

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY JULY 4, 2003 - 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California, Southern California, Northwest and Northern Rockies Areas. Initial attack activity was light elsewhere with 144 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Northern Rockies and two in Southern California Areas. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Northwest, Southern California, Northern California and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A transfer of command from Kvale's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Oltrogge's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today at 1800 MST. This fire is in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting was observed in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and brush. The fire crossed the East Fork of Sabino Canyon and is threatening the Palisade Ranger Station, recreational camping and picnic areas, Organizational Ridge Camps, and a communications facility on Mt. Bigelow. Extremely steep slopes, large rock outcrops and rugged ridgelines are hampering containment efforts on the southeast perimeter. Crews and aerial resources are working aggressively to contain the southwest and southeast flanks. Structure protection is in place at the Palisade Ranger Station, Organizational Ridge Camp and Mt. Bigelow area.

JENNY, Gila National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This lightning caused fire is in pinyon pine, mixed conifer and oak, 45 miles northwest of Truth or Consequences, NM. Creeping and smoldering were observed. Crews are completing fireline construction and rehabilitating identified areas.

DRY LAKE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Duncan) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry Lake, Sycamore, Moonshine and Granny fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Increased fire behavior throughout the complex was observed in pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass due to lower relative humidity. Crews are patrolling on the northwest corner of the Dry Lake fire to minimize fire spread.

POWELL, Grand Canyon National Park. A transfer of command from Cook's Fire Use Management Team to Hiatt's Fire Use Management Team will occur today at 1800 MST. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in ponderosa pine, grass, gambel oak and manzanita, 23 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Decreased fire spread was observed on the southern portions of the Powell Plateau.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	56,063	60	UNK	529	4	42	7	323	9.2M
JENNY	NM	GNF	6,520	95	UNK	121	1	2	2	0	2M
DRY LAKE COMPLEX	NM	GNF	48,500	0	UNK	95	5	0	3	0	1.5M
POWELL	AZ	GCP	3,350	0	UNK	33	0	0	1	0	358K

## NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

DAVIS, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles west of La Pine, OR. Active fire behavior was observed in the interior in lodge pole pine, Douglas fir, white fir and ponderosa pine. Crews are conducting burn out operations on the north and northeast portions of the fire.

FAWN PEAK/SWEET GRASS, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This complex is composed of the Fawn Peak, Sweetgrass and Farewell fires. These lightning caused fires are in heavy timber and sub-alpine fir, 13 miles north of Winthrop, WA. Four to five foot flame lengths, occasional torching and spotting were observed. Crews are constructing direct attack fireline.

SULPHUR CREEK, Western Lane District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is burning in timber and grass, 5 miles southeast of Mapleton, OR. Crews are constructing fireline and mopping up.

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DAVIS	OR	DEF	20,186	60	7/5	1,011	28	50	4	0	2.8M
FAWN PEAK/ SWEET GRASS	WA	OWF	794	5	UNK	491	25	5	9	0	600K
SULPHUR CREEK	OR	78S	650	90	UNK	285	14	0	0	0	1M
NINE MILE	WA	NES	1,200	100	---	NR	3	26	1	0	200K

NES = Northeast, Washington State Department of Forestry

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

PILGRAM, Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is burning in grass and sagebrush, 6 miles west of Hagerman, ID. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline.

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonfeld) is assigned. This fire is in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, 25 miles west of Blanding, UT. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Occasional torching, short runs and spotting were observed in mixed conifer. Crews are constructing fireline and conducting burn out operations.

APEX, Southwest State, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is burning in brush, pinyon pine and juniper, 12 miles west of St. George, UT. Minimal fire activity was observed. Crews are mopping up on the northwest flank and rehabilitating dozer lines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PILGRAM	ID	BOD	1000	30	UNK	45	0	9	1	0	NR
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	2,300	10	7/7	48	1	1	1	0	59K
APEX	UT	SWS	33,000	90	7/7	455	11	16	4	1	1.7M
BLACKROCK	ID	IFD	2,250	100	---	162	4	12	2	0	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES

BLUE PULASKI, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Fish and Wildlife Service. This fire is burning in grass and timber, 24 miles north of Jordan, MT. Torching and spotting were observed. Crews are constructing handline, utilizing natural barriers.

DIXON COMPLEX, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This complex, composed of the Magpie Selow 1, Racehorse, Wilcox, Revais and Selow fires, is 28 miles southwest of Ronan, MT. Moderate fire behavior was observed in ponderosa pine and Douglas fir. Crews are constructing fireline and conducting burn out operations on the Selow 2 fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUE PULASKI	MT	CMR	500	0	7/6	12	0	1	1	0	NR
DIXON COMPLEX	MT	FHA	470	40	7/5	398	14	27	3	0	300K

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES

HUNTER, Merced-Mariposa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is burning in brush and grass, 16 miles northwest of Mariposa, CA. Active fire behavior was observed in steep topography with moderate winds. Crews are constructing fireline and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HUNTER	CA	MMU	400	30	7/4	275	14	29	2	0	NR
RAILROAD	CA	RRU	850	100	---	401	17	56	0	0	NR

RRU = Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
A-3	CA	LMU	1,100	100	---	6	0	2	0	18	480K

LMU = Lassen-Modoc Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA

YANKEE GULCH, Western Slope Center, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush, 35 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. The fire is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. The fire made a significant run to the west. Personnel continue to monitor fire growth and behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
YANKEE GULCH	CO	CRD	450	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	15K

### OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watch:** For low humidity and local north 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts over and south of the Santa Inez Mountains of Santa Barbara County for night and early morning hours.

**Weather Discussion:** Hot dry weather to continue over the west with high pressure centered over the Southwest Area and a westerly flow from Washington through the Dakotas. In the east, showers are expected over the Dakotas, Great Lakes, Maine and the Gulf Coast states. Drier weather is on tap for the interior portions of Alaska as high pressure begins to build over the area.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Hot, dry and sunny region wide.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton 60 to 85 mountains, 80 to 94 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 78 to 98 higher elevations, 95 to 103 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, and the northern half Utah: 7 to 24% mountains, 4 to 21% valleys. Southern half Utah and the Arizona Strip 3 to 11%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, and the northern half Utah variable winds 5 to 15 mph. Southern half Utah, and the Arizona Strip variable winds 5 to 10 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear except for night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and in the coastal valleys.	60s near the coast. Inland, mid 70s to 80s higher elevations and 90s to 102 lower valley locations.	7 to 14% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 12 to 24% west of the crest.	Southwest to southeast winds 7 to 15 mph in the afternoon with gusts 20 to 25 mph along and east of the Sierra Cascade Crest.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Sunny.	Mostly 70s and 80s. Locally 90 in southwest Oregon.	West of Cascades 35 to 55% except to 25% in southwest Oregon. East 7 to 18% except 20 to 35% northeast Washington.	Variable winds 5 to 15 mph.

<p><b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b>  Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.</p>	<p>80 to 100 mountains.  95 to 105 valleys.  95 to 105 upper desert.  105 to 115 low desert.</p>	<p>5 to 15% deserts.  5 to 15% mountains.  10 to 20% valleys.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph, except local north 25 mph with higher gusts over and below the Santa Inez mountains of Santa Barbara County.</p>
<p><b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b>  Partly cloudy and dry most of Arizona and west Texas. Isolated dry thunderstorms western New Mexico and southeast Arizona. Partly cloudy with isolated wet thunderstorms higher elevations central New Mexico.</p>	<p>80s mountains, 98 to near 113 lower elevations.</p>	<p>20 to 35% west Texas. 5 to 15% elsewhere</p>	<p>West to northwest 10 to 20 mph, gusting to 30 mph western/southern Arizona. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph western Texas. 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b>  Mostly Sunny.</p>	<p>Idaho 75 to 90.  Western Montana 75 to 85.</p>	<p>Idaho 15 to 25%.  Western Montana 15 to 25.</p>	<p>Idaho westerly winds 5 to 15 mph.  Western Montana westerly winds 5 to 15 mph gusty in the afternoon.</p>
<p><b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b>  Partly to mostly sunny. Isolated dry thunderstorms southeast Colorado. Isolated thunderstorms over the plains of Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Dry elsewhere.</p>	<p>Hot with temperatures in the upper 80s to upper 90s, 70 to 80 mountains.</p>	<p>Less than 15%, except for 18 to 30% over the plains of South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.</p>	<p>Variable wind 10 to 20 mph.</p>



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## ***INITIATE ALL ACTIONS BASED ON CURRENT AND EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR***

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? What information will you want to get from resources you are replacing?
- Can you observe the area or use scouts? What information are the scouts looking for?
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted? List some ways your crew will scout out an area before you begin working
- Are escape routes and safety zones marked for night use? How do you adjust marking safety zones and escape routes for night use?
- Have potential dangers been located and can they be dealt with? List some dangerous fire behavior you may encounter and how you would deal with it.
- Do you have access to weather and fire behavior forecasts? What is your unit's procedure for obtaining forecasts?
- To reduce risk, initiate the following:
  - Post lookouts.
  - Check communications.
  - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or if the situation becomes too complex. Discuss fires where you have adjusted your actions based on current and expected fire behavior.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					6,333		6,333
Northwest	FIRES	4	1		1	11	2	19
	ACRES	0	0		0	302	2,187	2,489
Northern California	FIRES	3				27	3	33
	ACRES	0				1,142	2	1,144
Southern California	FIRES	8				27	3	38
	ACRES	0				35	1	36
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	4	1		6	4	18
	ACRES	1	21	500		8	1	531
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	1	5
	ACRES		4,355			26	1,301	5,682
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Southwest	FIRES	2				6	3	11
	ACRES	11				6	11,563	11,580
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			75			1	76
Eastern Area	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					6		6
Southern Area	FIRES	1		2			1	4
	ACRES	4		1			1	6
TOTAL	FIRES	21	7	4	1	91	20	144
	ACRES	16	4,376	576	0	7,858	15,057	27,883

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	14	16	10	317	7	366
	ACRES	20	1,418	63,144	3,517	198,452	0	266,551
Northwest	FIRES	49	48	4	12	408	159	680
	ACRES	2,916	218	1,001	11	2,748	18,214	25,108
Northern California	FIRES	51	7	1	5	724	155	943
	ACRES	24	0	1	6,510	10,919	621	18,075
Southern California	FIRES	34	28	5	4	903	203	1,177
	ACRES	757	1,392	355	2	7,315	740	10,561
Northern Rockies	FIRES	488	13	19	2	196	124	842
	ACRES	3,472	26	1,051	0	16,406	1,475	22,430
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	14	194		5	167	183	563
	ACRES	15,260	31,451		0	3,004	2,455	52,170
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	141	1	2	26	26	199
	ACRES	0	1,598	0	0	508	614	2,720
Southwest	FIRES	397	90	14	9	552	879	1,941
	ACRES	2,602	3,404	1,298	3,391	12,660	93,702	117,057
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	52	267	23	17	438	130	927
	ACRES	161	149	1,659	202	3,387	596	6,154
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	16	8,191	396	9,574
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	107,373	5,498	172,632
Southern Area	FIRES	106		16	11	10,355	311	10,799
	ACRES	20,518		3,720	756	151,546	8,769	185,309
TOTAL	FIRES	2,101	802	165	93	22,277	2,573	28,011
	ACRES	97,916	39,656	79,119	15,074	514,318	132,684	878,767

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>43,406</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,440,416</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			123				123
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			249				249
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			5				5
	ACRES			1,418				1,418
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	8	0	0	0	8
	ACRES	0	0	1,790	0	0	0	1,790

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	90	146	3		217	484
	ACRES	5,351	10,896	4,675	123		28,180	49,225
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	102	16		127	258
	ACRES	31	273	16,201	2,193		9,712	28,410
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	2,962		13,641	17,251
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	314	432
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	15,011	31,020
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	12	32	19	4	3	226	296
	ACRES	3,332	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,043
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	84	9	10	73	216
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,654	9,542	132	5,683	31,065
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	443	194	986
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,470	26,708	173,627
Southern Area	FIRES	53		259	63	11,457	1,143	12,975
	ACRES	19,379		91,600	81,278	715,304	881,098	1,788,659
TOTAL	FIRES	157	178	994	122	11,951	2,408	15,810
	ACRES	40,893	45,552	230,677	103,878	798,133	1,029,591	2,248,724

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				750		82,773	83,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		1	18
	ACRES		497		0		1	498
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	8	0	17	40
	ACRES	0	497	0	1,581	0	82,775	84,853

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	10	7	521	3,980
Yukon Territory	0	0	48	3,715
Alberta	3	0	500	2,455
Northwest Territory	0	4,459	54	8,338
Saskatchewan	0	1	252	38,834
Manitoba	0	0	664	202,318
Ontario	4	0	618	246,436
Quebec	2	0	480	50,156
Newfoundland	0	0	100	1,148
New Brunswick	6	0	149	177
Nova Scotia	0	0	201	1,261
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	14	21	20	364
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>3,607</b>	<b>559,182</b>

**RESOURCES 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	1	3								
Northwest	17	63	15	72	2	13			204	201
Northern California	14		8	2					43	43
Southern California	5	29	16	75	7				1	34
Northern Rockies	24	2	46	13	4	5			60	12
Eastern Great Basin	19	6	56	14	12	1			136	19
Western Great Basin	9		1		3	1			18	
Southwest	11	1	5	41	9	4			226	130
Rocky Mountain		1	4	3					9	2
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>441</b>

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