

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 73 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern California Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in Northern California and Southern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 9/4 for Hurricane Frances in Florida. An Area Command Team and six Type 1 Incident Management Teams are assigned to support recovery efforts. Additional resources are being mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, and miscellaneous overhead personnel. The National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting damage assessments and recovery efforts in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges throughout Florida. Five Florida State Teams (Hill, Crane, Beauchamp, Graham and Jones) are assigned in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties, and the city of Orlando, FL.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FRANCES, Federal Emergency Management Agency. An Area Command Team (Mann) has been assigned to the FEMA Disaster Field Office in Orlando, FL. Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Kearney, Vail, Oltrogge, Whitney and Studebaker) have been assigned to Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Homestead, West Palm Beach, Ocala and Lakeland, FL. One Type 1 Incident Management Team (McCombs) is staged in Atlanta, GA.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

GEYSERS, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Streblow) is assigned. This fire is six miles northeast of Geyserville, CA, in brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

BLUFF, Lassen Volcanic National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, is located ten miles northwest of Chester, CA in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Lower relative humidity levels and poor relative humidity recovery have influenced fire behavior. A backing surface fire with occasional torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GEYSERS	CA	LNU	12,525	90	9/8	2,636	50	165	16	13	6M
BLUFF – WFU	CA	LNP	2,250	N/A	N/A	139	2	0	3	0	561K
HAZEN	CA	TGU	189	100	---	45	2	3	0	1	NR

TGU = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Tehama-Glenn Unit

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. Jack-straw areas of timber, primarily on the Billy Creek and Porcupine fires continue to be active. Lower elevations within the complex reported active fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

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. Lower relative humidity levels resulted in active surface fire with short range spotting and torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,305,252	NR	10/1	295	10	5	4	6	14.6M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,315	65	9/30	238	6	1	3	3	6.2M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. This fire is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	3,438	20	9/10	82	1	0	2	0	1.7M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

RUNWAY, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) has been ordered. This fire is 17 miles northwest of San Bernardino. CA in grass and brush. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RUNWAY	CA	BDF	650	NR	UNK	387	10	30	5	0	NR
POWERHOUSE	CA	AEU	115	100	---	387	7	30	5	0	NR

AEU = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Amador-El Dorado Unit

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will bring warm, dry weather to most of the West again today with low humidity and very hot weather continuing over inland portions of California. Dry weather is expected to persist over Alaska due to high pressure over the region. The remains of Frances will bring heavy rains to portions of the Mid-Atlantic States.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear.	Upper 60s to low 80s coast, and near 90 to 103 over lower terrain inland	5 to 15% driest inland areas.	Southwest to northwest 4 to 8 mph in the afternoon with gusts 12 to 18 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny except partly cloudy over the mountains. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny except partly cloudy over the mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 63 to 73 in western Wyoming, otherwise 70-80 mountains, 80 to 90 valleys. Northern Utah: 69 to 79 mountains, 80 to 90 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 72 to 87 mountains, 87 to 100 valleys, except 100 to 107 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 21 to 31% western Wyoming, otherwise 12 to 22% mountains, 9 to 18% valleys. Northern Utah: 15 to 29% mountains, 7 to 20% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 26% mountains, 6 to 18% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West to southwest 5 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 2 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Patchy morning low clouds and fog, coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	80 to 90 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	10 to 20% valleys. 5 to 15% mountains. 5 to 15% deserts.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Light rain becoming possible western Washington and northern Oregon coast. Partly cloudy elsewhere.	Lower 60s western Washington to near 90 southwest Oregon. Generally 70s and 80s east of the Cascades.	West of Cascades: 60 to 75% except near 25% Southwest Oregon interior. Eastside: Generally 15 to 25%.	Generally southwest to northwest 8 to 12 mph. Stronger gusts through the Columbia River Gorge.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Dry.	Highs in the 80s, 60s, 60s mountains.	Below 20% western Colorado, central Wyoming.	10 to 20 mph on the plains of eastern Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, otherwise 5 to 15 mph.



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DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
 - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
 - Communication is established between all crews.
 - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					146		146
Northwest	FIRES	1				6	2	9
	ACRES	0				6	1	7
Northern California	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					352	1	353
Southern California	FIRES		3			17	2	22
	ACRES		20			104	0	124
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				2	1	5
	ACRES	6				0	0	6
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					215		215
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1				2		3
	ACRES	0				0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	5						5
Eastern Area	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					18		18
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					3		3
TOTAL	FIRES	6	3	0	0	58	6	73
	ACRES	11	20	0	0	844	2	877

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	78	18	467	22	649
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,677	1,841,041	29,121	3,260,267	5	6,329,220
Northwest	FIRES	339	298	37	62	1,619	1,219	3,574
	ACRES	22,657	4,622	880	258	17,246	74,566	120,229
Northern California	FIRES	112	87	12	19	2,305	884	3,419
	ACRES	147	8,894	43	481	51,204	9,642	70,411
Southern California	FIRES	36	106	20	46	2,626	692	3,526
	ACRES	668	6,005	1,867	29	65,628	10,218	84,415
Northern Rockies	FIRES	944	71	19	13	773	836	2,656
	ACRES	5,468	1,470	1,062	4	18,037	11,076	37,117
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	56	759	6	44	469	678	2,012
	ACRES	528	40,383	11	57	7,199	47,240	95,418
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	600	11	17	96	141	881
	ACRES	340	21,919	2,665	51	7,856	8,112	40,943
Southwest	FIRES	701	143	5	75	654	1,587	3,165
	ACRES	5,192	5,658	201	514	6,997	281,925	300,487
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	331	459	34	47	429	440	1,740
	ACRES	5,259	4,997	1,272	37	23,955	8,037	43,557
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	29	7,577	470	8,618
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	109	57,074	5,654	70,281
Southern Area	FIRES	131		63	43	24,824	582	25,643
	ACRES	15,821		15,112	3,467	320,718	73,419	428,537
TOTAL	FIRES	3,167	2,581	332	413	41,839	7,551	55,883
	ACRES	67,298	1,286,625	1,866,489	34,128	3,836,181	529,894	7,620,615

Ten Year Average Fires	63,448
Ten Year Average Acres	3,428,705

*** 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		0
	ACRES					5,874		5,874
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		4,422					4,422
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42				42
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		150					150
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	1	1	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	4,572	42	0	5,874	0	10,488

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	84	52	1		262	437
	ACRES	7,626	11,717	4,581	30		58,329	82,283
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	75	3	45	376	544
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,544	1,046	3,066	42,661	63,833
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		9	5			5	19
	ACRES		1,738	541			971	3,250
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		328	376
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		78,908	109,418
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	115	375
	ACRES	5,117	12,351	22,280	13,664	3,947	45,755	103,114
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,075	196	1,692
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,725	28,353	164,858
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	224	981	166	1,548	2,719	5,862
	ACRES	42,204	79,493	204,496	107,011	312,000	1,301,661	2,046,865

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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		8	13
	ACRES				200		1,745	1,945
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				995		0	995
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,441		222	4,663
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	44	45
	ACRES				0	10	11,187	11,197
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		13,003	14,708
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25	3	2	0	5	35
	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	37	3	62	0	151	253
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	74,050	2,281	29,180	113,295

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,321	215,021
Yukon Territory			273	1,843,260
Alberta			1,526	234,421
Northwest Territory			286	346,485
Saskatchewan			320	238,224
Manitoba			222	4,894
Ontario			361	1,492
Quebec			255	3,014
Newfoundland			144	8,432
New Brunswick			239	291
Nova Scotia			243	245
Prince Edward Island			20	15
National Parks			88	197,904
Total			6,298	3,093,698

Weekly reports will be given starting 9/8/04.

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	10	8		6	3	6			95	102
Northwest	6	1	12		2				4	
Northern California	22	42	53	160	6	15			124	391
Southern California	7	10	36	52	11	1	2		20	106
Northern Rockies			9	1					4	
Eastern Great Basin	1		1		5				3	
Western Great Basin			5							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1								2	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	62	90	116	219	27	22	2	0	252	599

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