

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack activity was light in most areas. Good progress continued on most large fires with several achieving containment objectives. Resource mobilization through NICC has moderated. Demobilization and reassignments are continuing.

Northwest Large Fires:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) is committed to the Umatilla National Forest.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. The 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Lt. Col. Seal, Commander) are assigned. Fire behavior and intensity moderated with cooler temperatures. The fire continues to creep through heavy fuels. Fireline construction began in the North Fork John Day Wilderness. Marine regiment crews began mop-up on constructed line. The Oregon National Guard, Oregon Air Guard and Oregon Department of Corrections are also assigned. Today's increase in size is due to Monday's burn-out operations. Threats to private land and anadromous fish habitat are still of concern.

SUMMIT, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander) are assigned. A passing cold front caused gusty winds mid-day, but no problems holding the line resulted. A successful burn-out was completed in Division F.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. This incident is being managed under a Unified Command with the Douglas Forest Protective Association. Fire outside of the Boulder Creek Wilderness is contained, but suppression forces continue to pursue an indirect strategy in the Wilderness. Falling snags damaged a powerline and bridge in the Wilderness. There is no longer a significant threat to powerlines or structures in the Dry Creek/Soda Springs corridor.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The complex consists of the MOOLACK and CHARLETON fires. Progress continues on mop-up of the lined portions of the fire. Line construction on the north side remains slow.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Macdonald) is assigned. The complex includes the SALT CREEK, DAM, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. Cooler, damper weather enabled crews to make good progress. The SHEEP fire is now 75% contained and the DAM fire 50% contained.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D

TOWER	UMF	OR	50,200	70	9/09	1,618	53	37	14	8	2.1M	8.8M
SUMMIT	UMF	OR	37,000	80	9/06	1,714	64	80	11	2	NR	5.4M
SPRING	UPF	OR	13,869	50	9/12	1,030	26	28	6	0	3.3M	8.4M
BULL	UMF	OR	9,533	100	---	784	24	10	5	0	NR	11M
MOOLACK CPX	WIF	OR	11,715	60	9/08	1,093	36	13	7	0	5.4M	4.3M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	68,925	75	9/05	431	6	2	7	0	NR	7.5M

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

ASPEN HOLLOW, Bridger-Teton NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. Control problems due to high winds and spotting were experienced yesterday. Concerns include potential effects to outfitter operations on Middle Ridge and smoke drifting into Jackson Hole. The fire burned very actively last night.

FALL GOOSE COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The complex is located 5-10 miles north of McCall, ID. The complex is comprised of the FALL, FROG, HARTLEY, BRUNDAGE, KNOB, GOOSE NORTH and GOOSE SOUTH fires. Water delivery established the perimeter of the FROG fire. The weather is cooperating and no enlargement occurred.

BRIDGE, Salmon/Challis NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is assigned. This fire will be managed in a confine strategy and will no longer be reported.

GOLDEN SPIKE, Utah State. Erratic winds and fire behavior were observed with 40 foot flame lengths in cedar and 15 foot flame lengths in sage. Haystacks, fence lines and ranch structures are threatened.

WET SANDY COMPLEX, Dixie NF. The fires are located 11 miles northwest of Hurricane, Utah. The complex consists of the WET SANDY, BROWSE, and MILL fires. Active suppression is continuing with aircraft and handcrews. Aircraft operations are still critical to fire suppression.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ASPEN HOLLOW	BTF	WY	580	1	9/10	152	6	0	2	0	NR	660K
FALL GOOSE CPX	PAF	ID	485	98	9/4	440	16	8	4	0	NR	1.8M
BRIDGE	SCF	ID	12,000	1	---	248	9	1	3	0	NR	1.0M
GOLDEN SPIKE	UTS	UT	9,600	70	9/5	45	0	10	0	0	75K	80K
WET SANDY CPX	DIF	UT	369	15	9/5	99	3	4	2	0	NR	660K

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

LAKEVIEW, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned. Moderate temperatures and high humidities kept fire activity low. Crews completed line on the south and east flanks, including a steep section dropping into the lake on the east. Helicopter bucket work continued to be very effective in cooling hot spots. The fire made no lateral spread today along the lake face. The strategy is to control all sides of the fire except the west flank which will be put in a contain strategy. Lakeview and powerlines have a low potential of being threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
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|LAKEVIEW | IPF|ID| 270| 80| UNK| 351| 10| 9| 4| 0| NR| 530K|

Southern California Large Fires:

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. Holding action and mop up proceeded in preparation for a fire weather watch for high winds. Large interior islands of unburned fuels continued burning. Type I and II helicopters aided in the successful containment of flare-ups and spot fires. A meeting to transition the incident to local jurisdictions was conducted. BIEDEBACH, Angeles NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) is assigned. The fire is located near the community of Wrightwood. Major demobilization is in progress.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ACKERSON CX	YNP	CA	57,976	95	9/4	1,139	50	18	12	1	38M	27.5M
BIEDEBACH	ANF	CA	685	60	9/4	621	17	30	0	0	NR	1.3M

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

STOCKWELL, Big Horn NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles west of Saddlestring, WY. No major fire activity occurred on the fire yesterday. Open line still remains on the southwest corner. Predicted winds today are expected to increase fire behavior.

HOGBACK, Craig District, BLM. This fire is burning in extremely dry oak brush 10 miles west of Meeker, CO. The fire is burning mostly on private land.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
STOCKWELL	BHF	WY	1,000	80	UNK	62	2	0	3	0	NR	700K
HOGBACK	CRD	CO	120	90	9/4	55	2	3	1	0	NR	NR

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
OREGON	EKD	NV	17,000	100	----	17	0	3	1	0	NR	NR

Alaska Large Fires:

Eleven fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 342,783 acres.

OUTLOOK

RED FLAG WARNINGS ARE POSTED IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, EASTERN IDAHO AND WESTERN WYOMING FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES. FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED IN SOUTH-CENTRAL OREGON, NEVADA, CENTRAL WYOMING, WESTERN AND NORTHERN UTAH, AND NORTHWEST COLORADO

FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES.

An upper level low will move into western Washington with an upper level trough southward through Oregon and northern California. A surface cold front, ahead of the upper low, will move into Montana, Idaho and Nevada. The front will produce strong, gusty winds in the 20-40 MPH range and low relative humidities from eastern Idaho and Wyoming, southward through northwest Colorado and Utah into Nevada and California. Showers and a few thunderstorms will extend across western Montana, Washington and northern Oregon. Monsoon moisture will continue over New Mexico and Arizona with scattered showers and thunderstorms and locally heavy rain. High temperatures will range from the upper 60's in western Washington to 105 in the desert Southwest. Most areas will be in the 80's to lower 90's.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST		2			4	6	12
CA-NORTH					25	3	28
CA-SOUTH				1	14	3	18
NORTHERN	1	2		1	4	19	27
GB-EAST		2				6	8
GB-WEST		1					1
SOUTHWEST							0
ROCKY MTN	3	1			1	7	12
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					13		13
USA	4	8	0	2	61	44	119

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST		300			3	3,135	3,438
CA-NORTH					73	6	79
CA-SOUTH							0
NORTHERN	1	100			1	1	103
GB-EAST		8			7,400	1,236	8,644
GB-WEST		1					1
SOUTHWEST							0
ROCKY MTN	1	5			20	7	33
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					96		96
USA	2	414	0	0	7,593	4,385	12,394

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	215	51	136	31	62				1,428	268
CA-NORTH	3		14		4				30	
CA-SOUTH	78		58		19			2	273	
NORTHERN	22	1	27	4	15	1			312	14
GB-EAST	22	2	43	11	16				NR	NR
GB-WEST	2	2	6		3				77	15
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN	4	1	19	4	3			1	18	22
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	346	57	303	50	122	1	1	2	2,138	319

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	32	6	547	19	656
NORTHWEST	209	428	14	40	1,555	1,356	3,602
CA-NORTH	43	61	2	19	2,040	867	3,032
CA-SOUTH	10	303	2	237	3,532	918	5,002
NORTHERN	726	92	46	27	521	1,249	2,661
GB-EAST	51	842		26	417	758	2,094
GB-WEST		761	3	58	98	206	1,126
SOUTHWEST	1,188	322	13	91	1,443	2,124	5,181
ROCKY MTN	834	894		68	963	661	3,420
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	343	12,353
SOUTHERN	77		105	93	45,988	1,143	47,406
USA	3,388	3,749	217	726	68,809	9,644	86,533
5 YEAR AVERAGE							57,975

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	205,422	138,902	4,379	237,226	168	586,113
NORTHWEST	133,230	210,426	1,556	5	27,637	269,923	642,777
CA-NORTH	236	7,539	500	367	14,513	122,068	145,223
CA-SOUTH	2,032	40,751	30	54,811	161,063	178,037	436,724
NORTHERN	15,940	7,108	3,054	2,592	97,921	71,746	198,361
GB-EAST	395	1,051,453		7,930	113,896	106,750	1,280,424
GB-WEST		421,370	602	287	59,765	74,144	556,168
SOUTHWEST	36,848	10,617	3,155	5,319	73,244	208,935	338,118
ROCKY MTN	26,217	193,384		10,642	21,558	42,094	293,895
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,429	173,504
SOUTHERN	1,781		29,984	12,770	1,049,719	42,206	1,136,460
USA	217,261	2,148,070	177,783	99,635	2,010,518	1,134,500	5,787,767

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA			1,190	22,005
YUKON TERRITORY			145	93,351
ALBERTA			331	1,973
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			349	343,889
SASKATCHEWAN			399	12,886
MANITOBA			392	90,211
ONTARIO			1,142	454,624
QUEBEC			1,121	630,421
NEWFOUNDLAND			131	27,544
NEW BRUNSWICK			310	1,763
NOVA SCOTIA			249	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			23	195
NATIONAL PARKS			71	16,409
TOTALS	NR	NR	5,853	1,695,901

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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