

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1996 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

*** ALL FIREFIGHTERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE ASSIGNMENT ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack and large fire activity increased in the Northwest Area. A Type I and two Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized in the Northwest Area. Crews made excellent progress on large fires in the Northern and Southern California Areas. Resource mobilization through NICC increased.

Northwest Large Fires:

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The BULL, SUMMIT, ROCKY, and #104 fires comprise this complex. Fire activity on the Bull and Summit fires significantly increased yesterday. The fire jumped control lines and made a run in the Desolation Creek drainage. Torching, spotting, heavy fuel loading and rugged terrain hindered control efforts. Private structures, two Forest Service structures and a historic wooden pipeline are threatened

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (MacDonald) is assigned. The fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. Weather conditions increased fire activity yesterday. Current concerns include private land, Tower Mountain lookout, a cabin and an electronic site.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Burnout operations were challenged by high temperatures and low relative humidities. Active burning conditions persisted yesterday. Private land and high value timber remain threatened.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) has been ordered. The fire is burning in the Boulder Creek Wilderness, near Toketee Falls, OR. Extreme fire behavior pushed the fire over containment lines on the west and east flanks. Crews had difficulty controlling new spot fires. Private land and powerlines are threatened.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) has been ordered. The complex consists of five fires. These lightning fires are burning in heavy fuels near Waldo Lake. No other information available

SKELETON, Deschutes NF and Prineville District BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lohrey) has been ordered. The fire is 6 miles southeast of Bend, OR. The fire was extremely active through the night. No structures are threatened. No other information available.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Welch) is assigned. Burnout operations were successful yesterday. An interior burnout is planned for today. Fire activity was minimal and all control lines held.

WILDCAT COMPLEX, 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. The complex includes the WILDCAT and GRAHAM fires. High temperatures and low relative humidities increased fire activity. Helicopters assisted in holding containment lines. Private and industrial land and structures are threatened.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is assigned. The complex includes the SALT CREEK, DAM, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. Helicopter bucket work continues to hold control lines and pick up spot fires. Burnout operations on the south and east flanks continued. Fire activity increased due to higher temperatures. Cold Springs Cow Camp and an electronic site remain threatened.

Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 1,864 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
BULL COMPLEX TOWER	UMF	OR	7,710	45	UNK	1,713	48	35	8	0	NR	3.4M
SOUTH ZONE CPX SPRING	WIF	OR	3,043	80	8/28	1,567	48	49	5	0	0	5.8M
MOOLACK CPX SKELETON	UPF	OR	4,000	60	8/30	713	17	8	6	0	0	2M
NORTH UMPQUA	WIF	OR	1,000	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
WILDCAT	DEF	OR	1,000	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
SALT COMPLEX	UPF	OR	444	50	UNK	351	12	8	1	0	750K	2.8M
	MAF	OR	10,655	80	8/25	1,078	34	27	9	0	0	6.1M
	WWF	OR	58,780	75	8/25	406	10	4	8	0	0	4M

Northern California Large Fires:

FORK, Mendocino NF. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned. Two Type I Incident Management Teams (Kohut & Loving) are assigned. The 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander), successfully completed their first line assignment and are fully integrated into the operations. The fire is located north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Several divisions of the fire remained quiet throughout the day. Rehabilitation efforts on the fire began yesterday. Some interior burning was observed.

MORRIS, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is located in an inaccessible area about 12 miles northwest of Weaverville, Ca. Suppression forces were doing mop-up yesterday. Demobilization of resources begins today. With no major breakouts, the fire will move into patrol status on Saturday evening.

EAST FORK, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is located about 25 miles north of Weaverville, Ca. Rolling material created some problems yesterday. There is still a concern for fire spread to the east side of Deer Creek, which is outside of existing containment lines.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORK	MNF	CA	82,000	50	8/24	3,642	104	99	13	3	0	NR
MORRIS	SHF	CA	470	75	8/24	95	3	0	2	0	25K	340K

|EAST FORK | SHF|CA| 160| 75| 8/24| 58| 1| 0| 2| 0| 25K| 340K|

Southern California Large Fires:

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. Type I (Dague) and Type II (Byrd) Incident Management Teams are assigned. The fires included in this complex are the ACKERSON, POOP/NAUT, BIG CREEK, POINT, and MIGUEL. The Miguel, Poop/Naut, and Point Fires have now burned together. The inversion lifted yesterday and all of the fires in this complex were actively burning. Several spot fires occurred, but were quickly contained. The threat to 22 historic cabins in Aspen Valley still exists.

ROGGE, Stanislaus NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. The fire is burning in the Tuolumne River drainage south of Highway 108. Inversion conditions lifted yesterday which allowed air operations to resume. A small burnout was conducted in the Clavey River drainage. Mop-up operations are in progress. Limited demobilization will begin today.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	21,960	21	UNK	2,345	66	100	14	1	22K	7.3M
ROGGE	STF	CA	23,200	99	8/24	1,355	45	51	15	1	NR	5.5M
CHOLOLLO	SQF	CA	2,850	100	----	650	20	19	2	0	0	NR
ORANGE	RRU	CA	548	100	----	494	17	14	2	0	0	621K
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	4,479	100	----	531	13	6	9	1	100K	2.2M

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

CUNNINGHAM, Cedar City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is assigned. The fire is located 10 miles northwest of Beaver, UT. Burnout operations on the south flank were successful. Interstate 15 was reopened yesterday. Extreme burning conditions are creating control problems. Current threats include three residences, haystacks and cattle.

SARAH, Utah State. The fire is located 20 miles northeast of Delta, UT. A wind shift during burnout operations created control problems. Moderate fire behavior was observed yesterday. Air support continued to aide firefighters during burnout operations. Steep slopes and shifting winds caused control problems. Range and grasslands remain threatened.

BIG BRUIN, Payette NF. This prescribed natural fire is being monitored by aerial reconnaissance. This will be the last report on this fire unless significant activity occurs.

Four fires are in 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
CUNNINGHAM	CCD	UT	14,094	20	8/26	442	13	18	3	0	0	NR
SARAH	SCS	UT	6,400	85	8/25	44	1	6	1	0	0	78K
BIG BRUIN	PAF	ID	8,300	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

DANO, Shoshone NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned . Crews completed line construction and began mop-up on the south and east flanks. Air operations contained a ten acre spot fire on the northern perimeter. Firefighters continue to focus on preventing fire spread into Dead Indian Gulch. Steep terrain and limited access hampered control objectives.

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DANO	SHF	WY	1,000	10	UNK	200	6	8	3	0	0	145K	

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. Helicopter bucket drops aided firefighters in suppression efforts, although drier weather increased fire activity.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	NR	UNK	110	4	1	4	1	NR	297K	
CASTLE ROCK	MCD	MT	645	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	36K	

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. A helicopter continues to assist firefighters in mop-up. Acreage decrease is due to remapping.

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SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	13,800	98	8/24	3	0	0	1	0	NR	5K	

Southwest Large Fires: Five fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,449 acres.

Alaska Large Fires: Fourteen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 428,113 acres.

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR THE NORTHERN HALF OF CALIFORNIA ***
 *** EXCLUDING THE IMMEDIATE COAST FOR DRY THUNDERSTORMS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED ALONG THE SIERRAS, ***
 *** THE TEHACHAPI MOUNTAINS, CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST NEVADA, ***
 *** AND NORTHEASTERN OREGON FOR DRY THUNDERSTORMS ***

Strong upper level high pressure over the western half of the United States and an upper level trough off of the California coast will continue to spread high level moisture northward across California into western Nevada and Oregon. This combined with hot and unstable conditions will produce widely scattered dry thunderstorms in most of California and Oregon, except along coast, and in central and northeast Nevada. Isolated

to widely scattered dry thunderstorms are possible in southwest Idaho and the southern Cascades of Washington. Extremely dry conditions will persist from Oregon to Montana and Wyoming. Wet thunderstorms will continue in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. High temperatures will range from the upper 80s' and 90s' in the Northern Rockies to 112 in the desert southwest. It will be very hot in the coastal states where valley temperatures will reach 100 - 105 degrees as far north as southern Washington.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					1		1
NORTHWEST	1	3		6	9	9	28
CA-NORTHERN					14	2	16
CA-SOUTHERN		1			23	4	28
NORTHERN	4	1			6	7	18
GB-EASTERN		6		1	1	3	11
GB-WESTERN		1					1
SOUTHWEST		2		1		3	6
ROCKY MTN	1	2		1			4
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN							
USA	6	16		9	54	28	113

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					0		0
NORTHWEST	1	6		1	36	9	53
CA-NORTHERN					13	0	13
CA-SOUTHERN		0			8	6	14
NORTHERN	8	40			80	46	174
GB-EASTERN		6,233		0	0	11	6,244
GB-WESTERN		2					2
SOUTHWEST		1		0		0	1
ROCKY MTN	0	50		0			50
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN							
USA	9	6,332		1	137	72	6,551

RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	152	66	99	48	50	1	7		736	215

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	10	0	1,131	17,956
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	2	1	323	1,969
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	349	343,889
SASKATCHEWAN	4	19	382	12,838
MANITOBA	11	5,657	383	89,146
ONTARIO	2	1,790	1,101	454,610
QUEBEC	7	0	1,095	626,010
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	0	124	27,542
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	289	1,576
NOVA SCOTIA	3	1	249	631
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	65	16,369
TOTALS	43	7,468	5,658	1,686,082

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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