and eastern Montana for windy conditions with low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** Strong winds and low relative humidity will continue across Montana and western portions of North Dakota today. An upper level low pressure center moving into the Northwest will spread showers and a chance for thunderstorms over the region into the western portion of the Northern Rockies. Dry and breezy conditions will develop over northeastern California. Showers and thunderstorms will continue over mainly the eastern half of the Four Corners region.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Partly cloudy	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 56 to 70. Valleys: 70 to 82. Northern Utah: Mountains: 64 to 74. Valleys: 74 to 84. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mountains: 65 to 78. Valleys: 78 to 95.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 20% to 35%. Valleys: 15% to 25%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 18% to 25%. Valleys: 12% to 20%. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains: 20% to 30%. Valleys: 12% to 20%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest to west 10 to 20 mph. Gusty in the mountains. Northern Utah: Southwest 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, AZ strip: Southwest 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Sunny.	North valleys: 79 to 91. South valleys: 83 to 99. Mountains: 70 to 83.	North Valleys: 3% to 13% South Valleys: 3% to 13%. Mountains: 10 % to 30%.	Upslope and upvalley winds.
<b>Northern Rockies</b> Very windy, warm and mostly dry conditions will prevail across the central and eastern geographic area. Northwest Montana and northern Idaho will see rain and snow as pacific moisture moves through the upper level zonal flow.	West of divide: 65 to 70. East of divide: 75 to 85. North Dakota: 75 to 85.	West of divide: 40% to 50%. East of divide: 20% to 30%. North Dakota: 25% to 30%.	West of divide: West 10 to 20 mph. East of divide: West 20 to 30 mph with locally higher gusts. North Dakota: West 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Mostly sunny, becoming partly cloudy in northwest California in the evening. There is a chance of showers for northwest California Friday night.	A little cooler, with temperatures in the 80s to lower 90s in the warmer inland valleys.	12% to 22% drier in the areas east of the coast range.	Becoming south by southwest to west to northwest and increasing in the afternoon to 6 to 14 mph. Siskiyou County and Cascade/Sierra with eastward ridge level winds 10 to 20 mph with local gusts 25 to 30 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> 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](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## AIRCRAFT AND PILOT CARDING

Every aircraft and pilot used in support of a Federal wildland fire mission must have a current Aircraft or pilot Card. The card must be held in the aircraft or with the pilot, and give specific authorization to do the mission being requested.

● These missions could be all, one, or any number of, missions as follows:

- Air attack (Level I, Level II, Level III)
- Reconnaissance
- Fire surveillance
- Water bucket
- Helitorch
- Cargo
- Longline
- Others

● Every pilot who flies a properly carded aircraft must possess a current Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card that gives specific authorization to fly the type of mission being requested and for the specific type of aircraft being used for the mission. These missions could be all, or any number of, missions as follows:

- Air attack
- Reconnaissance
- Fire surveillance
- Low-level
- Paracargo
- Mountain/Remote airstrips
- Smokejumper
- Longline
- Others

● Before the aircraft and pilot can be used for a specific mission, the aircraft must be specifically listed on a valid and current contract for the type of work being performed.

● A copy of the contract must be onboard the aircraft.

● Each user of the aircraft and pilot has the authorization to physically inspect the Aircraft Data Card, the Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card, and the contract. If any one of these three are not available for inspection, the mission must be cancelled or at least postponed until the authorizations of the aircraft, pilot, or contract can be determined.

● Pilots have very specific and closely monitored duty time and flight time limitations that users must understand and adhere to:

- 14-hour duty day
- 8 hours flight time per day
- 2 days off in 14 calendar days

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES					21	3	24
	ACRES					16	926	942
Southern California	FIRES	6	6		2	37	6	57
	ACRES	2	83		38	2,119	9	2,251
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					3	0	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		0	4	3	7
	ACRES		450		1	169	0	620
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			0	2	6
	ACRES		0			599	439	1,038
Eastern Area	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					11	1	12
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
TOTAL	FIRES	6	11	0	2	76	18	113
	ACRES	2	533	0	39	2,918	1,376	4,868

**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	174	231	29	37	1,287	852	2,610
	ACRES	28,097	41,684	5,797	121	73,311	99,937	248,947
Northern California	FIRES	149	30	10	15	1,904	462	2,570
	ACRES	246	24,896	14	101	25,809	8,191	59,257
Southern California	FIRES	121	113	13	55	2,395	635	3,332
	ACRES	1,283	5,925	136	73,864	35,945	8,914	126,067
Northern Rockies	FIRES	487	63	31	12	636	659	1,888
	ACRES	20,343	8,814	9,795	25	37,769	54,729	131,475
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	700	13	42	685	556	2,048
	ACRES	23,199	630,842	9	2,844	148,439	104,422	909,755
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	499	19	26	105	113	771
	ACRES	3,069	881,995	13,312	258	113,843	18,065	1,030,542
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	352	39	52	1,304	1,500	4,766
	ACRES	34,202	158,834	9,639	364	129,848	416,406	749,293
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	283	487	30	22	594	508	1,924
	ACRES	6,871	8,857	553	30	29,142	23,572	69,025
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	54	10,273	561	11,519
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	963	67,609	9,973	87,391
Southern Area	FIRES	213		180	37	20,307	528	21,265
	ACRES	26,883		42,064	2,474	264,063	14,193	349,677
TOTAL	FIRES	3,606	2,571	459	368	39,894	6,402	53,300
	ACRES	151,311	3,679,727	1,716,926	84,453	1,774,829	758,739	8,165,985

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,630</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,487,362</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		4	1			6	11
	ACRES		2,489	15			480	2,984
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				51			51
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2	1			11	14
	ACRES		270	70			2,074	2,414
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		755				134	889
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			750				750
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,250	1,250
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					6	60	66
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						300	300
TOTAL	FIRES	0	6	3	0	1	25	35
	ACRES	0	3,514	835	51	6	4,298	8,704

**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	111	87	3		224	443
	ACRES	5,651	26,652	4,758	265		19,984	57,310
Northern California	FIRES	12	23	142	30		174	381
	ACRES	188	1,180	25,795	3,137		18,945	49,245
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	6	18		79	109
	ACRES	1,000	282	584	3,736		6,822	12,424
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	33	108	3	36	326	515
	ACRES	495	3,827	24,014	22	2,497	39,289	70,144
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	30	5	7	14	64	121
	ACRES	1	16,850	1,459	42	1,474	14,771	34,597
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		291	360
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		77,719	156,758
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	47	103	18	25	110	333
	ACRES	3,871	22,050	20,619	10,551	4,857	34,884	96,832
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	1,117	1,770
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	901,002	1,317,238
TOTAL	FIRES	157	310	1,104	188	1,605	2,566	5,930
	ACRES	42,469	129,049	236,052	95,089	350,217	1,155,767	2,008,643

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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				14		15	29
	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		76,987	77,336
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	64	3	258	373
	ACRES	3,680	2,765	27,225	163,684	1,767	288,656	487,777

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>7,229</b>	<b>1,728,058</b>

\*\*\*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	2	14	6	1	2	1		4	43
Northern California	11	1	23		3	1	4		36	
Southern California	8	106	58	412	12	10	7		26	162
Northern Rockies				3					5	
Eastern Great Basin			19		3		1			
Western Great Basin			2							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			2				1		2	8
Eastern Area									5	
Southern Area							3			
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>213</b>

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