

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

National preparedness level IV was declared yesterday. Military liaison has been requested for NIFC and identification of available Canadian resources is under way. Large fire activity continued in the Western Great Basin, Southern and Northern California Areas. New large fire activity was reported in the Northern California, Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in most areas. Competition exists for airtankers, leadplanes, type I and II helicopters, type I crews and type II crews. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized airtankers, helicopters, lead planes, infrared aircraft, telecommunications equipment, caterers, showers, engines, crews, smokejumpers and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES

SHASTA-TRINITY COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This complex consists of the Rock (700 acres), East (288 acres), Mammoth (400 acres), Burney LCA (100 acres), Donkey (60 acres) and Backbone (20 acres) fires. Containment on the Rock and East fires was expected last night. The Mammoth fire is two miles west of Shasta Lake and is threatening timber resources and historical structures.

BUTTE COMPLEX, Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Team (Walters) is assigned. This complex consists of the Musty Buck, Cohasset and Sycamore. These fires are burning together. Yesterday evacuations took place in Hell Town and Cohasset.

TEHAMA-GLENN COMPLEX, Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. The DeHaven Gulch fire, the only uncontained fire, is 10 miles east of Red Bluff. Crews are working on the west, south and eastern flanks.

MHRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. The complex consists of 12 fires of which five are contained and six remain unstaffed. The Horton 2 fire is the most active. Control problems include steep terrain and limited access.

FRRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. This complex consists of six lightning fires north and west of Lake Oroville. No other information was reported.

WILLOW, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. This fire is threatening timber, rangeland and archeological sites 20 miles northeast of Susanville. Crews worked on reestablishing

lost fireline on the east and north sides. A section of State Highway 139 is closed with traffic being detoured.

HIGH COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Young) is in effect. This complex consists of 19 lightning fires 22 miles north of Redding. The Shasta County Sheriff has evacuated the Dog Creek Canyon. Current threats are to 40 structures in Dog Creek Canyon and to 850 structures in the Lakehead area.

YELLOW PINE COMPLEX, Modoc National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. This complex consists of the Yellow (4,669 acres), Pine (12,539 acres) and Boles (476 acres) fires which are 20 miles south of Tulelake. The Pine fire activity increased on the west flank renewing the threat to Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar Site. The Pine fire is moving out of the Big Sage Fire Management Unit and towards areas of Goshawk nesting sites.

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bacon) is assigned. This complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville. The complex consists of five lightning fires, the Onion (1260 acres), Fawn (1000 acres), Soldier (2 acres), Dee's (1 acres) and Megram (40 acres). The fires are burning in steep, inaccessible terrain. Current threats are to watershed, wilderness lands and to 40 structures along Denny Road.

WIMER, Northern California District, BLM. This fire is near Cedarville, Ca. Crews are continuing to mopup the fire.

ANNIE, Northern California District, BLM. This fire is near Cedarville, CA. Containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SHASTA-TRINITY	CA	SHU	1275	16	UNK	600	32	25	5	0	NR	NR
BUTTE COMPLEX	CA	BTU	12165	UNK	UNK	625	17	109	3	0	NR	NR
TEHAMA-GLENN CM	CA	TGU	12000	40	UNK	500	20	25	4	0	NR	NR
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	2866	10	UNK	618	14	21	4	0	NR	549K
FRRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	3210	20	UNK	594	18	12	2	0	NR	850K
WILLOW	CA	LMU	5300	30	UNK	192	11	9	1	0	NR	NR
HIGH COMPLEX	CA	SHF	8000	5	UNK	953	27	65	4	0	NR	NR
YELLOW PINE COM	CA	MDF	17684	25	UNK	390	9	25	2	0	NR	662K
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	2500	UNK	UNK	245	8	13	1	0	NR	NR
WIMER	CA	NOD	533	85	8/27	58	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
ANNIE	CA	NOD	640	85	8/26	66	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

FISH COMPLEX, Carson City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, sage and juniper 45 miles north of Reno. The complex was covered in an inversion until noon. Priorities are to stop fire spread into the communities of Winnemucca Ranch and Pyramid Lake. Control problems are dry

fuels, steep, rugged terrain and structure protection.

SUTRO, Carson City Field Office, BLM. This fire is located in Carson City, NV. The fire started on northern edge of Carson City and quickly spread into Washoe Valley. The fire is burning in cheatgrass and sagebrush. Structures in Washoe Valley and Carson City are threatened. A powerline and numerous microwave antennae sites are also threatened. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lianardo) will be taking over the fire at 2400.

PASS CREEK, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 70 miles northwest of Winnemucca. Minimal fire activity was observed today. Fireline construction and mopup are almost complete. Rehabilitation is underway.

RAIL SPRINGS, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southwest of Tonopah, NV. The fire received significant rain. Mopup is continuing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FISH COMPLEX	NV	CCD	36000	10	8/29	372	9	12	3	0	NR	300K
SUTRO	NV	CCD	2000	40	8/28	300	13	44	5	0	NR	NR
PASS CREEK	NV	WID	7400	90	8/27	330	11	13	3	0	NR	162K
RAIL SPRINGS	NV	BMD	1000	90	8/27	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RED ROCK	NV	CCD	6500	100	----	242	4	21	0	0	NR	125K
BOULDER	NV	EKD	700	100	----	82	3	5	0	0	NR	NR

EKD = Elko Field Office, BLM.  
 CCD = Carson City Field Office, BLM.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

BADGER, Sheldon-Hart National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. Flashy fuels are creating control problems. A large burnout operation is in progress on the southeast flank. No other information was received.

PLACEDER GULCH, Oregon State Department of Forestry. This fire is burning in steep terrain 12 miles south of Dayville. All of the fire perimeter has been handlined and blacklined.

SOAP LAKE MOUNTAIN, Colville Agency, BIA. This fire is 8 miles south of Okanogan. The fire should be controlled at 1900 and mopup operations continue.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BADGER	OR	SHR	30000	30	8/27	470	17	24	6	0	NR	NR
PLACEDER GULCH	OR	ORS	675	0	UNK	88	6	5	1	0	NR	NR
SOAP LAKE MOUNT	WA	COA	350	50	8/26	60	0	6	1	0	NR	NR

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

PILOT, Stanislaus National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. This fire is east of the Buck Meadows/Groveland area, burning in steep terrain. No new information was received.

SHINN, Angeles National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) is assigned. This fire is burning in brush north of Claremont. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PILOT	CA	STF	3320	50	UNK	1247	44	40	10	1	NR	NR
SHINN	CA	ANF	600	66	UNK	280	13	22	7	0	NR	NR

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SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TOPEKA, Texas State Forest Service, Texas State. This fire is located 22 miles northwest of Lampasas, TX. Gusty winds, low relative humidity and heavy, dry fuels are creating control problems. Three fire personnel were transported to the hospital when the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire chief collided with a firefighter in a private vehicle on the fire.

TUGGLE SPRINGS, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida State. This fire is located on Highway 123 northwest of Red River. Heavy fuels and numerous snags are creating control problems. One firefighter suffered a broken ankle and was taken to the hospital.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TOPEKA	TX	TXS	1500	80	8/27	71	0	17	4	NR	NR	NR
TUGGLE SPRINGS	FL	FLS	580	UNK	UNK	50	2	4	1	NR	NR	NR

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EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
COW CREEK	ID	IFD	457	100	----	25	4	6	0	0	NR	NR
LEAMINGTON	UT	RID	480	100	----	12	0	5	0	0	NR	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area.

RID = Richfield Field Office, BLM.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STEPHENS HILL	MT	SOS	200	100	----	29	0	10	0	0	70K	1K

SOS = MTS Southern Land Office

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR VALE DISTRICT BLM AND LOWER SNAKE RIVER DISTRICT BLM THIS AFTERNOON FOR DRY LIGHTNING. \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN MONTANA THIS AFTERNOON FOR DRY LIGHTNING. \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR BURNS DISTRICT BLM, MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST SOUTH OF THE STRAWBERRY MOUNTAINS AND FROM THE OCHOCO MOUNTAINS SOUTHWARD THIS AFTERNOON FOR DRY LIGHTNING. \*\*\*

High pressure aloft centered over Colorado remains stationary over the western two-thirds of the lower 48 states. Monsoon moisture circulating around the high pressure will continue to bring, mainly wet thunderstorms to the four corners area. An upper level low pressure system will move over eastern Oregon and Idaho bringing the threat of dry thunderstorms to the northern intermountain region this afternoon. These thunderstorms may become wet tonight. Temperatures will cool slightly along with higher relative humidities along the path of the upper level low.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	3	2			8	14	27
	ACRES	0	3			1	13	17
CA-NORTH	FIRES	3				19	20	42
	ACRES	31				12036	7652	19719
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	2			20	27	50
	ACRES	320	1			30	458	809
NORTHERN	FIRES	3	1		1	2	12	19
	ACRES	125	1		0	1	17	144
GB-EAST	FIRES		6			1	3	10
	ACRES		706			75	8	789
GB-WEST	FIRES		1			1	4	6
	ACRES		2000			10	0	2010
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		1					1

	ACRES		0					0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		0			14	0	14
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					83	7	90
	ACRES					3509	165	3674
TOTAL	FIRES	10	15	0	1	135	89	250
	ACRES	476	2711	0	0	15676	8313	27176

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	31	13	386	0	474
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155932	282964	0	1026302
NORTHWEST	FIRES	325	344	15	44	1352	1231	3311
	ACRES	6490	28023	33733	89	6707	3989	79031
CA-NORTH	FIRES	121	49	7	22	2482	892	3573
	ACRES	178	14001	33	130	50390	21702	86434
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	60	135	9	49	2438	746	3437
	ACRES	1626	6040	12	13950	20821	25196	67645
NORTHERN	FIRES	462	59	15	11	640	1116	2303
	ACRES	4813	4977	130	2	39010	5489	54421
GB-EAST	FIRES	49	640		20	247	554	1510
	ACRES	4235	369435		38	38446	5954	418108
GB-WEST	FIRES	30	563	3	5	80	167	848
	ACRES	751	1385535	116	3	25632	5922	1417959
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	790	118	9	45	752	1389	3103
	ACRES	13082	27129	225	410	69298	11409	121553
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	477	344	33	39	949	216	2058
	ACRES	8813	12847	705	27	51767	2869	77028
EASTERN	FIRES	513			85	14471	313	15382
	ACRES	2947			810	91843	4255	99855
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		69	96	31591	939	32730
	ACRES	627		19956	11125	605453	44963	682124
TOTALS	FIRES	2864	2294	191	429	55388	7563	68729
	ACRES	43563	2150198	340104	182516	1282331	131748	4130460
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								57597
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2408675

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0

CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERNRO	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			650				650
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		1100					1100
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	1100	650	0	0	0	1750

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				500			500
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	500	0	0	500

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	7	0	979	7382
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	159	185941
ALBERTA			1157	117806
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			164	533529
SASKATCHEWAN	6	8355	685	177333
MANITOBA	8	222	534	96687
ONTARIO	6	0	830	306709
QUEBEC	17	2	813	95539
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	12	214	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	552	1248
NOVA SCOTIA			411	1675
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	49	8591	6563	1632764

RESOURCE 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	3	3								
NORTHWEST	18	19	48	17	12	2	4		91	3
CA-NORTH	76	126	119	274	10	33	3	7	358	187
CA-SOUTH	66	23	57	20	23	7			243	78
NORTHERN	7	2	19	27	5	1			2	14
GB-EAST	5	1	23	2	4				12	
GB-WEST	45	9	47	86	11	10			212	79
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN					1					
EASTERN									2	
SOUTHERN	12								7	1
TOTAL	232	183	313	426	66	53	7	7	927	362

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