

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY JULY 11, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southwest Area and light elsewhere with 137 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Eastern Great Basin Area and one in the Northwest Area. Five large fires were contained, two in the Northwest Area and one each in the Western Great Basin, Southern California and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in heavy brush in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Intense backing fire and short, uphill runs were observed in Ventana Canyon. Crews are holding, patrolling and mopping up in Ventana and Montrose Canyons.

ENCEBADO, Taos Northern Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (L. Raley) is assigned. This fire is in timber and brush, one mile south of Taos Pueblo, NM. Active backing fire, upslope runs and group torching were observed. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline and holding established containment lines. Structure protection remains in place for 200 residences and ten commercial properties.

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. Fire activity within the complex decreased due lower temperatures and high humidity. A fire use module is improving and holding existing trails on the northeast portion of the Dry Lake Fire.

MOLINA COMPLEX, Santa Fe National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Capulin and Molina fires, is eight miles east of Cundiyo, NM. The fire is being managed with a confinement strategy. Crews are holding the fire north of the Capulin drainage.

GOAT 2, Gila National Forest. This Wildland Fire Use fire, previously reported as the Goat fire, is seven miles southeast of Glenwood, NM. The fire is in pinyon pine, juniper, oak and grass. Crews are cold trailing and mopping up.

MAPLE, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is in grass, brush and ponderosa pine, 15 miles east of Clifton, AZ. Moderate to high rates of spread, torching and short spotting were observed. Crews are holding the east flank with support from aerial resources.

MAVERICK, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is in grass, brush and juniper, ten miles northeast of Clifton, AZ. This fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Moderate rates of spread, intermittent torching and spotting were observed. Crews are holding along the northeast flank.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	84,500	75	UNK	675	10	40	8	333	14.7M
ENCEBADO	NM	TAA	5,011	20	UNK	984	31	30	11	0	3M
DRY LAKE COMPLEX-WFU	NM	GNF	77,200	N/A	N/A	86	4	0	4	0	2.9M
MOLINA COMPLEX	NM	SNF	2,394	15	7/15	101	4	0	2	0	234K
GOAT 2	NM	GNF	1,800	50	7/20	40	2	3	1	0	35K
MAPLE	AZ	ASF	1,300	0	UNK	26	2	1	0	0	75K
MAVERICK	AZ	ASF	1,100	40	7/18	30	1	1	0	0	50K
POWELL-WFU	AZ	GCP	3,606	N/A	N/A	NR	0	0	0	0	390K

GCP = Grand Canyon National Park

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LINK, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Active fire behavior with torching, running and spotting up to three quarters of a mile ahead of the front were observed in mixed conifer. The fire spotted across containment lines to the southeast of Cache Mountain. Crews are constructing handline in preparation for a burn out operation.

RATTLESNAKE CANYON, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in timber and brush, 23 miles southeast of Keller, WA. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Crews are improving existing fireline and mopping up. One residence and ten outbuildings were confirmed lost.

FAWN PEAK COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. The Farewell fire is 13 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Increased fire behavior was observed due to low relative humidity and hot temperatures, generating active torching in sub-alpine fir and heavy timber. Crews are improving existing fireline and constructing indirect attack handline in preparation for burn out operation. Very remote access and dangerous terrain are hampering suppression efforts.

POWELL CREEK, Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is in timber, brush and slash, 13 miles south of Grants Pass, OR. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LINK	OR	DEF	2,100	50	UNK	818	24	31	5	0	1.9M
RATTLESNAKE CANYON	WA	COA	10,600	60	7/13	545	13	36	4	11	2M
FAWN PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	2,018	10	UNK	1,095	35	28	11	0	5.4M
POWELL CREEK	OR	71S	261	10	UNK	428	17	12	4	0	468K
BIG RIDGE	OR	MAF	140	100	---	120	6	0	0	0	15K
WILLOW	OR	UMF	120	100	---	35	2	2	0	0	548K

MAF = Malheur National Forest

UMF = Umatilla National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMPBELL, Counties Dispatched by Pueblo. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer with standing dead timber, ten miles south of Guffey, CO. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting was observed due to increased temperatures. Crews made good progress constructing fireline on the south and southeast flanks with support from aerial resources. Eight residences are threatened, structure protection is in place.

BRUSH MOUNTAIN, Counties Dispatched by Grand Junction. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles north of Grand Junction, CO. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, crowning and spotting were observed in spruce, fir, pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline in ridge tops due to steep terrain. Two residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

BEAR CREEK, San Juan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) will assume command today at 1200 MDT. This fire is five miles northeast of Vallecito, CO. Creeping and torching were observed in spruce and fir. Crews made progress containing the south perimeter.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMPBELL	CO	PBX	180	25	7/13	131	5	2	1	0	NR
BRUSH MOUNTAIN	CO	GJX	3,100	15	7/16	204	5	7	2	0	344K
BEAR CREEK-WFU	CO	SJF	2,500	N/A	N/A	95	2	0	2	0	100K
YANKEE GULCH-WFU	CO	CRD	1,501	N/A	N/A	14	0	2	1	0	40K

SJF = San Juan National Forest

CRD = Western Slope Center, Bureau of Land Management

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FARMINGTON, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. This fire is two miles south of Farmington, UT. Running, crowning and spotting were observed. Crews are establishing anchor points on the north and south flanks. Fifty residences and summer cabins are threatened in Farmington, Centerville, Kaysville and Fruit Heights; structure protection is in place.

BULLDOG, Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This fire is in oak, mountain mahogany, juniper and pinyon pine, 17 miles north of Ticaboo, UT. Extreme fire behavior with fire whirls, running crown fire and spotting up to one half mile ahead of the front was observed as the fire moved west and north. Crews are constructing and improving containment lines.

SOUTH MARVINE, Fishlake National Forest. This fire is in spruce and Douglas fir with dead and down fuels, 15 miles north of Loa, UT. Active backing, torching and spotting was observed. Crews are constructing, holding and improving fireline. Steep, rocky terrain, limited access and extremely dry fuels are hampering containment efforts.

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) 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 and short, uphill runs were observed in mixed conifer and brush. Fire activity decreased due to low temperatures and higher relative humidity. Crews successfully completed a burn out operation and are improving handline, mopping up and rehabilitating containment lines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FARMINGTON	UT	WCF	250	5	UNK	48	0	12	0	0	NR
BULLDOG	UT	RID	7,500	5	7/20	95	5	2	1	0	NR
SOUTH MARVINE	UT	FIF	254	50	7/11	137	4	1	3	0	250K
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	2,710	90	UNK	164	4	7	3	0	787K
MOONSHINE	ID	IFD	1,800	100	---	90	2	10	0	0	NR

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WOODLOT, Yosemite National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral and pine, one half mile southwest of El Portal, CA. Minimal behavior was observed. Crews are constructing fireline and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WOODLOT	CA	YNP	458	80	7/11	787	24	21	5	0	719K
NORTH FORK	CA	MMU	360	100	---	427	20	25	2	0	680K

MMU = Merced-Mariposa Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CARP	NV	ELD	486	100	---	71	2	8	0	6	NR

ELD = Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: The west will continue hot and dry under a strong ridge of high pressure. Moisture will be gradually increasing over eastern Arizona and New Mexico. In the east, showers are expected over the Great Lakes and much of the area east of the Mississippi River. In Alaska, a disturbance will be moving across the interior with some moisture and instability.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear except for patches of night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and in the coastal valleys.	Upper 60s to upper 70s near the coast. Inland, mid 80s to mid 90s higher elevations and mid 90s to near 107 lower elevations.	3 to 13% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 8 to 18% west of the crest, except 30 to 45% along the coast.	Northwest to northeast 4 to 8 mph with gusts to 15 mph in the morning, becoming southeast to southwest 4 to 8 mph with localized afternoon gusts of 12 to 17 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Sunny and dry with near record heat northwest New Mexico and northwest 2/3 of Arizona. Partly cloudy remainder, with a mix of wet and dry thunderstorms New Mexico and southeast Arizona.	80s to low 90s mountains, mid 90s to near 115 lower elevations.	5 to 18% Arizona and northwest New Mexico, 18 to 30%+ southeast 2/3 New Mexico and west Texas.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny. Chance of thunderstorms in southeast Oregon.	Mostly 80s and 90s possibly to 100 in the Columbia Basin of eastern Washington.	West of Cascades... mostly 30 to 40% except 20-30% in southwest Oregon. Eastside 10 to 20% except below 10% in southeast Oregon.	Generally westerly 5 to 15 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 85 to 105 mountains. 95 to 110 valleys. 100 to 110 upper desert. 110 to 120 low desert.	5 to 15% deserts. 5 to 15% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph with local 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts over the Santa Ynez Range, over the Grapevine, and below the canyons and passes of Santa Barbara County overnight.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Mostly Sunny.	West of the Divide 85 to 100. East of the Divide 8to -95.	West of the Divide 10 to 20%. East of the Divide 15 to 25%.	West of the Divide Diurnal winds. East of the Divide Variable winds less than 10 mph.



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BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		4		4
	ACRES		237	22,611		128		22,976
Northwest	FIRES		2				11	13
	ACRES		5				2	7
Northern California	FIRES	2	1			19	1	23
	ACRES	1	0			29	12	42
Southern California	FIRES	2	2			20	3	27
	ACRES	0	0			28	197	225
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4	14	18
	ACRES					3	18	21
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2	0		3	5	11
	ACRES	175	4,303	76		160	250	4,964
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		1		1	3
	ACRES		125		0		0	125
Southwest	FIRES	2	3			2	12	19
	ACRES	1	13			2	2,112	2,128
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1			1	1	4
	ACRES	0	1			3,150	0	3,151
Eastern Area	FIRES					5	3	8
	ACRES					1	3	4
Southern Area	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					3	1	4
TOTAL	FIRES	8	12	0	1	64	52	137
	ACRES	177	4,684	22,687	0	3,504	2,595	33,647

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	16	10	326	8	375
	ACRES	20	1,655	115,821	3,554	204,108	1	325,159
Northwest	FIRES	103	65	6	14	512	275	975
	ACRES	13,557	717	2	11	3,215	22,464	39,966
Northern California	FIRES	75	8	1	5	915	187	1,191
	ACRES	39	0	1	6,510	11,195	682	18,427
Southern California	FIRES	45	41	8	9	1,124	242	1,469
	ACRES	802	1,917	356	264	11,121	1,191	15,651
Northern Rockies	FIRES	617	19	20	2	299	200	1,157
	ACRES	4,684	83	2,371	493	16,566	1,593	25,790
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	18	217	1	5	213	212	666
	ACRES	15,450	38,803	100	0	9,198	3,380	66,931
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	152	1	6	27	33	222
	ACRES	0	2,235	0	5	508	627	3,375
Southwest	FIRES	427	98	14	9	584	737	1,869
	ACRES	5,984	3,473	1,298	3,391	12,226	130,575	156,947
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	55	280	35	17	469	164	1,020
	ACRES	387	215	1,961	202	9,026	766	12,557
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	17	8,296	413	9,697
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	107,983	5,514	173,258
Southern Area	FIRES	109		16	11	10,541	316	10,993
	ACRES	20,850		3,720	756	153,703	8,780	187,809
TOTAL	FIRES	2,358	894	184	105	23,306	2,787	29,634
	ACRES	113,959	49,098	132,520	15,871	538,849	175,573	1,025,870

Ten Year Average Fires	45,908
Ten Year Average Acres	1,730,895

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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				4			4
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						19	19
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1			3	4
	ACRES			349			4,632	4,981
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	349	4	0	4,651	5,004

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	91	146	3		217	485
	ACRES	5,351	10,906	4,675	123		28,180	49,235
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	2,966		13,641	17,255
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	315	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	15,030	31,039
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	13	32	19	4	3	226	297
	ACRES	3,333	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,044
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	84	9	10	74	217
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,654	9,542	132	5,883	31,265
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	445	194	988
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,493	26,708	173,650
Southern Area	FIRES	53		261	66	13,166	1,152	14,698
	ACRES	19,379		92,749	82,590	765,324	891,888	1,851,930
TOTAL	FIRES	158	179	996	125	13,662	2,419	17,539
	ACRES	40,894	45,562	231,826	105,194	848,176	1,040,600	2,312,252

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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	2
	ACRES				1		0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		10	11
	ACRES				3,500		89,024	92,524
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,500	3,051
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	8	0	22	45
	ACRES	0	1,551	0	4,331	0	90,525	96,407

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	7	2	580	4,136
Yukon Territory	0	0	50	5,118
Alberta	3	0	512	2,451
Northwest Territory	3	284	63	8,953
Saskatchewan	2	0	258	38,873
Manitoba	0	0	681	294,450
Ontario	2	0	644	295,882
Quebec	6	43	506	49,718
Newfoundland	0	0	102	1,148
New Brunswick	1	0	155	179
Nova Scotia	1	2	212	1,269
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	6	46	28	403
Total	31	377	3,791	702,580

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	3									
Northwest	50	60	17	126	8	17			472	444
Northern California	5	2	8	1	1				2	
Southern California	26	23	25	41	8	2			70	698
Northern Rockies	9		9	10	2	1			27	1
Eastern Great Basin	17	9	41	18	8	4			80	9
Western Great Basin	2		6	7					3	
Southwest	56	2	19	56	9	17			368	103
Rocky Mountain	12	2	8	6	4	3			86	49
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area										
Total	180	98	133	265	40	44	0	0	1112	1304

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