

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1996 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

THE TEN STANDARD FIRE ORDERS ARE FIRM
WE DON'T BREAK THEM; WE DON'T BEND THEM

CURRENT SITUATION: Fire activity continued to escalate in several Areas of the West. The shortage for initial attack resources persists. Several units are utilizing resources from large fires to assist with initial attack suppression activities. A Type I Incident Management Team was committed in Northern California. Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized in the Rocky Mountain and Northwest Areas. Resource mobilization through NICC remains high.

Southern California Large Fires:

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. Approximately 3,200 acres of Sequoia Kings NP land has burned. Park Service residences at Ash Mountain have been evacuated. A pump house was destroyed, and a portion of the Southern California Edison Company flume was burned. High temperatures and steep terrain have hindered containment objectives.

HWY. FIFTY-EIGHT, San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Bates) is assigned. This fire is 5 miles east of Santa Margarita, CA along Highway 58. The fire is burning southeast toward the town of Pozo and is a major threat to structures. The fire is also threatening high voltage power lines, which could potentially shut down the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. There are numerous road closures.

ROGGE, Stanislaus NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. The fire is burning in the Tuolumne River drainage near the community of Pine Mountain Lake. This area burnt over nine years ago in the Stanislaus Complex Incident. The fire currently has a five mile front and is still burning on the north side of the river. If it crosses the river as expected, it will pose a threat to numerous structures around Pine Mountain Lake.

CABAZON, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is burning near the town of Cabazon, CA. The community of Twin Pines is under voluntary evacuation. Structures along Twin Pines Ranch Road are threatened. Highways 79 and 243 are closed in both directions.

WOLFSKILL, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Wright) is assigned. This fire is burning in steep terrain near Banning, CA. Suppression efforts were aided by favorable west winds. Islands inside the control line were burned out today.

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Byrd) is assigned. The complex consists of thirteen fires burning along the Yosemite NP and Stanislaus NF border. Camp Mather has been evacuated.

This area is used extensively for recreation.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	4,500	45	UNK	1,201	41	86	0	1	100K	449K
HWY FIFTY-EIGHT	SLU	CA	25,000	5	UNK	957	38	25	3	0	NR	NR
ROGGE	STF	CA	5,220	0	UNK	105	6	15	6	0	NR	NR
CABAZON	RRU	CA	802	70	8/16	140	8	10	2	0	NR	NR
WOLFSKILL	RRU	CA	12,395	90	8/16	891	25	66	1	0	NR	1.1M
AKERSON COMPLEX	YNP	CA	4,000	0	UNK	132	14	26	6	0	NR	62K
BEAR	TCU	CA	1,450	80	8/17	NR	NR	NR	3	NR	NR	NR

Northwest Large Fires:

SIMNASHO, Warms Springs Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass, brush and timber 10 miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Firefighters made good progress toward containment objectives. Acreage increase is due to burnout operations.

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The Bull fire is 36 miles northeast of John Day, OR. The Desolation Butte lookout and repeater remain threatened. The Summit fire, 25 miles west of Baker City, OR, is burning actively.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. The Tower fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. Heavy fuels are pushing this fire toward Tower Mountain and private lands.

WILDCAT, Malheur NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. Drier weather and strong winds have increased fire activity and hampered line construction. Numerous snags in the area have become hazardous. Contingency plans for the evacuation of permanent and summer residences have been developed; however, no action has been taken at this time.

ALDER RIDGE, Fremont NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Duke) is assigned. The fire is burning 15 miles south of Silver Lake, OR. A Bonneville Power Authority relay station remains threatened.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX (formerly reported as RIGDON COMPLEX), Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The 45 fires in this complex are burning 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Southern Pacific Railroad continues to assist with crew transport to remote fires. Suppression efforts are hindered by spotting and torching.

INDIAN POINT, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McDonald) is assigned. No other information available.

COW HOLLOW COMPLEX, Vale District, BLM. The fire is burning in brush and grass 8 miles south of Vale, OR. The fire was active again yesterday. Structures in the area remain threatened.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the SALT CREEK, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho

border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. The fire continues to spread to the north at a moderate rate. Crews are aggressively attacking spot fires.

DONNEYBROOK, Oregon State. This fire is burning around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. Rural and volunteer firefighters are suppressing this fire.

BARTLETT MTN., Burns District, BLM. The fire is burning south of Drewesy, OR. Scattered ranches are in the area, but none are presently threatened.

CHAPMAN SPRINGS, Ochoco NF. Steep terrain and limited access have hindered containment efforts.

HOG VALLEY, Oregon State. The community of Union, OR is threatened.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. Heavy fuels are hampering control efforts. OCHOCO COMPLEX, Ochoco NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. The COYLE, GREEN MTN, HAMILTON, CORNER CREEK, and LOOKOUT fires are included in this complex. All fires are contained except the Coyle.

One fire is in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 740 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	108,548	60	8/20	1,646	52	113	7	9	NR	2.5M
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	5,000	0	UNK	243	7	7	0	0	NR	NR
TOWER	UMF	OR	245	0	UNK	68	0	6	0	0	NR	20K
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,030	30	UNK	565	15	13	4	0	NR	1.9M
ALDER RIDGE	FRF	OR	3,300	0	UNK	NR	NR	4	1	NR	NR	NR
SPRING	UPF	OR	860	10	8/30	205	2	3	1	0	NR	250K
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	1,914	10	8/21	781	20	28	4	0	0	867K
INDIAN PT	WWF	OR	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
COW HOLLOW	VAD	OR	47,520	80	UNK	NR	0	12	0	2	NR	NR
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	53,825	50	8/18	676	22	10	6	0	NR	2.1M
DONNEYBROOK	ORS	OR	94,000	0	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
BARTLETT MTN	BUD	OR	1,800	90	8/16	20	0	4	1	0	NR	NR
CHAPMAN SPRING	PRD	OR	900	70	8/17	39	1	3	1	0	NR	20K
HOG VALLEY	ODF	OR	350	20	UNK	14	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
NORTH UPMQUA	UPF	OR	271	27	8/21	215	6	15	3	0	750	240K
OCHOCO COMPLEX	OCF	OR	671	90	UNK	362	14	0	1	0	0	413K
WHEELER	ORS	OR	22,000	100	----	842	28	59	7	17	NR	3.5M
SLOAN'S RIDGE	WWF	OR	10,556	100	----	947	29	15	6	0	NR	5.1M
TILLER	UPF	OR	120	100	----	133	6	4	0	0	1.3M	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

FORK, Mendocino NF. Two Type I Incident Management Teams (Kohut & Loving) are assigned. The fire is burning north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Crews made good progress on line construction. All lines held despite aggressive fire behavior through heavy fuels. One home, a garage and an outbuilding have been destroyed. Mandatory evacuation remains in effect for 40 homes in the vicinity of this fire.

ROCK, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is

assigned. The fire is located approximately 40 miles southwest of Redding, CA. Excessive fuel loading and snags are creating safety concerns and control problems. Current threats include Northern Spotted Owl habitat, steelhead fisheries, and key watershed.

CORRAL, Susanville District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. The fire is southeast of Alturas, CA, 16 miles inside the Nevada border.

MT SHASTA COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity NF. The complex consists of the HORSE, ALTOONA, and BUTCHER fires. Containment objectives were reached on the Horse and Altoona fires. No other information available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORK	MNF	CA	15,000	20	8/20	1,782	50	81	7	3	NR	NR
MT SHASTA CPX	SHF	CA	470	20	UNK	371	12	21	0	0	NR	NR
CORRAL	SUD	CA	1,800	0	8/22	25	1	1	0	0	NR	NR
ROCK	SHF	CA	800	5	UNK	210	8	6	4	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

COYOTE, Lewis and Clark NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This human-caused fire is burning 15 miles south of Monarch, MT. Firefighters made excellent progress on completing and securing control lines. Burnout operations conducted yesterday were successful. Shifting winds, heavy fuels, rugged terrain, and spotting are hampering control efforts. Structure protection measures are operational for the towns of Neihart, O'Brien and Johnston Creek. Threatened resources include powerlines, the Showdown Ski Area, a watershed and West Slope Cutthroat Trout habitat.

WILLOW CREEK COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. Crews continue mop-up on the Lower Willow fire. Helicopter bucket drops aided firefighters on the Upper Willow fire. Two divisions of the fire are completely lined with hose lays. Line construction on the remaining division has been hindered by heavy fuels, difficult terrain and spot fires.

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Modified Type II Incident Management Team is assigned. Precipitation has limited fire activity over the past 48 hours. An unoccupied administrative cabin was destroyed. Smoke continues to be a problem in the Magruder Corridor and the Bitterroot Valley.

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 220 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
COYOTE	LCF	MT	3,200	85	8/19	916	26	25	2	0	1M	1.2M
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	388	50	8/19	597	17	18	3	0	NR	833K
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	28,000	0	UNK	49	2	0	1	1	NR	23K
MOOSE BUTTE CPX	NPF	MT	225	100	---	285	8	0	3	0	NR	621K
SHARP	BFA	MT	2,000	100	---	33	0	3	0	0	2K	40K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

GOLD QUARRY COMPLEX, Elko District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The complex consists of the GOLD QUARRY, TUNNEL and SUSIE CREEK fires. The Gold Quarry fire has been contained. The Tunnel and Susie Creek fires were both active, making runs to the northeast. Rapid rates of spread were reported in sage and grass. Current threats are to private property, powerlines, and wildlife winter range. Air quality in Elko and poor visibility in the I-80 corridor remains a concern.

JERSEY, Battle Mountain District, BLM. The fire is located 50 miles southwest of Battle Mountain, NV. The fire received moderate precipitation, with a relatively low rate of spread reported.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
GOLD QUARRY CPX	EKD	NV	17,000	50	8/18	408	16	6	2	0	NR	250K
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	18,000	75	8/21	8	0	1	1	0	NR	4K
JERSEY	BMD	NV	1,300	100	----	97	4	0	1	0	NR	NR
HUMBOLDT	WID	NV	18,800	100	----	260	7	7	2	0	NR	115K

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

ONE EYE, Utah State. This fire is located 39 miles northeast of Green River, UT. Gas wells and commercial timber are currently threatened. Steep terrain and winds are causing control problems. Resources are currently being ordered. HENS PEAK, Fishlake NF. This fire is located 11 miles northeast of Loa, UT. Final burnout operations were successfully completed yesterday. Demobilization plans are in progress. Two firefighters were injured yesterday when lightning struck 100 feet away from them. They have been hospitalized and are in stable condition being monitored.

RABBIT CREEK, Boise District, BLM. This fire is threatening structures and water quality 57 miles west of Mountain Home, ID. The fire made several small runs yesterday.

PAIUTE, Cedar City District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and pinyon-juniper in a remote area 14 miles northwest of St. George, Utah.

Three fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 6,104 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ONE EYE	UTS	UT	250	0	UNK	50	2	1	1	0	NR	NR
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	580	90	8/18	118	5	2	1	0	15K	375K
RABBIT CREEK	BOD	ID	1,000	70	8/17	20	0	4	1	0	NR	NR
PAIUTE	CCD	UT	250	10	8/18	32	1	2	1	0	NR	NR
BLACK CEDAR	UTS	UT	850	100	----	69	2	8	1	0	NR	72K
SCHODDLE	SID	ID	900	100	----	37	0	11	0	0	NR	NR
EAST EDEN	SID	ID	100	100	----	17	0	5	0	0	NR	NR

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

SINK CREEK, Grand Junction District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Summerfelt) has been ordered. Resources were in the mobilization stage at the time of this report. No other information available.

SUGAR LOAF, Rock Springs District, BLM. No new information received.

SPRING CREEK, Wyoming State. No new information received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
SINK CREEK	GJD	CO	200	0	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	0	UNK	UNK	UNK
SUGAR LOAF	RSD	WY	300	90	8/15	4	0	2	0	0	0	NR	NR
SPRING CREEK	WYS	WY	6,400	80	8/14	47	2	9	1	0	0	NR	NR

Southwest Large Fires:

SADDLE, Kaibab NF. This fire is burning in mixed conifer and Ponderosa Pine 35 miles northeast of the North Rim developed area. Steep terrain and difficult access on the northwest side of the fire are hampering suppression efforts. Use of airtankers, dozers and handcrews were effective yesterday. Unstable weather conditions were reported, the humidity dropped from 40% to 20% in a hour yesterday afternoon.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
SADDLE	KNF	AZ	350	80	8/17	38	1	2	0	0	NR	NR	NR

Southern Area Large Fires:

DAVID BARROW, Florida State. This fire is burning in a marshy area surrounded by water. No problems are anticipated. No new information received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
DAVID BARROW	FLS	FL	10,000	0	---	2	0	0	1	0	NR	NR	NR

Alaska Large Fires: Seventeen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 419,659 acres.

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN WEST-CENTRAL IDAHO ***
 *** FOR INCREASING WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND DRY FUELS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHERN IDAHO AND WESTERN MONTANA ***
 *** FOR INCREASING WIND COMBINED WITH LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND DRY FUELS ***

The high pressure aloft has weakened, allowing a dry cold front to push

into the northern tier of states. This will bring breezy conditions and cooler weather to the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies and northern Great Basin. Light showers are possible for the Northern Rockies. Monsoon thunderstorms will continue in the southern Great Basin and Southern Rockies. The west coast will continue to be hot and dry. High temperatures will range from the 60's and 70's along the Canadian border to around 115 in the hottest deserts of the Southwest. Most areas will be in the 80's to near 100.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							
NORTHWEST	1	22	1		6	55	85
CA-NORTHERN					30	40	70
CA-SOUTHERN		1		2	43	11	57
NORTHERN	4			1	1	27	33
GB-EASTERN		7		2	2	11	22
GB-WESTERN		21		4		11	36
SOUTHWEST	11	18		1		26	56
ROCKY MTN	1	10		1	4	13	29
EASTERN						1	1
SOUTHERN							
USA	17	79	1	11	86	195	389

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							
NORTHWEST	597	1,328	1		3	3,349	5,278
CA-NORTHERN	126	1,459		366	12,702	29,983	44,636
CA-SOUTHERN		1		3,820	10,460	9,220	23,501
NORTHERN	6			1		52	59
GB-EASTERN		1,864			250	29	2,143
GB-WESTERN		6,740		75		15	6,830
SOUTHWEST	34	925				54	1,013
ROCKY MTN		27		4	8	36	75
EASTERN						3	3
SOUTHERN							
USA	763	12,344	1	4,266	23,423	42,741	83,538

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS	ENGINES	HELICPTR	AIRTANKER	OVERHEAD
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	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	165	20	179	2	35	4	1		1,025	32
CA-NORTHERN	42	25	86	73	15	4	5	4	259	39
CA-SOUTHERN	72	116	65	210	20	13	4	9	286	238
NORTHERN	69		60		19				581	30
GB-EASTERN	29	2	76	6	18		3		120	5
GB-WESTERN	26	21	33	11	14				169	22
SOUTHWEST	13		6	2	3				23	
ROCKY MTN	25		23		11		1		25	
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	441	184	528	304	135	21	14	13	2,488	366

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	6	46	31	6	535	18	642
NORTHWEST	154	308	9	18	998	961	2,448
CA-NORTHERN	38	50	1	16	1,828	734	2,667
CA-SOUTHERN	7	292	2	245	3,160	822	4,528
NORTHERN	675	50	46	17	353	762	1,903
GB-EASTERN	48	698		19	354	509	1,628
GB-WESTERN		618	3	55	87	183	946
SOUTHWEST	1,110	295	14	77	1,405	1,956	4,857
ROCKY MTN	739	767		48	733	538	2,825
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	335	12,345
SOUTHERN	77		106	73	45,926	1,129	47,311
USA	3,098	3,124	212	635	67,084	7,947	82,100
5 YEAR AVERAGE							55,700

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	205,422	133,561	4,379	257,104	168	600,650
NORTHWEST	114,322	159,987	1,549	3	27,350	103,645	406,856
CA-NORTHERN	126	1,459		366	12,702	29,983	44,636
CA-SOUTHERN	997	12,162	30	9,888	130,227	45,490	198,794
NORTHERN	12,284	2,961	3,054	132	31,350	59,614	109,395
GB-EASTERN	395	670,158		8,118	61,434	81,381	821,486
GB-WESTERN		180,771	602	284	2,579	11,113	195,349
SOUTHWEST	36,731	9,831	3,157	5,316	72,557	208,107	335,699
ROCKY MTN	24,102	31,090		5,902	31,188	41,447	133,729
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,423	173,498
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,027,923	41,878	1,114,436
USA	191,320	1,273,841	172,037	47,691	1,808,390	641,249	4,134,528

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	68	128	1,076	17,841
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	1	0	317	1,968
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	851	347	343,695
SASKATCHEWAN	0	9	375	12,745
MANITOBA	0	0	370	75,762
ONTARIO	5	0	1,084	452,941
QUEBEC	9	570	1,071	510,412
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	124	27,540
NEW BRUNSWICK	8	2	277	1,576
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	242	629
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	63	15,048
TOTALS	91	1,563	5,513	1,553,703

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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