

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California and Western Great Basin Areas and light elsewhere. Nationally, 245 new fires were reported. Nine new large fires were reported, four in the Northern Rockies, three in the Rocky Mountain, and one each in the Southern California and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Six large fires were contained, two in the Eastern Great Basin and Southwest Areas, and one in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Boles Meadow, Dirty Ike, Mineral-Primm, Twin Lakes, Cooney Ridge, Strawberry Mountain, and Gold 1. An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Black Mountain 2, Cherry Creek, Fish Creek, and North Howard Complex. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Crazy Horse, Robert, Wedge Canyon, Trapper Creek Complex and Little Salmon Creek Complex.

BOLES MEADOW, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire was formerly part of the Boles/Rattlesnake Complex and is in mixed conifer stands and brush, 25 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. The fire was actively burning in the southeast corner. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences.

DIRTY IKE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is three miles northeast of Clinton, MT. Firefighters held all constructed lines. Portions of the line were reinforced with burn out operations.

COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is eleven miles east of Florence, MT. Firefighters withdrew from the Holloman fire due to extreme fire behavior. The 3 Mile and Cooney Ridge fires burned together. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This fire is in heavy timber nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. An inversion over the fire reduced fire activity to short uphill runs, backing and torching. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. The incident was formerly part of the Bole/Rattlesnake Complex and it is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Dozer line construction continued on the east and north flanks of the fire.

STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt) has been ordered. This fire is 27 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. No new information was reported.

TWIN LAKES, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned. This fire is in timber with heavy ground fuels, four miles south of Georgetown Lake, MT. Storm Creek and Twin Lakes road closures are still in effect. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and one commercial property.

FISH CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This incident is comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek and West Fork Indian Creek fires, 24 miles west of Missoula, MT. No new information was reported.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Torching and short range spotting was observed. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

CHERRY CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is in lodge pole pine and heavy fuel loading, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Holding constructed handline was difficult due to wind and fuel conditions. Perimeter growth was due to short uphill runs, torching and rollouts. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in heavy logging slash and a variety of stand regeneration, 16 miles west of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior moderated allowing firefighters to make good progress with line construction. Structure protection is in place for five residences and one commercial property.

EAST, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Extreme fire behavior due to east winds accompanied by thunderstorm activity pushed the fire to the east shore of Yellowstone Lake and towards the community of Fishing Bridge. The East Entrance of the park remains closed. Structure protection is in place for five residences and 30 commercial properties.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is in a mixed conifer stand with heavy dead and down fuels, 10 miles northeast of Saint Ignatius, MT. Short range spotting with small pockets of timber torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 250 residences and 15 commercial properties. Evacuation notices and preliminary evacuation warnings have been issued to numerous residences.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Breakouts occurred on the northwest and west sides of the fire, spotting into the Kimberly Creek area. Air support was grounded due to poor visibility. The major road through Glacier National Park (going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed until further notice. These areas are closed or evacuated: Apgar Visitor Center and village, Avalanche campground, Big Creek Area campground, Camas Creek Road, Kelly Camp, Fish Creek, Gist Road and Hay Creek Road. A temporary voluntary evacuation was instigated by the Flathead County Sheriff for residents in the

Blankenship Road area. Structure protection is in place for 160 residences and 6 commercial properties.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Fire activity was moderate, with some short duration crown runs observed on the southeast flank. Structure protection continues for 40 residences.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Ferguson and Hart) are sharing management responsibility for this complex. The complex, comprised of the Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The Wolf Gun is being monitored from the air, but is not staffed. Moderate fire activity was observed on the Trapper Creek fire. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed until further notice. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT, is composed of the Rough Draw, Slippery Creek, Speculator 1, Speculator 2 and Hawley fires. High winds caused increased fire activity on the Rough Draw fire, increasing the threat to the area east of the Mission Creek Trail. Structure protection is in place for 18 residences and one commercial property.

WINSLOW, Beaverhead, Deerlodge National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Interior islands were actively burning with short uphill runs and long-range spotting. The community of Lakeview is under an evacuation notice. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences and one commercial property.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lake and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. All fires in the complex, except the Lilly Lakes fires, were active with torching, sustained crown runs and long range spotting. Perimeter movement was primarily to the north and east. Structure protection is in place for three residences and three commercial properties.

SLIMS COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Slims and Poet fires, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Winds associated with a thunderstorm pushed the Poet fire over hand lines and across the Nez Perce Trail road.

CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. The Clear/Nez Complex is being managed under a Zone Command (Steve Frye). A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There are 14 fires in the complex. The proximal location is six miles southeast of Powell Junction, ID. Individual tree and group torching with short range spotting was observed.

CATHEDRAL PEAK, Custer National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 10 miles south of Nye, MT. The Stillwater Mine Complex is threatened. Backing fire was observed. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences and one commercial property.

WINDMILL COMPLEX, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Windmill, Aspen, Old Bear, Little Hawk, Reservation Creek and Badger fires. The fire is in ponderosa pine, sagebrush and rangelands, 17 miles east of Hardin, MT. Fire behavior was very active on the northeast and southwest flanks of the Little Hawk. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

SWAIN, Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in ponderosa pine and grass, ten miles southeast of Broadus, MT. Extreme fire behavior with spotting was observed. The Tongue River Road was closed. Structure protection is in place for four residences.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) has been ordered. This complex is comprised of Talon, Snowbank and Moose Wasson fires, ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Extreme fire behavior with torching and major runs in Douglas fir, sub-alpine fir and lodgepole pine was observed. The Stonewall and Beaver Creek areas were evacuated. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

SHEEP CAMP, Helena National Forest. This fire is in Douglas fir and mixed conifer, 28 miles north of Townsend, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BUFFALO CREEK, Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and timber, 25 miles south of Broadus, MT. Periodic torching was observed in the interior.

BIG CREEK, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is in sub-alpine fir, 22 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BAREFOOT CREEK, Bitterroot National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives and is 66 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

HARRINGTON RIDGE, Bitterroot National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 65 miles southwest of Darby, MT, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

MILEPOST 59, Idaho State Forestry. This fire is in brush, grass, mixed conifer timber and slash, five miles northwest of Kamiah, ID. U.S. Highway 12 was closed for over one hour, then re-opened for guided one-way traffic. Running ground fire with moderate torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

BURNT RIDGE COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. This complex, four miles northwest of Neihart, MT, consists of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park, and Pioneer Ridge fires. Active ground fire and torching were observed on the Burnt Ridge fire. The Ant Park fire was very active. Structure protection is in place for 17 residences.

UPPER TWIN, Clearwater National Forest. This Wildland Fire Use fire is in timber and brush, 26 miles northeast of Pierce, ID. Active burning with isolated torching was observed.

WENDOVER, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is in timber with pockets of standing bug kill and heavy ground fuels, five miles northwest of Powell, ID. No new information was reported.

BRONC, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is in sub-alpine fir, 19 miles west of Hamilton, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

COVE, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is in sub-alpine fir and lodgepole pine, twenty miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

GRANITE, Nez Perce National Forest. The fire is in mixed conifer, 22 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT and is being managed under a confine strategy. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

WEST MOOSE, Nez Perce National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in mixed conifers, 38 miles west of Hamilton, MT. The fire is being managed for resource objectives. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

EAGLE CREEK, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles southwest of Powell, ID. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

MINK 2, Clearwater National Forest. This timber fire is ten miles west of Powell, ID. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

RHODES, Clearwater National Forest. This timber fire is five miles northwest of Powell, ID. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

CAYUSE LAKE, Clearwater National Forest. This timber fire is ten miles northwest of Powell, ID. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOLES MEADOW	MT	SWS	3,450	25	UNK	664	20	15	1	0	1.2M
DIRTY IKE	MT	SWS	1,200	40	8/30	250	8	8	0	0	400K
COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX	MT	SWS	7,230	5	9/15	462	14	18	0	0	570K
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	5,100	5	UNK	369	9	12	2	0	960K
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	9,000	5	UNK	64	0	2	0	0	101K
STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN	MT	LNF	500	55	UNK	140	6	5	1	0	200K
TWIN LAKES	MT	SWS	93	90	8/17	177	5	3	0	0	330K
FISH CREEK	MT	LNF	6,500	0	8/27	428	10	20	1	0	575K
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	1,114	5	8/19	385	11	5	3	0	380K
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	4,000	30	UNK	409	9	10	5	0	2.4M
NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX	MT	LNF	2,267	30	UNK	322	10	7	0	0	875K
EAST	WY	YNP	8,000	0	UNK	91	1	0	4	0	NR
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	7,900	0	UNK	451	14	22	0	0	1.4M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	42,011	45	9/15	787	20	27	6	3	14.9M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	39,513	60	UNK	903	20	31	7	36	21.4M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	22,551	65	9/5	25	1	2	0	1	3.3M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	1,788	5	9/1	419	6	20	6	0	1.5M
WINSLOW	MT	BDF	5,000	0	UNK	214	6	4	3	0	300K
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	7,000	10	UNK	669	18	27	3	0	1.9M
SLIMS COMPLEX	ID	NPF	11.800	65	8/20	534	12	5	8	0	12.5M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX - WFU	ID	CWF	5,873	N/A	N/A	25	0	0	0	0	112K

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CATHEDRAL PEAK	MT	CNF	200	0	UNK	12	0	0	1	0	40K
WINDMILL COMPLEX	MT	CRA	9,460	40	8/25	229	6	14	0	1	150K
SWAIN	MT	MCD	4,000	NR	8/16	31	0	3	0	0	NR
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	7,500	0	UNK	63	1	11	3	0	750K
SHEEP CAMP	MT	HNF	150	0	UNK	NR	0	3	0	0	NR
BUFFALO CREEK	MT	MCD	700	40	8/16	58	2	2	0	0	NR
BIG CREEK	ID	NPF	106	0	106	1	0	0	0	0	.3K
BAREFOOT CREEK – WFU	MT	BRF	175	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1K
HARRINGTON RIDGE - WFU	MT	BRF	100	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0`	1K
MILEPOST 59	ID	MCS	1,500	25	8/17	113	3	1	4	1	NR
BURNT RIDGE COMPLEX	MT	LCF	490	0	UNK	75	3	4	1	0	NR
UPPER TWIN	ID	CWF	130	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	1K
WENDOVER	ID	CWF	1,300	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BRONC	ID	NPF	264	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	0.5K
COVE	ID	NPF	182	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	0.3K
GRANITE	ID	NPF	100	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	5K
WEST MOOSE	ID	NPF	158	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0.5K
EAGLE CREEK E	ID	CWF	100	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
MINK 2	ID	CWF	200	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
RHODES	ID	CWF	300	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
CAYUSE LAKE	ID	CWF	200	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX –WFU	MT	FNF	19,000	N/A	N/A	79	1	0	1	1	964K
SADDLE FORK – WFU	ID	NPF	200	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0.5K
BRUSHY SPOON – WFU	ID	NPF	311	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0.3K
HOBBLE FIRE	MT	SOS	33,650	100	---	240	4	25	0	6	1.4M

SOS = Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CANYON CREEK, Boise National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Active fire continues to keep Highway 21 closed. The trail system in Elk Creek on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area east of the fire is closed to public entry. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching was observed.

MENAN, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and sagebrush, ten miles west of Rexburg, ID. Extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread and flame lengths up to 15 feet was observed.

SOUTH FORK, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in grass, brush and timber, 25 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Extreme fire behavior in heavy fuels and steep terrain are major control problems. Area roads remain closed to the public. The closure to Paradise Valley summer homes has been lifted. Structure protection remains in place for two commercial properties.

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Marble, Grimmet and North Fork Lick fires, is in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. The fires are being managed in a confine/contain strategy. Difficult terrain and no road access are hampering suppression operations. Extreme fire behavior with multiple group tree torching, large runs and backing were observed.

FALCONBERRY, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Limited visibility is hindering observations of current conditions. Rough terrain and poor access have made suppression operations difficult. Protection of wilderness values is a priority. Significant fire activity was observed in the Warm Springs area and along the west flank.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There was active fire behavior in grass and brush on steep slopes. Short duration upslope runs with occasional torching and spotting was observed. There was concern that spotting might occur on the north side of the Salmon River. Structure protection is in place for eight residences. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse, Little Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Minimal fire growth and creeping fire were observed.

CLEAR CREEK, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in spruce and fir timber, 20 miles northeast of Pinedale, WY. Creeping and smoldering in duff and large fuels with occasional torching was observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

WITHINGTON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is seven miles south of Salmon, ID. Moderate rate of spread, column development and torching were observed. Fire acreage increased by at least 500 acres. Evacuations have taken place and Highway 93 is closed. Evacuation numbers are unknown at this time.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANYON CREEK	ID	BOF	5,275	20	8/28	657	21	17	6	0	1.2M
MENAN	ID	IFD	3,500	25	8/16	35	0	7	0	0	NR
SOUTH FORK	ID	BOF	5,100	50	8/26	446	15	5	14	0	1.2M
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	4,541	5	UNK	284	5	2	7	0	2.8M
FALCONBERRY	ID	SCF	13,900	NR	UNK	66	1	0	0	6	150K
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	4,164	N/A	N/A	20	0	0	0	0	NR
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	710	0	9/30	2	0	0	0	0	24K
CLEAR CREEK – WFU	WY	BTF	151	N/A	N/A	15	0	0	0	0	44K
WITHINGTON	ID	SCF	1,500	15	UNK	244	8	7	0	0	198K
JOHNNY STAR	UT	UOA	300	100	---	89	3	5	0	0	NR
CROOKED PINYON COMPLEX	UT	SLD	2,419	100	---	119	4	0	0	0	484K

UOA = Uintah and Ouray Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 SLD = Salt Lake City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LITTLE HORN 2, Bighorn National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullinex) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles northwest of Dayton, WY. Active fire behavior with crown runs and spotting was observed. Nineteen summer homes and a Fish and Game cabin remain evacuated. Structure protection is in place. One outbuilding has been confirmed lost.

PINE RIDGE COMPLEX, Pine Ridge Reservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kearney) will assume command tomorrow. This complex is in timber with grass understory, 13 miles northeast of Pine Ridge, SD. The complex is composed of Papa Hollow, Horseback Complex, Mander Dump and Hollow Horn. Running and crowning were observed. Structure protection is in place for six residences. Three residences and one outbuilding have been confirmed lost. Temporary evacuations occurred yesterday due to two new starts.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Grand Junction District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 27 miles northwest of Grand Junction, CO. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running, torching and spotting was observed in oak brush, pinyon pine and juniper. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

SAWTOOTH, Routt National Forest. This fire is in blowdown and bug killed spruce, 20 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs, CO. Torching and a minor slope-driven run were observed.

NORRIS, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is 35 miles west of Cody, WY. Single tree torching and downslope backing were observed in timber.

BITTERCREEK COMPLEX, Campbell County. This complex is in pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass, 50 miles north of Gillette, WY. The complex is composed of the Dry Creek, Hell Canyon, Cutler, Crocket, Dry Creek 2 and the Wallace Fires.

WINTER ELK, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass, 48 miles east-southeast of Craig, CO. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

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LITTLE HORN 2	WY	BHF	2,500	15	UNK	385	10	15	4	1	988K
PINE RIDGE COMPLEX	SD	PRA	7,100	30	9/1	116	1	32	1	4	170K
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN	CO	GRD	100	0	UNK	21	0	2	1	0	NR
SAWTOOTH	CO	RTF	200	0	UNK	31	1	1	1	0	NR
NORRIS	WY	SHF	125	0	UNK	25	1	0	1	0	55K
BITTERCREEK COMPLEX	WY	CMX	410	90	8/16	91	4	7	0	0	NR
WINTER ELK	CO	WRD	150	90	8/16	44	2	3	0	0	NR
FOUR MILE	WY	CAD	2,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

CAD = Casper District, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACK CANYON, Washington Department of Natural Resources. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Holloway/Reed) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Northport, WA. Active fire with some spotting was observed within the containment area; no new acreage growth was reported.

NORTH ZONE COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This complex is in heavy timber, six miles southeast of Darrington, WA. The North Zone Complex is responsible for initial attack on the Darrington, Skykomish and Mt Baker districts of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Nine lightning fires are in patrol status, four fires are staffed, and three fires are unstaffed. Smoldering and creeping were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACK CANYON	WA	NES	2,110	70	8/20	880	34	58	5	0	2.1M
NORTH ZONE COMPLEX	WA	MSF	170	75	8/18	413	10	13	4	0	2.3M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUE RIVER COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Steeple, Largo and Thomas fires, is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, pinyon pine, brush and grass, 18 miles south of Alpine, AZ.

BROTHERS, Gila National Forest. This fire, in ponderosa pine, grass, and pine litter, is in monitor status. Significant changes will be reported. No new information was received.

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BLUE RIVER COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	18,575	90	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	6.4M
BROTHERS	NM	GNF	550	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
HORSE - WFU	AZ	KNF	148	N/A	N/A	3	0	1	0	0	9K
ANTELOPE - WFU	AZ	KNF	221	N/A	N/A	8	0	2	0	NR	8K
FRY	AZ	COF	179	100	---	87	3	2	0	0	166K
RED KNOLL	AZ	FTA	186	100	---	67	2	3	1	NR	NR

COF = Coconino National Forest
KNF = Kaibab National Forest

FTA = Fort Apache Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS FIRE, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is in red fir and lodgepole timber, 15 miles east of Grant Grove, in Kings Canyon National Park, CA. Moderate runs and isolated torching were observed.

COONEY, Sequoia National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident which began on 7/31 is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in pine and fir, 15 miles northeast of Camp Nelson, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	140	N/A	N/A	7	0	0	0	0	5K
COONEY - WFU	CA	SQF	1,257	N/A	N/A	46	3	0	0	0	41K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	572	N/A	N/A	36	2	0	1	0	44K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PIPE CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Central Office. This fire is 25 miles east-southeast of Soldotna, AK. The fire is in mixed spruce, hemlock and hardwoods. Smoldering fire was observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PIPE CREEK	AK	AKS	446	90	8/17	51	3	0	1	0	155K

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: For western Montana and northern Idaho for gusty winds.

Fire Weather Watches: For central Idaho Panhandle, eastern and southern Montana, and the western third of North Dakota for gusty winds.

Weather Discussion: The upper trough that been off the coast the last few days will be finally moving inland today. This trough will move across Pacific Northwest today and eventually into Montana. Meanwhile, the upper ridge remains over the Rockies. Moisture and instability will extend from the Southwest across the portions of the Great Basin and into the Northern Rockies.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Isolated to scattered thunderstorms western Montana, northern Idaho and the mountains surrounding Yellowstone National Park in Montana.	Idaho: 80s Montana west of the divide: 80s Montana east of the divide: 95 to 105. North Dakota: 90s west and 80s east.	Idaho: 20 to 30% Montana west of the divide 20 to 30% Montana east of the divide: 10 to 20% North Dakota: 30 to 40%	Idaho: West 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts. Montana: Southeast 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts North Dakota: West 10 to 20 mph
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Scattered thunderstorms central and east Idaho, Bridger-Teton. Scattered rain showers Payette NF. Partly cloudy southwest Idaho. Utah, Arizona Strip: Scattered to numerous wet thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 62 to 80 mountains, 80 to 95 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 65 to 80 higher elevations, 75 to 90 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 45% mountains, 14 to 25% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 35 to 50% mountains, 20 to 30% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest 10 to 20 mph west, southwest 10 to 20 mph east. Stronger on ridgetops. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southeast 10 to 20 mph, shifting to southwest in the afternoon in the west. Upslope/up valley 5 to 10 mph in east.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Becoming Partly Cloudy with widely scattered to scattered thunderstorms over the Colorado Mountains and Western Slope. Isolated thunderstorms western and southern Wyoming.	Mid 80s to mid 90s lower elevations, except upper 90s northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills region. Mid 70s to mid 80s in the mountains.	13 to 20% Western Slope of Colorado and southwest, central and northeast Wyoming. 20 to 35% elsewhere.	South to southeast 10 to 20 mph on the plains, variable 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Chance of showers or thunderstorms mainly in Eastern Washington.	West of Cascades mostly 70s except 80s southwest Oregon. Eastside Mostly 70s and 80s.	West of Cascades 35 to 65% except 18 to 27% interior southwest Oregon. Eastside mostly 15 to 25% locally near 10%.	Breezy in parts of eastern Washington and north central Oregon west 10 to 18 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Otherwise west 6 to 10 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms, most numerous in Arizona and New Mexico.	70 to 80 mountains, around 80 to near 105 lower elevations.	20 to 30% Arizona, New Mexico. 30 to 40% elsewhere.	Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except south to southeast 10 to 20 mph across Texas.

<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly cloudy over the southern and eastern mountains and deserts with a chance of thunderstorms. Mostly sunny elsewhere.</p>	<p>70 to 85 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 92 to 102 valleys. 94 to 104 upper desert. 100 to 108 low desert.</p>	<p>15 to 30% desert. 10 to 25% mountains. 10 to 25% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 8 to 15 mph and gusty in the afternoon.</p>
<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny, except patches of morning low clouds and fog near the coast.</p>	<p>Upper 60s to upper 70s near the coast, 80s to low 90s higher elevations, and 90s to near 100 inland valleys.</p>	<p>5 to 15% east of the Sierra-Cascade crest, otherwise 10 to 20% inland valleys, 25 to 35% far western areas, and 40% or more along the immediate coast.</p>	<p>Afternoon winds South-West 5 to 12 mph with a few higher gusts in the afternoon.</p>
<p>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly cloudy west, cloudy east with scattered mostly wet thunderstorms.</p>	<p>80s to 90s in the lower elevations, upper 70s to 80s in upper elevations.</p>	<p>5 to 15% west, 15 to 25% elsewhere.</p>	<p>West to northwest 5 to 15 mph.</p>



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PROPER USE OF TRIGGER POINTS

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.

- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire Behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time constraints/Time of day
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)

- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
 - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
 - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
 - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
 - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
 - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions

- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
 - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
 - Account for all your people
 - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			2,012				2,012
Northwest	FIRES					4	4	8
	ACRES					2	3	5
Northern California	FIRES					20	2	22
	ACRES					20	0	20
Southern California	FIRES					23	3	26
	ACRES					29	2	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0		1	3	18	22
	ACRES	6,460	3,000		4,801	2,144	19,593	35,998
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	34	1	1	14	42	97
	ACRES	2	3,015	900	0	9	6,302	10,228
Western Great Basin	FIRES		21			6	0	27
	ACRES		19			75	1	95
Southwest	FIRES				1		22	23
	ACRES				0		6	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	9		1	2	3	18
	ACRES	0	260		0	2,001	626	2,887
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	8	64	1	4	74	94	245
	ACRES	6,462	6,294	2,912	4,801	4,282	26,533	51,284

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	373	12	432
	ACRES	20	40,271	247,936	3,712	258,271	2	550,212
Northwest	FIRES	191	176	9	37	1,266	805	2,484
	ACRES	17,815	12,762	9	14	44,023	112,504	187,127
Northern California	FIRES	100	58	7	6	1,643	622	2,436
	ACRES	53	11,579	2	6,511	17,832	16,550	52,527
Southern California	FIRES	47	82	10	46	1,926	623	2,734
	ACRES	853	2,497	360	216	30,051	6,808	40,785
Northern Rockies	FIRES	775	57	31	62	684	1,086	2,695
	ACRES	22,608	99,670	22,865	45,288	79,498	103,522	373,451
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	645	4	31	510	702	1,940
	ACRES	18,361	122,533	1,060	2,631	28,337	97,777	270,699
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	344	1	11	108	125	594
	ACRES	1	10,876	0	5	1,938	2,850	15,670
Southwest	FIRES	725	165	5	29	778	1,816	3,518
	ACRES	36,497	5,673	284	3,550	14,840	202,374	263,218
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	147	666	39	41	900	526	2,319
	ACRES	8,970	12,451	1,963	778	16,344	26,023	66,529
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	20	9,086	426	10,503
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	108,851	5,526	174,138
Southern Area	FIRES	127		38	11	11,133	325	11,634
	ACRES	21,318		6,279	756	174,599	8,799	211,751
TOTAL	FIRES	3,071	2,207	232	304	28,407	7,068	41,289
	ACRES	178,682	318,312	287,648	64,146	774,584	582,735	2,206,107

Ten Year Average Fires	57,992
Ten Year Average Acres	3,040,179

Changes in some agency YTD agency 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			1				1
	ACRES			85				85
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			422				422
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						400	400
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	507	0	0	400	907

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	40	92	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
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	34	19	7	3	231	307
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,299	118,153
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		311	16	448	201	999
	ACRES	10,562		56,486	1,823	78,510	26,889	174,270
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,194	14,753
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	922,857	1,886,694
TOTAL	FIRES	172	176	894	133	13,665	2,555	17,595
	ACRES	43,733	47,132	240,296	106,508	848,193	1,072,788	2,358,650

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WFU 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						103	103
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						2,934	2,934
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						769	769
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3,806	3,806

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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						2	2
	ACRES						151	151
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				39		16	55
	ACRES				247		1,018	1,265
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		49	52
	ACRES				602		26,214	26,816
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				364		4,475	4,839
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				6		15	21
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,869	3,420
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	21	0	61	0	101	183
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	7,411	0	193,336	202,300

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	18	5,944	2,040	109,078
Yukon Territory	1	25	69	30,783
Alberta	9	5	959	46,491
Northwest Territory	1	2	149	108,375
Saskatchewan	5	1,613	538	108,053
Manitoba	17	203	1,007	356,249
Ontario	0	0	785	299,469
Quebec	2	3,965	606	62,954
Newfoundland	1	1	152	23,888
New Brunswick	0	0	173	181
Nova Scotia	0	0	232	1,284
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	78	44,623
Total	54	11,758	6,788	1,191,428

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	4				1			12	2
Northwest	29	50	25	88		10			377	334
Northern California	3	2	17	28		4				9
Southern California	13	9	15	11	6	3			17	391
Northern Rockies	158	94	112	330	37	45	1	2	1622	1076
Eastern Great Basin	50	39	63	94	28	7			449	106
Western Great Basin			1		1					
Southwest	6	2	7		1				26	2
Rocky Mountain	20	5	59	36	13				73	51
Eastern Area			5						6	
Southern Area										
Total	280	205	304	587	86	70	1	2	2582	1971

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