



National Interagency Fire Center

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National Situation

The National Preparedness Level remains at 2. Initial and extended attack activity continues at a moderate level primarily in the Great Basin, California, and the Northwest. Warmer and drier weather influenced an increase in large fires in Northern California, and the assignment of a Type 2 Incident Management Team in the Northwest.

Warm, dry weather will continue over the much of the West into Monday. An upper low developing off the West Coast next week will bring a threat of thunderstorms over California, Oregon and the Great Basin starting around Tuesday. Some of these thunderstorms will likely start off with dry lightning and then moisten somewhat with time. Drier weather will return to the West toward to the end of the week. Hurricane Ike is expected to be a borderline Category 2/3 storm with maximum sustained winds of 110 mph and make landfall near Galveston, Texas late tonight.

Nationally, initial attack and large fire support will continue to require a moderate level of tactical resources such as crews, helicopters, and engines. Given the current and predicted level of activity, availability of tactical resources remains limited.

The drawdown established for the period of September 12-22, 2008 is subject to change at any time based on the current and predicted level of wildland fire activity. NMAC will update the drawdown level as appropriate in the event this occurs. Note: The drawdown reflects radios available from NIFC, exclusive of 560 that remain available in the Southern Area for deployment.

NMAC Drawdown for All-Hazard Support – September 12-22, 2008

3	Area Command Teams
8	Type 1 Incident Management Teams
3	NIMO Teams
7	Type 2 Incident Management Teams
2	4390 Communications Systems
160	Handheld Programmable Radios
2	Incident Support Cache Vans
20	Crews w/Saw Capability

/s/ Lyle Carlile
Chair, NMAC

*Heavy/medium helicopters and mobile catering/shower units are call-when-needed resources that can be hired directly by FEMA or state government.

