

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

CURRENT SITUATION:

Fifteen new large fires were reported, including five in Eastern Great Basin and four in the Northern Rockies Area. Crews reached containment goals on three fires in Nevada and four in other areas. Initial attack activity was light to moderate in all areas, but holdover fires continue to be discovered in Wyoming and Montana. Forecast gusty winds throughout the northern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain states today will challenge firelines on many of the large fires. Mobilization of available aircraft, crews, equipment and overhead continues through the National Interagency Coordination Center. The total number of acres burned this year is more than twice the ten year average. Very high to extreme fire indices have been reported in all 11 western states, plus Texas and North Dakota.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) is assigned to manage the large fires in the Hamilton area. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the large fires in southwestern Montana. An Area Command Team (Meuchel) is assigned to manage the large fires in central Montana. Priorities are being established by the Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildfire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms. BLODGETT TRAILHEAD, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Gage) is assigned. This fire is three miles northwest of Hamilton, MT. Moderate downslope spread into the upper portions of Sheafman Creek drainages has occurred. The fire continues to move up Canyon Creek, burning both the canyon bottom and the upper slopes. Fire activity is more vigorous above 6000 feet elevation.

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. A Canadian Type I Incident Management Team (Myer) has been ordered. These fires are seven miles south of Darby, MT. Progress has been made on the northeast corner of the Bear fire during the night operational periods. Actions are focused on structure protection in the Sleeping Child, Little Sleeping Child, East Fork, Springer, Bonanza, West Fork, Hughes Creek and Lost Trail Pass areas, where approximately 800 residences are threatened.

SULA COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. The fires in this complex, located near Sula, MT, include the Maynard, Spade, Slate, Full Circle and Taylor Springs fires. After today, the Sula Complex fires will be reported as part of the Valley Complex.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cook) is assigned. The complex consists of 24 fires in the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church River of No Return Wildernesses, 40 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. The Throng fire is growing to the northeast and is expected to join the Lonely fire within a few days.

Three Bears continues to burn east and will likely burn into the Hamilton fire soon. The Jack and Echo fires are also actively growing. A heavy smoke layer is making observation difficult.

THOMPSON FLAT COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This is a complex of six fires within three miles of Superior, MT. Crews have made excellent progress with burnout operations along the mouth of Johnson Creek. The Landowner fire has experienced some growth with active fire movement. A successful burnout operation has been completed around several homes in the Trout Creek drainage.

RYAN GULCH, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles southeast of Clinton, MT. Strong, gusty west winds have enabled the fire to make substantial gains to the east, crossing containment lines and spotting across Interstate 90. The Interstate was temporarily closed due to dense smoke and suppression activities within the corridor. Structure protection plans are being developed for residences within the Bear Creek area.

UPPER NINEMILE COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. The Army's 20th Engineers Battalion from Ft. Hood, Texas, commanded by LTC Shumway, is assigned. These fires are burning near Huson, MT. The South Fork Nemote #4 fire has escaped dozer lines and made a run in Dry Creek. The Marion fire has almost burned into the east flank of the Ninemile fire. Both the Alpine and the Ninemile fires have spotted over containment lines.

CLEAR CREEK DIVIDE COMPLEX, Flathead Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (MacGregor) is assigned. This complex, 60 miles northwest of Missoula, consists of the Clear Creek, Vanderburg, Siegel and Magpie fires. Direct attack on the east side of Vanderburg and helicopter bucket work on the southeast side have been implemented successfully. Part of the Upper Ninemile Complex has come over the ridge and is burning near the Vanderburg fire. Residences in Dixon and Revais Creek are threatened.

CROOKED, Clearwater National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 50 miles southwest of Missoula, MT, near Lolo Pass. Containment was expected last night.

MONTURE/SPREAD RIDGE, Lolo National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Waterbury) is assigned. This fire is 19 miles east of Seeley Lake, MT. Significant winds have caused the fire to become more active. Islands of fuel within the fire perimeter are creating a significant smoke column. Structure protection and evacuation plans for the Bob Marshall Wilderness are being coordinated with personnel from the Flathead National Forest.

BOULDER COMPLEX, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type I Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This complex, three miles northeast of Basin, MT, consists of the Boulder Hill and High Ore Road fires. Fire activity has been limited to isolated flare-ups in unburned areas. Crews are making good progress toward containment. Nine residences have been confirmed destroyed.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires, which are 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. Strong winds have caused both fires to experience torching and development of minor columns. Spots across the East Fork of the Bitterroot River continue to burn actively.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. The complex consists of the Falls Creek, Cougar Creek and Copper Creek fires, 30 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Group torching and increased fire activity due to winds and lower relative humidity has been observed.

CANYON FERRY COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, located 12 miles north of Helena, MT, consists of the Bucksnot and Cave Gulch fires. Fire activity has been minimal. Unburned areas still exist on the Cave Gulch fire. Crews are reinforcing firelines and performing mopup work.

JUDITH COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This complex consists of the Studhorse, Lost Fork and High Springs fires, which are 25 miles southwest of Stanford, MT. No new information was reported.

BURNT FLATS, Clearwater area, Idaho State Department of Lands. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. The fire is three miles from Whitebird, ID. The fire crossed containment lines in Chapman Creek, forcing firefighters to retreat to safety zones. After air support cooled the fire, crews returned to reestablish and hold containment lines. Work to secure the west side continues with crews, engines and dozers suppressing spot fires and constructing fireline. The east side of the fire remains largely unstaffed.

BEAVER CREEK, Gallatin National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Duke) is assigned. This fire is south of Big Sky, MT. Air tankers are providing protection for cabins and suppression of spot fires. Moving resources to the fire is made difficult because of inaccessibility of the fire area.

KOOTENAI COMPLEX, Kootenai National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned. This complex consists of numerous fires 20 miles northwest of Libby, MT. Observed fire behavior includes creeping, running and torching. Several of the smaller fires are getting contained. Priorities are being set.

ELK MOUNTAIN, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. This fire is 26 miles west of Whitefish, MT. Structure protection planning is in progress for residences in Good Creek and Star Meadows. Two road closures are in place.

MALONEY CREEK, Clearwater Area, Idaho State Department of Lands. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles southeast of Craigmont, ID. The fire has burned under the Avista Lolo Oxbow powerline, which is part of the regional grid. The line has been de-energized to avoid arcing. Approximately ten power poles have been destroyed. Avista personnel are attempting to protect other threatened powerlines along the Salmon River as the fire moves west.

STONE YOUNG, Kootenai National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) has been ordered. No other information was received.

TROY SOUTH, Kootenai National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Berndt) has been ordered. No other information was received.

NORTHWEST LAND OFFICE (NWLO) IA COMPLEX, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. These fires are all within the northwest Montana zone. The total number of fires in the complex is 27.

BALD MOUNTAIN, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. After today, this fire will be reported in the NWLO IA Complex of fires. Fire behavior is reported to be extreme.

CHIPMUNK, Flathead National Forest. The fire is burning in spruce, subalpine fir and brush 45 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT. Observed fire behavior includes active burning inside of natural barriers, with some spotting over natural barriers on the east perimeter.

THREE BEARS, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This fire, 29 miles from Elk City, ID, is burning actively on both sides of the Salmon River. The nearby Short Creek fire (1000 acres) is also being managed by the team. Burnout operations have been completed in the Smith Gulch/Corey Bar site along the Salmon River. Fire activity is increasing.

KNF ABC, Kootenai National Forest. In this complex there are 70 active fires, 31 in patrol status, 32 staffed and 38 unstaffed. All fires are within the Kootenai National Forest.

HAWKS GROUND, Clearwater Area, Idaho State Department of Lands. The fire is burning in steep terrain four miles northeast of Winchester, ID. No new information was received.

BLIND BREAD, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. This fire is seven miles north of Lewistown, MT. The fire was started by lightning on 8/12. Crews are mopping up and searching for spots outside the fire perimeter.

MCDONALD II, Lewis and Clark National Forest. The fire is 36 miles southwest of Choteau, MT. The fire is being monitored by US Forest Service personnel.

HIDDEN CREEK, Clearwater National Forest. The fire is 12 miles southeast of Powell, ID. The majority of the fire's movement is to the east along Hidden Ridge. The fire is being monitored by US Forest Service personnel.

FROG LAKE, Clearwater National Forest. The fire is 16 miles southeast of Powell, ID. The fire is being monitored by US Forest Service personnel.

ELIZABETH, Clearwater National Forest. The fire is 33 miles northeast of Pierce, ID. The fire is being monitored by US Forest Service personnel.

SNOW CREEK, Clearwater National Forest. The fire is 30 miles northeast of Pierce, ID. The fire is being monitored by US Forest Service personnel.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLODGETT TRAILH	MT	BRF	9150	38	UNK	563	16	20	4	6	NR	4.9M
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	111000	10	UNK	870	13	65	9	33	NR	5.5M
SULA COMPLEX	MT	BRF	37000	10	UNK	280	4	16	6	72	NR	2.5M
WILDERNESS CPLX	MT	BRF	49800	0	UNK	33	0	1	0	0	NR	225K
THOMPSON FLAT C	MT	LNF	6950	20	UNK	393	12	17	2	0	0	1.3M
RYAN GULCH	MT	SWS	14841	30	UNK	290	7	14	0	2	10K	923K
UPPER NINEMILE	MT	LNF	20045	0	UNK	975	23	10	2	0	0	1.1M
CLEAR CREEK DIV	MT	FHA	18348	10	UNK	534	15	12	2	0	0	1.3M
CROOKED	ID	CFW	4535	90	8/14	411	11	12	1	0	NR	4.0M
MONTURE/SPREAD	MT	LNF	17500	0	UNK	158	4	5	1	4	NR	6.7M
BOULDER COMPLEX	MT	CES	13500	95	UNK	909	27	27	2	9	NR	3.4M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	14166	7	UNK	350	3	20	4	0	NR	1.8M
MIDDLE FORK CPL	MT	BDF	16991	5	UNK	339	5	4	5	0	NR	5.4M
CANYON FERRY CP	MT	HNF	43947	90	UNK	52	1	5	0	50	NR	11.4M
JUDITH COMPLEX	MT	LCF	1055	45	UNK	215	13	3	0	0	NR	850K
BURNT FLATS	ID	CWS	4800	0	UNK	347	12	3	1	0	NR	575K
BEAVER CREEK	MT	GNF	3500	0	UNK	200	5	3	3	0	NR	NR
KOOTENAI COMPLE	MT	KNF	450	5	UNK	159	5	4	0	0	NR	NR
ELK MOUNTAIN	MT	NWS	850	50	UNK	240	2	5	1	0	NR	990K
MALONEY CREEK	ID	CWS	17000	20	UNK	140	9	2	2	2	NR	300K
STONE SOUTH	MT	KNF	UNK	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TROY SOUTH	MT	KNF	UNK	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NWLO IA COMPLEX	MT	NWS	1200	20	UNK	170	4	19	1	0	NR	NR
BALD MOUNTAIN	MT	NWS	650	0	UNK	NR	1	2	1	0	NR	NR
CHIPMUNK	MT	FNF	488	0	UNK	19	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
THREE BEARS	ID	NPF	22500	0	UNK	32	0	0	0	0	NR	252K
KNF ABC	MT	KNF	2600	10	UNK	268	10	20	0	0	NR	NR
HAWKS GROUND	ID	CWS	100	90	8/15	46	2	1	0	0	NR	NR
BLIND BREAD	MT	LED	80	95	8/15	85	4	2	1	0	NR	NR
MCDONALD II	MT	LCF	1350	0	UNK	10	0	0	0	0	NR	75K
HIDDEN CREEK	ID	CFW	1300	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
FROG LAKE	ID	CFW	150	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
ELIZABETH	ID	CFW	1450	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	1K
SNOW CREEK	ID	CFW	550	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
SEVEN BLACKFOOT	MT	MCD	800	100	---	87	3	5	1	0	NR	NR

MCD = Miles City Field Office, BLM

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Great Basin Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildfire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

RANKIN, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is 40 miles west of Challis, ID. Firefighters are making good progress as the fire backs up to Yankee Fork Creek. Dozer fireline has been completed on two critical divisions. Restricted traffic flow continues in areas near the fire. Structures are threatened and a structure protection group has been formed.

SWAINS, South Central State of Utah. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This human-caused fire is burning east of Holden, UT. Moderate fire activity has been observed. Cloud cover and increased humidity levels is aiding suppression efforts.

BOULDER, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles east of Jackson, WY, in the Gros Ventre Wilderness. Firefighters are making progress on containing the fire east of Little Granite Creek.

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) has been assigned to transition with Hart's team. The fire is 12 miles west of Salmon, ID. The 3rd Battalion 5th Marines from Camp Pendleton, California, commanded by Col. Callihan, is assigned. Winds, low relative humidities, steep rugged terrain and very heavy fuel loading continue to hinder fire suppression efforts.

ELK VALLEY, Caribou National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is 20 miles northeast of Montpelier, ID. Some spots across the fireline were contained.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) has been assigned to transition with Vail's team. The fire is 23 miles north of McCall, ID. The 3rd Battalion 16th Field Artillery from Ft. Hood, Texas, commanded by LTC Darryl Williams, is assigned. Fifty-nine personnel from the Idaho National Guard and 24 personnel from the 116th Cavalry are providing the military with air and medical support and four Blackhawk helicopters. Fire activity increased after the inversion lifted yesterday afternoon resulting in fire spread to the west toward the Marshal Mining District and spot fires across Rabbit Creek. Helicopter water drops and crews attempted to hold the fire at Rabbit Creek and suppress the spot fires. Helicopter drops have also been used to slow the northeastern spread along the Salmon River.

DRY FORK II, Vernal Field Office, BLM. The fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper, aspen, fir and lodgepole pine 20 miles northwest of Vernal, UT. No new information was reported.

LOOKOUT POINT, Payette National Forest. The fire is 51 miles east of McCall, ID. Fire activity has been minimal due to a weather change.

HALF MOON, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is near Pinedale, WY. Half Moon Lodge continues to be threatened.

MORSE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. The fire is burning in grass, sagebrush and douglas fir 12 miles southeast of Ellis, ID. No new information was reported.

NICK, Payette National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) will take over the fire today. This fire is burning in subalpine fir 12 miles east of McCall, ID. Fire activity has slowed due to cooler temperatures and increased humidity levels.

FRANKLIN CANYON, Northwest Utah State. This fire, previously declared contained, is six miles west of Coalville, UT. It broke through

containment lines and made a major run. Fifty to 100 foot flame lengths were observed. Current threats are to five primary residences and the Kearn River natural gas pipeline.

FONTENELLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is northeast of Cokeville, WY. It made a significant run yesterday afternoon, growing from less than one acre to 1500 acres. Smokejumpers had to be removed from the fireline by helicopter.

BLIND, Bridger-Teton National Forest. The fire is southeast of Alpine, WY. It made a major run, growing from five acres to 500 acres in three hours. Four smokejumpers were evacuated by helicopter.

ENOS, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This fire is burning in the Teton Wilderness 33 miles northeast of Jackson, WY. Fire activity includes active burning and torching in spruce-fir stands. The fire has burned to the south into the 1987 blowdown area and is backing through this moderate to heavy slash.

FLOSSIE COMPLEX, Payette National Forest. This fire is 50 miles northeast of McCall, ID. No new information was reported.

NORTH FORK WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. The ten fires in this complex, including the Butts and Filly fires, are 40 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Ten more wilderness fires have been assigned to this complex. Fires are very active, even at higher elevations.

SOUTH ZONE WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire is 50 miles northwest of Challis, ID. This fire is being monitored for fire growth and behavior. It is very active, even at higher elevations.

TRIANGLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is burning near Pinedale, WY. The fire is currently not staffed and is burning to the east in the Wind River Range. No new information was reported.

DIAMOND PEAK, Payette National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is 42 miles northeast of McCall, ID. The fire is fairly calm. Two historic buildings continue to be threatened.

INDIAN/PROSPECT, Payette National Forest. The fire is 33 miles east of McCall, ID. The fire has been considerably calmer and there is no significant movement. NORTH SHELLROCK, Payette National Forest. The fire is 55 miles east of McCall, ID. It is currently being monitored from the air.

CHOURNOS, Northwest Utah State. This fire, previously reported as contained, is 30 miles west of Ogden, UT. It has jumped the fireline, pushed by shifting winds and spread in all directions. Fire behavior is extreme.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
RANKIN	ID	SCF	2116	85	UNK	279	7	13	0	0	NR	475K
SWAINS	UT	SCS	5200	20	UNK	188	3	17	4	0	NR	NR
BOULDER	WY	BTF	3805	15	UNK	197	6	5	2	0	NR	658K

CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	130000	20	UNK	1513	33	52	12	10	0	20.6M
ELK VALLEY	ID	CAF	650	30	UNK	105	4	3	3	0	NR	NR
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	35168	44	UNK	1177	30	11	11	4	NR	14.2M
DRY FORK II	UT	VLD	1820	45	UNK	42	1	3	1	0	NR	NR
LOOKOUT POINT	ID	PAF	4000	0	UNK	12	0	0	0	3	NR	NR
HALF MOON	WY	BTF	625	25	UNK	15	0	0	1	0	NR	NR
MORSE	ID	SCF	750	15	UNK	50	2	0	0	0	NR	NR
NICK	ID	PAF	500	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
FRANKLIN CANYON	UT	NWS	3000	35	8/16	36	0	11	1	0	NR	406K
FONTENELLE	WY	BTF	1500	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
BLIND	WY	BTF	500	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
ENOS	WY	BTF	2000	0	UNK	4	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
FLOSSIE COMPLEX	ID	PAF	27000	0	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	NR	4K
NORTH FORK WILD	ID	SCF	10000	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
SOUTH ZONE WILD	ID	SCF	1000	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
TRIANGLE	WY	BTF	200	0	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
DIAMOND PEAK	ID	PAF	28000	0	NR	2	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
INDIAN/PROSPECT	ID	PAF	800	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
NORTH SHELLROCK	ID	PAF	800	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
CHOURNOS	UT	NWS	3925	90	8/16	4	0	0	0	0	NR	28K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Great Basin Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildfire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

TWIN PEAKS, Carson City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Praytor) is assigned. This fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper 50 miles east of Fallon, NV. The fire continues to make runs through unburned drainages located within the fire perimeter. Firefighters are making steady progress despite very dry fuels and difficult terrain.

SOUTH WILLOW, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. The fire is burning in sagebrush, grass and juniper 60 miles west of Winnemucca, NV. Intense fire activity is being observed, including torching and spotting.

PARSNIP, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire is burning in sagebrush, dense pinyon pine and juniper 30 miles northeast of Caliente, NV in a wilderness study area. No new information was reported.

WHISKEY, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. This fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and sage fuels 15 miles south of Battle Mountain, NV. Fire behavior has been limited to creeping, with some hot spots still present on the interior. Limited access, difficult terrain and extremely dry fuels are hampering containment efforts.

PHILLIPS RANCH, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The fire is 50 miles southeast of Ely, NV. USFS personnel are monitoring the fire. Some torching and understory burning has been observed on the south drainage. A slopover in Lincoln Canyon grew to about five acres.

MAMMOTH, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The fire is burning in white

fir 75 miles southwest of Ely, NV. It started on 8/2 in the Grant Range Wilderness Area. On 8/11 the fire grew to its present size due to strong gusty winds. No new information was reported.

O'NEIL BASIN COMPLEX, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Camp Creek, Cold Springs and Mahogany fires, is 40 miles southeast of Jackpot, NV. Unburned fuels are still smoldering in the interior of the Camp Creek fire. Crews continue with mopup and patrol.

CHERRY, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire is 30 miles northwest of Ely, NV. Due to its inaccessibility, the fire is being monitored by BLM personnel. No new information was reported.

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TWIN PEAKS	NV	CCD	39000	55	UNK	346	13	9	4	0	NR	670K
SOUTH WILLOW	NV	WID	3000	5	UNK	66	1	11	0	0	NR	NR
PARSNIP	NV	ELD	2104	47	UNK	126	4	0	1	0	NR	NR
WHISKEY	NV	BMD	1500	80	UNK	108	4	2	0	0	NR	200K
PHILLIPS RANCH	NV	HTF	1856	25	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	NR	200K
MAMMOTH	NV	HSF	500	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
O'NEIL BASIN CO	NV	EKD	39705	99	8/15	85	2	4	2	0	NR	2.9M
CHERRY	NV	ELD	7500	75	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	2.1M
RABBIT	NV	EKD	6059	100	---	90	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
CHOKE CHERRY	NV	EKD	25000	100	---	293	13	10	0	0	NR	NR
RIGHT HAND	NV	CCD	420	100	---	23	0	1	0	0	NR	100K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FLAGPOLE MOUNTAIN, South Dakota State Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is near the town of Hot Springs, SD. The fire has been very active, with crowning and torching observed. Firefighters are making good progress on the west and south perimeters. Residents remain evacuated from the Shep's Canyon Road area. Highway 71A continues to have restricted access.

KATE'S BASIN COMPLEX, Wind River Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex includes the Kate's Basin and the Blondie #2 fires, eight miles southwest of Thermopolis, WY. Both fires are very active. The Arapaho Ranch, which is a historical ranch of great cultural significance to the Arapaho and Shoshone Nations, is currently threatened. The Incident Command Post is moving from Riverton to Thermopolis today.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN, Rock Springs District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. This lightning-caused fire is near Rock Springs, WY. High winds have caused intense fire behavior. However, firefighters have been able to hold the firelines.

BLACKHALL, Rawlins District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is four miles southeast of Encampment,

WY. The fire did receive some precipitation. However, new ignitions and spot fires have created some problems outside the fire perimeter. All but one spot fire was contained. This fire will be combined with the Hell's Canyon fire today and will become the Encampment Complex.

HELL'S CANYON, Rawlins District, BLM. This fire is 50 miles south of Rawlins, WY. Strong winds have caused intense fire behavior. This fire will be combined with the Blackhall fire today and will become part of the Encampment Complex.

WOODS CANYON, Custer Dispatch Center Counties. The fire is 10 miles northwest of Hulett, WY. It is being staffed by Wyoming State and Crook County resources. Current threats are to timber and grazing allotments.

HOGBACK, Craig Dispatch Center Counties. This fire is five miles south of Meeker, CO. The fire received a long duration rain. Most resources have been released and the fire will be in patrol status for the next few days.

BURRO FLATS, Shoshone National Forest. The fire is 12 miles south of Dubois, WY. It is burning in the Fitzpatrick Wilderness at high elevations. Current containment problems include inaccessible terrain and high winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FLAGPOLE MOUNTAIN	SD	SDS	7000	50	UNK	444	6	41	4	4	NR	30K
KATE'S BASIN	WY	WRA	87000	10	UNK	590	18	31	2	2	NR	NR
SHEEP MOUNTAIN	WY	RSD	50000	0	UNK	110	3	8	1	0	NR	NR
BLACKHALL	WY	RAD	1600	50	8/16	286	7	5	1	0	NR	915K
HELL'S CANYON	WY	RAD	300	0	UNK	18	0	9	0	0	NR	NR
HOGBACK	CO	CRX	490	95	8/15	13	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
WOODS CANYON	WY	CSX	5300	70	8/16	72	1	20	0	0	NR	NR
BURRO FLATS	WY	SHF	260	0	UNK	4	0	0	1	0	NR	4K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUFFALO LAKE, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass, sagebrush, timber and slash four miles northeast of Coulee Dam, WA. Burnout operations are continuing on the east flank of the fire. No major slopovers or spot fires have occurred.

WHITE ELEPHANT RANCH, Prineville District, BLM. This fire is made up of two lightning-caused fires 15 miles east of Grass Valley, OR that burned together. Containment was expected late last night.

FLAT CREEK, Wenatchee National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is 18 miles northwest of Stehekin, WA, in the Glacier Peak Wilderness. Monitoring by agency personnel from a viewpoint and by helicopter continues.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUFFALO LAKE	WA	COA	8900	85	8/16	950	25	60	7	0	NR	3.4M
WHITE ELEPHANT	OR	PRD	2400	95	8/14	88	2	7	2	0	NR	NR
FLAT CREEK	WA	WEF	320	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HIGHWAY, Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This human-caused fire is 28 miles northeast of Fresno, CA. Triple digit temperatures and steep terrain are challenging containment efforts. Crews are locating and containing spot fires.

SAWMILL, Inyo National Forest. The fire, near Independence, CA, was ignited on 8/5 by lightning. Steep terrain continues to cause containment problems.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HIGHWAY	CA	FKU	700	60	8/17	621	17	57	5	0	NR	200K
SAWMILL	CA	INF	321	80	8/22	10	0	0	1	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

UNION, Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This human-caused fire is ten miles north of Redding, CA. High temperatures and dry fuels have caused the fire to spread rapidly, with flame lengths of 50 feet and numerous spot fires being reported. One residence and one outbuilding have been confirmed destroyed. Approximately 75 structures are threatened and residents have been evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
UNION	CA	SHU	350	60	8/15	450	18	52	4	2	NR	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

PEAK, Tonto National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Joki) is assigned. The fire is burning in dense brush and steep terrain six miles south of Globe, AZ. No fire activity has been detected within the containment lines. Rehabilitation continues using dozers.

RATTLESNAKE, Prescott National Forest. The fire was ignited on 8/7 near Black Canyon City, AZ. The fire is burning in a canyon with limited access in the Castle Creek Wilderness. The fire is being monitored by USFS personnel.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PEAK	AZ	TNF	2310	85	8/20	71	0	2	1	0	NR	2.9M
RATTLESNAKE	AZ	PNF	175	90	8/17	6	0	0	0	0	NR	5K
BELL	NM	N4S	3600	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	3.5K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MERRITT ISLAND, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. The fire is in Brevard County. Dry conditions are contributing to containment problems. Additional lightning is expected today.

1943, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is 75 miles northeast of Warren, TX. Eight homes are threatened. The fire is burning in a pine plantation.

LAKE BROWN, Texas State Forest Service. This lightning-caused fire is 50 miles southeast of Abilene, TX. The fire is burning in brush, cedar and juniper.

FIELD'S CHAPEL, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is 80 miles southeast of Dallas, TX. Spotting is hindering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MERRITT ISLAND	FL	MIR	150	80	UNK	15	0	7	1	0	NR	NR
1943	TX	TXS	150	70	8/15	20	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
LAKE BROWN	TX	TXS	150	80	8/15	20	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
FIELD'S CHAPEL	TX	TXS	475	80	8/15	16	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HARRELL GULLY	TX	TXS	350	100	---	50	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
BOHANNAN ROAD	TX	TXS	209	100	---	14	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN MOST OF IDAHO, WESTERN MONTANA, CENTRAL AND EASTERN OREGON AND WASHINGTON FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHWEST MONTANA, SOUTHEAST IDAHO AND THE BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST IN WYOMING FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ***

A strong low pressure area embedded in a dry southwest flow will move into the Pacific northwest, bringing seasonal temperatures for the northwest, Great Basin and northern Rockies. Portions of the Great Basin and northern Rockies will have breezy to windy conditions. There is a slight chance of precipitation in the central Rocky Mountains. Monsoonal moisture and a threat of thunderstorms continues across the southwest United States as high pressure extends from eastern Colorado to southern California.

Northwest to southwest winds of 15 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph can be expected across portions of the north. Elsewhere, winds will be 10 to 15 mph.

High temperatures will range from the mid 70's to the mid 90's in most areas and up to 110 in the deserts of western Utah, northern Arizona and southern Nevada. Up to 115 degree temperatures will occur across the southern California and Arizona desert areas. Afternoon relative humidities will range from the low teens to around 30 in most areas, except drier in the hottest deserts and higher in the mountains.

A fire weather watch is posted in the inland counties of northern Florida for low relative humidities.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		2			2	12	16
	ACRES		8			2300	6	2314
CA-NORTH	FIRES					7	3	10
	ACRES					30	0	30
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					22	5	27
	ACRES					561	501	1062
NORTHERN	FIRES	2				3	42	47
	ACRES	3				4611	14851	19465
GB-EAST	FIRES		6		1	1	5	13
	ACRES		5		10	1250	30157	31422
GB-WEST	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		2620			0		2620
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1	3	18	22
	ACRES				20	1	4	25
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		5		1		7	13
	ACRES		0		0		123	123
EASTERN	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					6		6
SOUTHERN	FIRES					150	1	151
	ACRES					1521	15	1536
TOTAL	FIRES	2	15	0	3	197	93	310
	ACRES	3	2633	0	30	10280	45657	58603

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	22	8	299	5	348
	ACRES	6	143076	246961	43763	317427	0	751233
NORTHWEST	FIRES	188	185	18	14	858	686	1949
	ACRES	22984	194304	80072	5	173063	5245	475673
CA-NORTH	FIRES	113	12	3	7	1575	513	2223
	ACRES	136	142	4	1	13650	5812	19745
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	69	3	47	2016	579	2744
	ACRES	53	38261	20	96	24123	67577	130130
NORTHERN	FIRE	830	82	27	34	902	1326	3201
	ACRES	33753	4301	1699	1515	62189	413580	517037
GB-EAST	FIRES	57	850	2	33	335	771	2048
	ACRES	40096	484818	0	114	46578	302564	874170
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	519	4	5	89	202	828
	ACRES	2380	495613	1105	10	7084	25921	532113
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1091	283	24	77	1079	2099	4653
	ACRES	17913	60637	19314	11350	275176	141520	525910
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	584	618	24	43	773	626	2668
	ACRES	111650	95906	1577	34818	38082	21551	303584
EASTERN	FIRES	761		9	28	9316	416	10530
	ACRES	15803		499	519	82218	15511	114550
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		77	91	34168	1033	35437
	ACRES	4287		11938	3732	623965	38242	682164
TOTALS	FIRES	3732	2631	213	387	51410	8256	66629
	ACRES	249061	1517058	363189	95923	1663555	1037523	4926309
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								56691
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2434094

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		4		5
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	19	23	25			200	267
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20857	35057
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	7	1		121	131
	ACRES		328	1012	12		10365	11717
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			5	3		80	88
	ACRES			300	124		5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	84	3	58	231	401
	ACRES	1775	1991	16376	395	6446	35286	62269
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	5	6	18	50
	ACRES	272	1497	1448	975	153	11325	15670
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	12	2	193	477
	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67761	111897

ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63	225
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
EASTERN	FIRES	15		87	11	132	210	455
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18490	125143
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	67	103	706	1022
	ACRES	902		61589	39926	61971	455592	619980
USA TOTALS	FIRES	96	266	512	112	313	1824	3123
	ACRES	35769	24313	123131	49948	154438	646617	1034216

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
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				385			385
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
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	385	0	0	385

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				6		7	13
	ACRES				3		765	768

NORTHERN	FIRES				2		8	10
	ACRES				388		2	390
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						6290	6290
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				8			8
	ACRES				1012			1012
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	16	0	19	35
	ACRES	0	0	0	1403	0	7058	8461

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		Hectares	
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	22	319	1383	13921
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	53	7662
ALBERTA	3	0	731	12731
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	271	171416
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	379	108943
MANITOBA	6	9	312	83449
ONTARIO	2	4	418	5993
QUEBEC	0	208	416	28219
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	201	87302
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	242	259
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	165	454
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	22
NATIONAL PARKS	1	5	87	6642
TOTALS	40	545	4678	527013

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	17	26	28	76	3	9			203	155
CA-NORTH	3	18	14	50	3	2	4	1	3	17
CA-SOUTH	21	19	38	63	6	10			92	137

NORTHERN	147	106	140	258	40	37	1		1308	1136
GB-EAST	28	63	131	99	16	29			528	474
GB-WEST	16	10	17	14	2	6			61	30
SOUTHWEST	5		21	2	1				56	8
ROCKY MTN	36	5	21	103	2	9			245	159
EASTERN									26	
SOUTHERN			6	3	1				6	
TOTAL	273	247	416	668	74	102	5	1	2528	2116

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