

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1994 - 0700 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: Moderate initial attack activity continued throughout the west. Low fuel moistures and/or resource shortages are hampering suppression efforts on several large fires. A Type I Incident Management Team was mobilized to the Eastern Great Basin from the Rocky Mountain Area. Crews being mobilized to the Northern Rockies from the Southwest and Eastern Areas were diverted to the Eastern Great Basin. Demobilization from the Northwest and on resources meeting the 21 day commitment continues.

There is a shortage of crew bosses and crew representatives. Training of additional crews should continue only in those areas that still have available crew bosses/representatives.

A 6th military battalion from Ft. Lewis, WA will provide suppression assistance to the Little Wolf fire, Flathead NF. Training began yesterday and will continue today, with deployment scheduled for tomorrow, 8/21.

Colonel Anthony Palermo USMC, is the Task Force Commander of the two Marine Battalions assigned to the Tye fire and the West Koocanusa Complex. Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander for three Battalions and one Aviation Battalion assigned to the Corral Creek and 17 Mile fires and the Idaho City Complex.

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is committed. Effective use of airtankers, helicopter bucket drops and aggressive hand crew attack on spot fires prevented major runs, although the fire spotted across dozer lines on at least 3 divisions.

YAAK-RED DRAGON COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Meuchel) is committed. The 3/82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Lt. Col. Marcus Dudley) is assigned. The complex is comprised of 32 active fires including the 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, PULPIT, STUDEBAKER, FISHPRY, FOWLER, TURNER and many other smaller fires. A number of fires continue to exhibit very active fire behavior with significant increases in acreage. The Pulpit and Fowler fires made major runs yesterday. A strong inversion continues to limit air suppression and is inhibiting detection of new fires.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Groshong) is committed. Thirteen fires have been located within the complex. The Porcupine and Roberts are the only 2 that have been staffed.

KOOCANUSA COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lee) is committed. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, (Lt. Col. Dave Bonwit, Commander) is assigned. A primary problem within this complex is the long travel time it takes to reach fireline assignments.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. The complex consists of the WILLIAMS, SCENERY, LEIGH and MCKAY fires. Visibility limitations and helicopter availability prevented low level reconnaissance.

ANN, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is committed. The fire experienced erratic fire behavior on the west and southeast flanks. Crews were pulled off of one division because of concern for firefighter safety.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is committed. Fire spread continues towards the Canadian border, with less than 1/2 mile remaining. Plans are to tie the west fireline into the dozer line at the Canadian border with fire line explosives. Canada is supporting these efforts with limited air support. A historical cabin and high value timber are still threatened.

WOLF MOUNTAIN II COMPLEX, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bosworth) is committed. The line was lost on the south side of Twin Meadows due to spotting. On the job training was completed for 3 emergency firefighter crews on Wolf Mtn.

TROUT CREEK COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. The incident name has changed, it was reported yesterday as the PILICK fire. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suenram) is committed. The team will prepare structure protection plans for residences along Highway 200 and Highway 56 today.

BITTER-NEZ, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wetzsteon) is committed. The complex consists of the SADDLE, MAGRUDER, NICK and SAWTOOTH fires.

ST. JOE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is committed. The complex is comprised of 8 contained fires, 4 holdover fires and 5 new starts. Erratic winds caused the fires to test the line yesterday. Falling snags and rolling material continue to present safety and control problems on the 1956 North fire.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is committed. The fire continues to spread, torching and spotting to the north-northwest approaching the wilderness boundary of the Colville NF. Extremely dry conditions caused control problems yesterday.

SELWAY BITTERROOT COMPLEX, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team is committed. The complex consists of six large fires burning in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. The fires are unstaffed due to the limited resources and firefighter safety concerns. Retardant and helicopters are being used to help contain and confine the fires.

YELLOWSTONE COMPLEX, Yellowstone NP. Both the Tern and Raven fires will be managed under confinement strategy. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	11,500	40	UNK	636	18	43	3	0	UNK	750K
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	5,000	0	UNK	911	26	41	5	0	5M	822K
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	2,000	1	UNK	73	0	0	2	0	UNK	86K
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	1,300	15	UNK	779	24	1	0	0	7.8M	200K
WILDERNESS C	KNF	MT	1,400	5	9/10	46	2	0	0	0	UNK	20K
ANN	BRF	ID	220	0	UNK	235	8	6	2	0	UNK	173K
STARVATION	GNP	MT	502	10	UNK	181	9	2	2	0	UNK	244K

WOLF MTN II C | MTS|MT| 776 | 60 | UNK | 545 | 17 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 480K | 1.1M |

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
TROUT CREEK C	KNF	MT	225	0	8/29	17	0	0	0	0	UNK	9K
BITTER-NEZ	BRF	MT	1,840	70	8/24	155	3	3	3	0	UNK	811K
ST JOE FIRES	IPF	ID	800	0	UNK	418	9	32	3	0	UNK	4M
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	832	0	9/5	348	11	0	3	0	UNK	803K
SELWAY BTTR C	CWF	ID	8,501	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
YELLOWSTONE C	YNP	WY	2,552	0	9/30	110	4	0	2	0	UNK	430K
HIGH ONE	KNF	MT	200	0	9/5	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	1K
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	180	0	UNK	95	5	0	0	0	135K	28K

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

CORRAL CREEK, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Johnson) is committed. The 14th Engineer Battalion, (Lt. Col. Perrenot, Commander) is committed. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). The fire continues to spread to the northeast. Suppression forces are working to stop the fire's advance into Hazard Creek.

BLACKWELL COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is committed. This is a unified command with Idaho State Department of Lands, represented by Bill Williams. A major burnout operation on the west flank has been completed.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Eddy) is committed. The 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Bruce Porter, Commander) is committed. The complex consists of the BANNOCK, BEAR RIVER, RABBIT CREEK and NORTH FORK fires. Night shift crews were diverted to the new Star Gulch fire. The east flanks exhibited extreme fire behavior yesterday. Helicopter support was minimal due to heavy smoke. Threats continue to structures at Barber Flat, Deer Park area, Sunset Lookout and numerous timber sales in the vicinity.

BEAVER MTN., Wasatch-Cache NF. Structure protection remains high priority.

TIN CUP COMPLEX, Caribou NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is committed. The complex is comprised of the TIN CUP and BROWNS fires.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Denton) is committed. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). The fire is moving north and east through heavy fuels (400 ton/acre). Burnout operations above the South Fork of the Salmon River are progressing well.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is committed. Loon Creek Guard Station and Diamond D Ranch are now less than 1/8 mile from the fire. Historic townsites and a mine are also threatened.

STAR GULCH, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) will take over the fire today. The fire is located approximately 9 miles southwest of Idaho City. One structure has been destroyed. The smoke inversion from the Idaho City Complex limited the use of airtankers. Threats are to 8-10 rural structures.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	52,900	10	UNK	1,109	35	35	7	0	UNK	6.1M
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	38,000	35	UNK	1,020	23	44	7	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	39,800	25	8/28	1,391	34	26	7	0	UNK	17M
BEAVER MTN.	WCF	UT	617	50	8/20	205	6	4	4	0	UNK	625K
TIN CUP	CAF	ID	500	15	UNK	160	6	0	1	0	UNK	90K
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	4,450	5	UNK	491	14	7	5	0	UNK	3.4M
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	5,464	10	UNK	135	3	5	2	0	UNK	680K
STAR GULCH	BOF	ID	6,500	0	UNK	182	6	14	5	1	3.9M	150K

Northwest Area Large Fires:

TYEE CREEK, Wenatchee NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Maupin) is committed, with a State Team (Flannigan) under unified command. The 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment (Lt. Col. Rick Lindsey, Commander) is assigned. Five CH-47 helicopters from the 214th Aviation Unit, Fort Lewis, WA are assigned. The perimeter of the fire has slightly increased with the majority of the fire activity continuing in Billy and Cougar Creek drainages. Burnout operations are assisted by favorable humidities and winds. Fire activity was moderate yesterday with three significant spots crossing the line.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is committed. Higher humidities kept the fire from making any significant advances. Two active fronts remain in Eightmile Creek and at the top of Tumwater Canyon. Eleven crews are spiked out on the wilderness portions of the complex.

OKANOGAN COMPLEX, Okanogan NF. The complex is comprised of the RAINBOW/BOULDER/BUTTE, POORMAN, BURNT SAW, FALLS CREEK and MISC. ABC fires. Heavy smoke conditions prevented helicopter water bucket operations. Reconnaissance shows that the objectives of preventing spread down Boulder Canyon and down slope toward Stehekin continue to be met. Spread is confined within Boulder and Rennie Creek drainages. Demobilization is in progress.

SNAKE RIVER COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is committed. Three CH-47 helicopters from the 214th Aviation Unit, USAR, Fort Lewis, WA are assigned. This complex is comprised of the RAPID RIVER, SADDLE CREEK, HAAS HOLLOW, and SWAMP CREEK fires. Burnout operations continued in the southeast flank. Low fuel moisture and light upslope winds created torching and short runs within the fireline perimeter.

BOUNDARY, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Shaw) is committed. Success with the burnout operation has been variable, with excellent progress on some divisions while others had mixed results because of unfavorable wind or humidity. Fuel moisture is extremely low in all size classes and is not recovering at night. The fire still threatens a historic lookout tower and cabin and private land.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
TYEE CREEK	WEF	WA	127,005	90	8/24	2,477	69	36	12	94	UNK	33.7M
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,306	90	UNK	518	17	15	6	19	UNK	19.5M
OKANOGAN CPX	OKF	WA	3,770	50	9/30	39	1	1	2	0	UNK	11.1M
SNAKE RVR CPX	WWF	OR	6,574	60	8/21	586	17	5	8	0	UNK	5M
BOUNDARY	WWF	OR	8,209	65	8/24	1,565	44	55	4	0	UNK	8.6M

North Zone - California Large Fires:

COTTONWOOD, Tahoe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dougherty) is committed. The fire continues to make runs towards Loyaltown and subdivisions east of town. Two lookouts continue to be threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
COTTONWOOD	TNF	CA	27,000	15	UNK	2,097	45	209		5	0	15M	3.4M
FISH	CAS	CA	635	100			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
DILLON CMLPX	KNF	CA	20,882	100			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
HOOPA CMLPX	HIA	CA	250	100			*	*	*	*	*	*	*

CAS = California State KNF = Klamath NF HIA = Hoopa BIA

South Zone California Large Fires:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
41	CAS	CA	48,531	100			*	*	*	*	*	*	*
BROKEN	CAS	CA	100	100			223	14	22	3	*	UNK	UNK
HEATON	ANF	CA	600	100			276	13	1	4	0	UNK	UNK

CAS = California State ANF = Angeles NF

Rocky Mountain Area Large Fires

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
BIGELOW BENCH	RAD	WY	2,500	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MUDDY MTN.	WYS	WY	497	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

RAD = Rawlins BLM WYS = Wyoming State

Outlook: High pressure continues to influence the weather pattern throughout the Intermountain West and Southwest. The Pacific Northwest will be under the influence of an upper level trough coming onshore today. This trough will bring cooler temperatures and gusty winds to Washington and Oregon. The remainder of the west will continue to have warm daytime temperatures and low humidities. Demobilization of resources meeting the 21 day commitment and remobilization of rested resources will continue. Burning conditions on large fires will be active today with the increasing winds.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA				1	6		7
NORTHWEST	1				6	4	11
CA-NORTHERN				1		1	2
CA-SOUTHERN					40	1	41
NORTHERN	1			1	8	18	28
GB-EASTERN		8		7	2	5	22
GB-WESTERN		11					11

SOUTHWEST		1		1	11	13
ROCKY MTN		10		0	2	12
EASTERN						
SOUTHERN						
USA	2	30	10	63	42	147

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA				250	604		854
NORTHWEST	0				0	0	
CA-NORTHERN				0		7,061	7,061
CA-SOUTHERN					320	0	320
NORTHERN	1			0	8	1,147	1,156
GB-EASTERN		139		1	12	2,500	2,652
GB-WESTERN		240					240
SOUTHWEST		0			2	51	53
ROCKY MTN		302			47	1	350
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN							
USA	1	681		251	993	10,760	12,686

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA		4								
NORTHWEST	#134	14	91	21	#41	1	3		#1,190	121
CA-NORTHERN	62	40	41	155	10	5	8	2	340	224
CA-SOUTHERN	19		37		3				60	31
NORTHERN	#138	16	69	77	25	2			#1,043	113
GB-EASTERN	#115	10	69	66	#20	18			#829	308
GB-WESTERN		1	12		2					
SOUTHWEST	4		8		3					
ROCKY MTN	8		50		8					
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN*										
USA	480	85	377	319	112	26	11	2	3,462	797

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

* No reports received.

#Includes military

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	60	76	46	15	343	7	547
NORTHWEST	331	341	11	128	1,694	1,621	4,126
CA-NORTHERN	92	40	3	55		740	930
CA-SOUTHERN		100		24	2,549	538	3,211
NORTHERN	330	40		58	1,263	2,232	3,923
GB-EASTERN	83	606		31	261	1,053	2,034

GB-WESTERN		453			76	163	692
SOUTHWEST	1,392	373	17	191	1,595	2,427	5,995
ROCKY MTN	640	655		77	544	634	2,550
EASTERN	324			53	9,160	498	10,035
SOUTHERN	2		32	81	20,359	661	21,135
USA	3,254	2,684	109	713	37,844	10,574	55,178
5 YEAR AVERAGE							51,801

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,416	48,324	78,682	12,470	40,181	2	226,075
NORTHWEST	65,246	76,612	7,918	4,219	22,524	231,430	407,949
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,744	8,042	4,465		69,105	84,492
CA-SOUTHERN		26,057		15	43,594	56,393	126,059
NORTHERN	5,887	3,007		1,914	21,889	33,546	66,243
GB-EASTERN	1,345	214,252		46	62,763	81,542	359,948
GB-WESTERN		185,679			4,365	13,886	203,930
SOUTHWEST	31,450	119,193	7,683	23,995	209,839	146,941	539,101
ROCKY MTN	20,656	33,791		157	10,465	10,394	75,463
EASTERN	16,399			940	83,607	6,371	107,317
SOUTHERN	12		11,594	3,763	394,906	37,416	447,691
USA	187,547	709,659	113,919	51,984	894,133	687,026	2,644,268
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,969,120

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	35	154	3,390	23,486
YUKON TERRITORY	2	0	239	117,395
ALBERTA	0	0	682	27,971
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	87,166	591	2,173,495
SASKATCHEWAN	2	8	471	527,511
MANITOBA	1	0	453	445,692
ONTARIO	2	0	951	79,248
QUEBEC	1	0	420	115,893
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	116	110,552
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	1	261	141
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	189	122
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	14
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	134	57,193
TOTALS	50	87,329	7,915	3,678,713

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