

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 140 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Rocky Mountain Area and one each in the Alaska and Southwest Areas. One large fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

EVANSVILLE, Tanana Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is one half mile southeast of Bettles, AK in black spruce. Extreme fire behavior with very high rates of spread was observed. Structure protection is being established.

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Fire activity increased. Short crown runs in black spruce were observed in the interior and on the west flank.

WOLF CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. Fire behavior included occasional torching and persistent surface fire in deep duff. There was little active burning around the Chena Hot Springs Resort and the West and North Fork Chena River localities.

TAYLOR COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Wall Street, Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Big Creek, Anomaly, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire activity was high due to lower humidity, warmer temperatures, and gusty winds. Runs of one to five miles were observed on some active fingers.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles northwest of Delta Junction, AK in tundra and spruce. Fire behavior was minimal with small smokes observed in the tundra and larger fuels.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods, consists of the American Summit, Edwards Creek, King Creek, Kandik River, Indian Grave Creek, Deer Creek and seven additional fires. Fire behavior increased due to warmer and drier weather. Structure protection is in place. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) to a Fire Use Management Team (Bird) occurred yesterday. This incident is 57 miles northwest of Fort Yukon, AK in black spruce and tundra. The complex consists of the Pingo, Winter Trail, Sucker River, Black Currant River, Vundik Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires. High winds increased fire activity. Fire runs were observed on the Winter Trail and Pingo fires.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	1,500	0	UNK	34	0	0	2	0	NR
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	315,000	27	7/24	544	16	23	7	5	3.7M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	200,000	0	UNK	266	11	7	2	7	650K
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	506,378	NR	8/1	105	0	10	2	3	1.2M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	131,883	0	7/31	181	5	0	3	0	600K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	465,799	NR	UNK	185	5	5	1	0	880K
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	359,590	5	UNK	398	16	0	6	0	5.6M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NUTTALL COMPLEX, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, located 15 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in brush and heavy timber, consists of the Nuttall and Gibson fires. Extremely dry fuels, steep terrain and difficult access are hampering suppression efforts. Surface spreading and individual tree torching were observed on the Nuttall fire. Plume dominated fire behavior with short range spotting and upslope runs was observed on the Gibson fire.

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is six miles southwest of Payson, AZ in timber, grass and chaparral. The fire was active along the eastern slopes of the Deer Creek drainage. Intense upslope runs with flame lengths exceeding 60 feet were observed. Profuse spotting also occurred. The fire spotted across Highway 87 in two places resulting in its closure yesterday afternoon.

JACKET, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 13 miles southeast of Winona, AZ in grass, juniper and pinyon pine. Fire behavior was very active, driven by unpredictable winds. Torching and spotting up to one quarter mile were observed. The Flagstaff to Pinnacle Peak 345 kilovolt power line continues to be threatened.

MILITARY. San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles east of San Carlos, AZ in timber, scrub oak brush and grass. Fire behavior included surface burning, group torching and short crown runs in brush and timber.

NEGRITO, Gila National Forest. This fire is fourteen miles southeast of Reserve, NM in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and isolated flare-ups was observed.

GRANNY, Gila National Forest. This previously reported Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, which began on 6/24, is 21 miles north of Silver City, NM in hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with isolated single tree torching and two to three foot flame lengths was observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

RINCON, Gila National Forest. This previously reported Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, which began on 6/25, is 25 miles north of Silver City, NM in hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with isolated single tree torching and two to three foot flame lengths was observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	26,820	25	UNK	891	22	32	11	0	5.8M
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	101,500	25	UNK	769	17	43	7	1	6.8M
JACKET	AZ	COF	14,669	50	7/21	128	3	2	2	1	1.4M
MILITARY	AZ	SCA	231	15	7/10	265	10	4	3	0	90K
NEGRITO	NM	GNF	145	90	UNK	107	4	2	1	0	700K
GRANNY-- WFU	NM	GNF	4,842	N/A	N/A	10	0	0	0	0	10K
RINCON -- WFU	NM	GNF	2,384	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	15K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Steep terrain and extremely limited access continue to impede control efforts. Uphill runs and group torching were observed. Burnout operations around structures near the fire have been completed.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

BEEBE, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is four miles east of Chelan, WA in grass. Lack of access, dry fuels and erratic winds are major concerns. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Structure protection is in place.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	7,550	35	UNK	914	25	31	12	0	5.3M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	25	0	0	1	0	340K
BEEBE	WA	SPD	4,200	70	7/8	327	7	31	4	3	456K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

OIL SPRINGS, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 27 miles south of Rangely, CO in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching, spotting and a large run was observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

SPRING CREEK, San Juan National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is six miles west of Rico, CO in spruce and fir and is being monitored by aerial and ground resources. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OIL SPRINGS – WFU	CO	WRD	650	N/A	N/A	11	0	1	0	0	NR
SPRING CREEK – WFU	CO	SJF	311	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	16K
MCGRUDER	CO	UPD	2,806	100	---	154	3	3	1	1	640K

UPD = Uncompahgre Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: An upper trough over the Pacific Northwest will cause strong, gusty winds over portions of the Great Basin along with some thunderstorms. Increasing moisture will bring a better chance of thunderstorms to the Southwest. In Alaska, a disturbance will be moving through the central and eastern interior while high pressure will prevail over the south-central region.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA Morning clouds west side and mostly sunny east side.	Generally cool. Highs in the 60s western Washington to the mid 80s southwest Oregon. East side highs 60s and 70s in Washington to lower 80s in southeast Oregon.	A bit drier. West of Cascades: generally 45 to 60% except near 30% southwest Oregon. Eastside: Ranging from 20 to 30% except near 15% southeast Oregon.	Less windy. West to northwest 8 to 15 mph ridgetops and exposed areas east of the Cascades. West side winds generally NW 5 to 10 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms in the south.	North: 80 to 95. South: 90 to 99. Mountains: 72 to 84.	North Valleys: 8 to 15%. South Valleys: 7 to 12%. Mountains: 12 to 26%.	North: west at 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph. South: south to southwest at 10 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Mostly clear except for night and morning coastal low clouds and fog.	Cooler, with the lower and mid 90s in the warmest inland valleys.	12 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph, strongest afternoon gusts 18 to 25 mph east of the Sierra Cascade crest.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Areas of morning low clouds and fog from the coast into the coastal basins. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the higher Sierra and over Inyo with isolated thunderstorms.	68 to 78 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 92 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 102 to 110 lower deserts.	30 to 45% valleys. 10 to 20% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph over the mountains. 15 to 25 mph over the deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated afternoon thunderstorms.	Highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s, with 70s in the mountains.	10 to 22%, except 30% to 45% eastern plains.	West 15 to 30 mph Wyoming, with 10 to 25 elsewhere.
SOUTHWEST Partly to mostly sunny. A slight chance for thunderstorms southwest half of AZ, dry along the Mogollon rim. A few thunderstorms across northern NM and the TX panhandle.	70s and 80 mountains and mostly 90s lower elevations, except 100 to 110 southern deserts and lowlands.	5 to 20% AZ and NM, 15 to 30% west TX.	Southwest to west 10 to 15 mph with higher gusts AZ and NM, south 10 to 20 in west TX.



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FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	2	0	4		7
	ACRES		30,307	4,295	791	5,918		41,311
Northwest	FIRES	1				6	1	8
	ACRES	0				13	0	13
Northern California	FIRES					25	18	43
	ACRES					26	2	28
Southern California	FIRES	2	1	3		16	4	26
	ACRES	1	0	41		21	1	64
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				3	1	6
	ACRES	0				4	0	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	6			7	5	21
	ACRES	1	3			8	1	13
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	0				3
	ACRES		0	54				54
Southwest	FIRES	2				3	1	6
	ACRES	111				4	28,664	28,779
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			5		7
	ACRES		1			2		3
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					9		9
TOTAL	FIRES	10	13	5	0	82	30	140
	ACRES	113	30,311	4,390	791	6,005	28,668	70,278

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	36	52	18	245	7	361
	ACRES	63	638,879	244,501	21,204	1,166,668	1	2,071,316
Northwest	FIRES	195	85	19	10	652	284	1,245
	ACRES	5,712	1,835	75	16	1,511	3,289	12,438
Northern California	FIRES	60	28	6	18	1,326	520	1,958
	ACRES	70	417	15	2	4,174	1,783	6,461
Southern California	FIRES	32	46	14	32	1,594	334	2,052
	ACRES	657	4,369	394	24	35,655	4,739	45,838
Northern Rockies	FIRES	778	26	14	6	416	221	1,461
	ACRES	4,160	255	485	0	8,689	3,368	16,957
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	283	2	20	168	210	692
	ACRES	31	26,341	1	33	1,340	417	28,163
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	242	1	4	39	43	334
	ACRES	151	10,108	1,054	0	1,155	476	12,944
Southwest	FIRES	540	66	2	38	450	592	1,688
	ACRES	5,146	4,527	1	509	5,695	254,704	270,582
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	171	169	30	11	226	183	790
	ACRES	3,612	485	1,167	9	19,742	4,101	29,116
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	22	6,023	407	6,987
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	107	54,041	5,541	67,118
Southern Area	FIRES	120		47	36	22,152	547	22,902
	ACRES	15,606		4,682	1,054	267,246	73,117	361,705
TOTAL	FIRES	2,402	981	233	215	33,291	3,348	40,470
	ACRES	40,302	687,216	254,710	22,958	1,565,916	351,536	2,922,638

Ten Year Average Fires	45,028
Ten Year Average Acres	1,638,238

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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
	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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	10	17		183	263
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	2,690		22,617	39,855
Southern California	FIRES		4	9	10		76	99
	ACRES		28	869	718		6,213	7,828
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	352	519
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,351	63,481
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	3	18	42	83
	ACRES	149	2,330	547	1,102	1,493	14,008	19,629
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	5			5	14
	ACRES		80	541			971	1,592
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	10		277	321
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	7,777		66,146	92,059
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	123	18	12	113	347
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	20,855	12,964	3,947	45,672	100,406
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	611	178	1,179
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,379	27,876	145,995
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	69	14,864	1,067	16,190
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,702	927,335	961,439	2,015,449
TOTAL	FIRES	217	201	760	154	15,555	2,548	19,435
	ACRES	40,781	29,295	161,493	90,472	997,317	1,245,522	2,564,880

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				52,222			52,222
Northwest	FIRES				2		1	3
	ACRES				1		150	151
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				2		2	4
	ACRES				0		222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		3	5
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		2,505	2,606
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6			0	1	7
	ACRES		6,230			2,271	354	8,855
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	10	0	9	0	21	40
	ACRES	0	6,572	0	52,324	2,271	3,231	64,398

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	3,059	1082	149,661
Yukon Territory	4	452	173	566,082
Alberta	2	1	877	3,232
Northwest Territory	1	1	55	14,929
Saskatchewan	1	6,405	140	24,345
Manitoba	0	0	86	423
Ontario	1	0	177	1,376
Quebec	2	0	191	589
Newfoundland	0	0	104	8,333
New Brunswick	1	0	214	318
Nova Scotia	1	0	199	210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	1,565	25	15,271
Total	11	11,483	3,339	784,784

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	37	16	3	42	11	12			413	222
Northwest	24	14	6	60	21	4			261	186
Northern California	9		6		1					
Southern California	4				2					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			10	2	4				22	2
Western Great Basin			2							
Southwest	55	1	21	57	17	7			489	153
Rocky Mountain	4	1	5	3		1			67	27
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	133	32	53	164	56	24	0	0	1252	590

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