

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY AUGUST 26, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 60 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Alaska, Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Areas. One large fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Hurricane Charley, Florida. A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/13. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical and resource support. The team will work jointly with the General Services Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Army and Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida State Emergency Response Team, Florida National Guard, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Lakeland Airport Authority, the Salvation Army and state and local law enforcement agencies. A National Park Service All-Risk Incident Management Team (Panko) is assigned to conduct cleanup, stabilization and storm repair at Dry Tortugas National Park. Four Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp, Jones, Crow and Koehler) are assigned in Charlotte, Hardee and DeSoto Counties, and the city of Lakeland. The Teams are managing supply distribution centers, disaster recovery and two 300 person camps.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) 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. Active ground fire and torching were reported on all fires in the complex. Fire activity moderated on the Gardiner Creek fire. The Billy Creek and Porcupine fires have burned together.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Rock Creek, Preacher Creek, Middle Birch, Big Bluff and Takoma Bluff fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. The fires became more active as the inversion lifted. Individual and group tree torching occurred on all fires within the complex. Crown runs occurred in unburned portions of fire interiors.

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. High winds resulted in increased fire activity with spotting.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Low fuel moisture, extreme drought conditions and the absence of natural barriers are major concerns. Very active fire behavior resulted in significant acreage growth.

TORS, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 30 miles east of Fairbanks, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Fire activity was light to moderate. No further information was received.

BOUNDARY, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This previously reported fire, which began 6/13, is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire behavior was moderate.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,240,265	2	UNK	349	9	11	7	6	11.5M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	458,600	20	UNK	339	7	7	6	15	8.6M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	161,253	40	9/30	137	5	1	1	3	3.6M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	5,000	NR	UNK	52	2	0	0	0	NR
TORS	AK	FAS	25,985	0	UNK	8	0	2	1	0	34K
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	530,867	75	UNK	43	2	0	0	30	17.4M

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte, and Crescent Lake fires, is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. The Freezeout and Freezeout 2 fires and the Devil's Creek and Jacks Wildland Fire Use incidents are also now part of this complex and in monitor status. Precipitation limited fire behavior to creeping and smoldering.

BLAND MOUNTAIN #2, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Mair) is assigned. This fire is located ten miles east of Canyonville, OR in timber and grass. Low intensity ground fire was observed.

FISCHER, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is four miles southeast of Leavenworth, WA in grass, brush and timber. Large fuels continue to be consumed in the interior, otherwise minimal fire activity was observed.

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Precipitation limited fire behavior to creeping and smoldering.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	2,095	50	UNK	306	7	0	2	0	6.8M
BLAND MOUNTAIN #2	OR	ORS	4,705	75	UNK	1,417	58	21	10	5	4.1M
FISCHER	WA	OWF	16,439	95	UNK	649	10	18	3	1	13.8M
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	90	UNK	289	5	11	6	3	25.9M

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ANDREW, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) has been ordered. This fire is ten miles south of Reno, NV in sage, juniper, pinyon pine and timber. High, gusty winds and low relative humidity levels resulted in extreme fire behavior. Evacuations and road closures are in effect.

BIG HORN, Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Glendale, NV in grass, brush, juniper and pinyon pine. Smoldering was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ANDREW	NV	CCD	2,600	10	8/28	555	11	57	6	4	NR
BIG HORN	NV	ELD	1,552	80	8/30	20	1	0	0	0	100K

**EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. This previously reported fire, which began 8/7, is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. High winds, low relative humidity levels and rough terrain have hampered suppression resources. Extreme fire behavior with major crown runs was reported.

PAYSON, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office. This fire is three miles west of Payson, UT in juniper and grass. Intermittent gusty winds resulted in backing fire behavior with short wind-driven runs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	500	0	UNK	29	0	5	1	0	NR
PAYSON	UT	SLD	300	50	8/26	74	2	3	1	0	NR

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

WILDSTEER, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 10 miles south of Williams, AZ in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILDSTEER-WFU	AZ	KNF	219	N/A	N/A	6	0	1	0	0	3K

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PLUM CREEK	WY	WEX	305	100	---	70	2	1	5	0	NR

WEX = Weston County

**OUTLOOK:**

**Fire Weather Watch:** Gusty northeast winds and low relative humidity for the mountains and valleys of extreme eastern Mendocino County, CA.

California's north coastal mountains, west slope of the Sierra Nevada and the northern Sacramento Valley floor for increasing northeast winds and low relative humidity.

North and East Bay as well as Santa Clara County, CA for strong offshore winds and very low relative humidity.

**Red Flag Warning:** Strong northeast winds over portions of the northwestern and northern interior of Alaska.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure trough will continue to bring scattered showers and thunderstorms to the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. Further south, strong winds will prevail from the Sierra to the Rockies. In Alaska, gusty winds will persist over the interior as a low pressure system moves into the southwest corner of the state.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<p><b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy with decreasing showers.</p>	<p><b>West of the Cascades:</b> Lower 70s southwest Oregon. 50s to 60s elsewhere. <b>East of the Cascades:</b> Upper 50s higher terrain. 60s to 70s valleys.</p>	<p><b>West of the Cascades:</b> 35 to 60% or greater. <b>East of the Cascades:</b> 30 to 50%.</p>	<p><b>West of the Cascades:</b> Southwest-west 10 to 15 mph. <b>East of the Cascades:</b> Northwest 10 to 15 mph with stronger gusts through the Columbia Gorge.</p>
<p><b>ALASKA AREA</b> <b>Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior:</b> Partly cloudy and breezy. Areas of smoke.</p>	<p><b>Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior:</b> Mid 50s to mid 60s.</p>	<p><b>Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior:</b> 33 to 43%.</p>	<p><b>Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior:</b> Northeast 15 to 25 mph.</p>
<p><b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Scattered to numerous rain showers, snow showers early above 9,000 feet. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms western Wyoming. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly to mostly cloudy northern and central Utah with widely scattered to scattered rain showers, snow showers early above 10,000 feet. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms east. Mostly sunny and windy south.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 50 to 65 mountains. 58 to 72 valleys. <b>Utah and Arizona Strip:</b> 60 to 85 mountains. 70 to 98 valleys. 98 to 105 Lake Mead.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 40 to 80% mountains. 30 to 50% valleys. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 15 to 45% mountains. 10 to 30% valleys.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Northwest to west 6 to 12 mph. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Northwest to west 10 to 20 mph and gusty north. West to southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 mph south.</p>
<p><b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise sunny.</p>	<p>65 to 75 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 85 to 95 upper deserts. 95 to 105 lower deserts.</p>	<p>30 to 45% valleys. 15 to 30% mountains. 10 to 20% deserts.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.</p>

<p><b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b>  A chance of showers north coast and nearby coastal mountains as well as north and northeast of the Sacramento Valley. Partly cloudy to mostly sunny elsewhere.</p>	<p>60s higher elevations and coast.  Upper 70s to near 90 lower elevations inland.</p>	<p>25 to 40% driest inland areas.</p>	<p>Northwest-northeast 5 to 10 mph with gusts 17 to 25 mph over the higher elevations, especially in the northern and eastern areas.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b>  <b>West of Continental Divide:</b>  Rain showers likely.  <b>East of Continental Divide:</b>  Scattered thunderstorms.</p>	<p><b>West of Continental Divide:</b>  60s Idaho.  58 to 68 elsewhere.  <b>East of Continental Divide:</b>  60s north.  70s south.  70s western North Dakota.  73 to 83 eastern North Dakota.</p>	<p><b>West of Continental Divide:</b>  49 to 65% Idaho.  45 to 55% elsewhere.  <b>East of Continental Divide:</b>  40 to 50% north.  30 to 40% south.  40 to 55% North Dakota.</p>	<p><b>West of Continental Divide:</b>  West 10 to 15 mph in Idaho.  Southwest-west 10 to 15 mph elsewhere.  <b>East of Continental Divide:</b>  West 15 to 25 mph north.  West 10 to 20 mph south.  West 10 to 20 mph in North Dakota.</p>



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

## ENTRAPMENT AVOIDANCE

Avoiding situations where firefighters become entrapped is the first concern when devising strategy and tactics. The following discussion points are among the things that should be considered.

- Review how LCES relates to the 10 Standard Fire Orders.
- Discuss safety zone, entrapment, and deployment area:
  - Safety zone – a preplanned area of sufficient size and suitable location that is expected to prevent injury to fire to firefighters from known hazards without using fire shelters.
  - Entrapment – when a firefighter is trapped between the oncoming fire and a safety zone, causing burnover with or without a fire shelter deployment.
  - Deployment area – a selected topographical site that must be used when retreat to a safety zone is cut off by fire, has little or no fuel to cause flame impingement on the fire shelter, which will disintegrate it.
- Discuss escape routes:
  - Escape route – the travel route or path that provides the safety margin allowing the firefighter a retreat to the safety zone before the flame front overtakes the firefighter.
  - Have multiple escape routes in case of cut off.
  - Scout and personally observe hazards (e.g., cliffs, loose soils, rocks, vegetation, steep slopes, etc.).
  - Precut escape lanes to safety zones.
  - Use predicted fire behavior to assess impact on escape routes.
  - Time your escape routes before needing to actually use them. Account for slowest firefighters and or equipment. Know your escape time.
  - Clearly mark escape routes.
  - Do not locate escape routes near chimneys, saddles, narrow canyons or box canyons.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		4		4
	ACRES		129	751		29,359		30,239
Northwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern California	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES		3		1	9	4	17
	ACRES		36		0	43	0	79
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			5	1	7
	ACRES		1			310	1	312
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1				1	3
	ACRES	0	650				0	650
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1		1		3
	ACRES		2,600	1		0		2,601
Southwest	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		1			1	1	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					6		6
TOTAL	FIRES	1	8	1	2	37	11	60
	ACRES	0	3,417	752	0	29,720	3	33,892

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	71	18	459	21	633
	ACRES	6,065	1,117,629	1,432,053	29,121	2,909,152	5	5,494,025
Northwest	FIRES	325	291	40	61	1,498	1,214	3,429
	ACRES	22,653	2,751	881	258	13,977	57,665	98,185
Northern California	FIRES	106	85	10	31	2,090	861	3,183
	ACRES	142	8,894	7	472	37,664	9,612	56,791
Southern California	FIRES	36	93	19	45	2,414	653	3,260
	ACRES	668	5,925	1,866	29	61,797	8,015	78,300
Northern Rockies	FIRES	921	70	19	13	750	785	2,558
	ACRES	5,162	1,450	1,062	3	15,461	7,262	30,400
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	742	6	44	449	743	2,036
	ACRES	455	33,757	11	57	7,342	47,268	88,890
Western Great Basin	FIRES	15	590	12	17	95	139	868
	ACRES	315	21,816	2,665	50	7,856	8,109	40,811
Southwest	FIRES	666	138	5	74	642	1,508	3,033
	ACRES	5,175	5,626	201	514	6,926	281,860	300,302
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	324	445	34	45	394	412	1,654
	ACRES	4,029	9,066	1,272	37	21,403	4,477	40,284
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	29	7,336	451	8,352
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,850	5,623	70,011
Southern Area	FIRES	130		59	42	24,667	579	25,477
	ACRES	15,806		13,712	1,067	314,588	73,315	418,488
TOTAL	FIRES	3,070	2,512	322	419	40,794	7,366	54,483
	ACRES	65,564	1,206,914	1,456,065	31,717	3,453,016	503,211	6,716,487

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>61,364</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,422,695</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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			26				26
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		20					20
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	20	26	0	0	10	56

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		32,000			17,027		49,027
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	44	1		262	423
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	4,071	30		58,329	76,879
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	2,690		22,617	40,453
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	368	535
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,545	63,675
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	18	48	96
	ACRES	149	7,852	547	1,102	1,490	18,115	29,255
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	5			5	17
	ACRES		1,248	541			971	2,760
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	10		298	344
	ACRES	2,896	4,846	12,769	7,779		67,181	95,471
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	114	374
	ACRES	5,117	11,881	22,280	13,264	3,947	45,672	102,161
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		369	23	1,066	196	1,674
	ACRES	14,454		43,499	4,443	73,607	28,353	164,356
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	75	393	1,122	1,845
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	70,652	212,745	999,456	1,383,207
TOTAL	FIRES	217	216	970	161	1,539	2,672	5,775
	ACRES	40,881	68,039	203,910	101,724	311,882	1,289,452	2,015,888

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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				52,266			52,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		7	12
	ACRES				200		1,545	1,745
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIRES				9		2	11
	ACRES				4,346		222	4,568
Northern Rockies	FIRES				14		62	76
	ACRES				0		2,406	2,406
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		92	93
	ACRES				0		8,464	8,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				320		10,444	10,764
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24	3	2	0	5	34
	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	36	3	50	0	197	286
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	61,590	2,271	23,694	95,339

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	2	0	2,315	213,514
Yukon Territory	1	80	270	1,453,181
Alberta	3	0	1,511	234,421
Northwest Territory	2	4,164	284	289,035
Saskatchewan	0	0	317	225,129
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	2	0	355	1,492
Quebec	1	0	246	2,930
Newfoundland	0	0	141	8,432
New Brunswick	0	0	235	289
Nova Scotia	1	2	242	243
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4,246</b>	<b>6,243</b>	<b>2,631,479</b>

**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	20	6	7	14	2	14			234	142
Northwest	17	69	4	54	2	21			431	355
Northern California		7	4	13		2			20	47
Southern California	1	3	1	5	1					16
Northern Rockies					1					
Eastern Great Basin	1	1	9	1	2				11	8
Western Great Basin	11	2	8	51	3	4	6		10	31
Southwest	2									
Rocky Mountain		2	1	2		5			11	10
Eastern Area									11	1
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>610</b>

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