

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2004 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 112 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Alaska, Eastern Great Basin, Northwest and Rocky Mountain Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Northwest Area and one in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, 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 crown runs, spotting and rapid rates of spread doubled the incident's size.

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. Occasional single tree torching, accompanied by short crown runs and short range spotting, was observed.

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 was minimal; isolated interior torching was observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

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. Active, wind driven fire behavior with torching and high rates of spread was reported. A 20 acre spot fire was controlled by crews and helicopters. Crews are preparing for burnout operations on the Wall Street fire.

LOWER MOUTH, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is located 12 miles northwest of the village of Birch Creek, AK in white spruce, black spruce, birch and aspen. Fire behavior was extreme due to high winds and low relative humidity.

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. Natural barriers and favorable weather conditions are assisting containment efforts. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the American Summit, Edwards Creek, King Creek, Kandik River, Indian Grave Creek, Deer Creek and seven additional fires, is located three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Fire behavior moderated due to cloud cover, cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity. In drier areas, gusty winds intensified interior burning.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) is assigned. 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. Torching and short runs were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	4,193	10	UNK	118	15	0	2	0	NR
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	337,100	20	UNK	533	16	18	7	5	3.9M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	187,000	10	UNK	256	11	6	1	7	970K
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	561,633	NR	8/1	100	0	8	2	3	1.4M
LOWER MOUTH	AK	UYD	600	0	UNK	26	1	0	0	0	NR
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	132,422	65	7/31	189	5	0	3	3	750K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	465,799	NR	UNK	170	5	1	1	0	1.1M
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	389,917	5	UNK	411	17	0	6	0	6.3M

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. The Nuttall fire reported minimal fire behavior with occasional single tree torching. The Gibson fire reported upslope runs. Both fires received light precipitation.

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. Minimal fire behavior was observed due to higher relative humidity and successful burnout operations. Crews began building direct attack fireline and initiated additional burnout operations.

JACKET, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 13 miles southeast of Winona, AZ in grass, juniper and pinyon pine. Increased humidity and lower temperatures reduced fire activity.

PONDEROSA, Tonto National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Payson, AZ in ponderosa pine. Minimal fire behavior was reported. Crews completed fireline construction.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	27,630	45	UNK	870	21	27	10	1	7.2M
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	119,500	65	UNK	764	14	49	7	1	8.4M
JACKET	AZ	COF	17,043	70	7/21	101	2	3	2	1	250K
PONDEROSA	AZ	TNF	140	95	UNK	73	3	2	0	1	200K
MILITARY	AZ	SCA	231	100	---	317	6	8	3	0	574K

SCA = San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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. Active interior burning continued. Crews made good progress performing burnout operations. Crews continued to construct fireline in preparation for additional burnout operations.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Higher relative humidity and cooler temperatures resulted in minimal fire activity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	8,300	45	UNK	836	22	23	11	0	6.5M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	24	0	0	1	0	366K
BEEBE	WA	SPD	4,205	100	---	5	0	2	0	3	900K
449	OR	PRD	808	100	---	25	0	6	1	0	NR

SPD = Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management

PRD = Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SADDLE MOUNTAIN, Delta County. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) has been ordered. This fire is five miles east of Crawford, CO in Douglas fir, oak brush, aspen and pinyon pine. Extreme fire behavior with major runs was observed.

OIL SPRINGS, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) has been ordered. 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. Crews contained a small spot fire on the south side of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SADDLE MOUNTAIN	CO	DTX	400	10	UNK	137	2	6	2	0	NR
OIL SPRINGS – WFU	CO	WRD	1,080	N/A	N/A	20	0	2	1	0	14K
SPRING CREEK – WFU	CO	SJF	335	N/A	N/A	28	1	2	0	0	20K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHROME, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 45 miles northwest of Ely, NV in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. High winds, long range spotting and extreme fire behavior were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHROME	NV	ELD	4,138	50	UNK	237	9	1	2	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VANCE, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 45 miles west of Milford UT in pinyon pine and juniper. Smoldering and creeping fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VANCE	UT	CCD	502	60	7/10	103	4	4	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Upper trough off the Pacific Northwest coast moves inland today while high pressure remains over the Rockies. A somewhat moist south to southwest flow will continue over the Southwest, Utah and Colorado while drier air moves into Nevada. High pressure over southwest Alaska will build further north and east today.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ALASKA Central and Eastern Interior: Mostly cloudy with a chance of morning showers in the south and east.	Central and Eastern Interior: 63 to 78.	Central and Eastern Interior: 30 to 45%.	Central and Eastern Interior: West 10 to 20 mph in the north. West 5 to 15 mph in the south.
NORTHWEST AREA Chance of showers in western Washington and northwest Oregon. Scattered thundershowers in Washington Cascades and northeast Oregon.	50s western Washington. Near 80 southwest Oregon. 50s to 70s eastern Washington. 70s and 80s eastern Oregon.	West of Cascades: Above 60% western Washington and northwest Oregon. Near 30% southwest Oregon. East of Cascades: 25 to 40% over eastern Washington. 15 to 30% over eastern Oregon.	West to northwest 10 to 20 mph; gusty at ridgetops and exposed areas east of the Cascades. West to southwest winds on the west side. Generally west 5 to 10 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Lingering chance for an isolated thunderstorm across east central Nevada; sunny elsewhere. Gusty afternoon breezes.	North: 85 to 95. South: 92 to 102. Mountains: 72 to 84.	North Valleys: 10 to 20%. South Valleys: 5 to 15%. Mountains: 15 to 25%.	North: Southwest at 10 to 20 mph with localized gusts 25 to 35 mph. South: South to southwest at 10 to 20 mph with localized gusts to 25 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated afternoon dry/wet thunderstorms over western Colorado. Scattered wet thunderstorms across the remainder of the Rocky Mountain Area.	Upper 80s to mid 90s. 70s mountains.	25 to 45% northern Front Range of Colorado, eastern plains and higher elevations. 10 to 22% elsewhere.	Southern winds 8 to 30 mph in eastern plains. 5 to 18 mph elsewhere.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Mostly clear except for night and morning coastal low clouds and fog.	60s coast. 70s to low 80s higher elevations. Mid 90s inland valleys.	15 to 25% East Side. 20 to 35% remainder of inland valleys.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph with strongest afternoon gusts to 30 mph east of the Sierra-Cascade crest.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy with a slight chance of an afternoon thunderstorm over the mountains and deserts of Southern California east of Cajon Pass.	68 to 78 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 80 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	25 to 40% valleys. 15 to 30% mountains. 10 to 20% deserts.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph over the mountains. 15 to 25 mph over the deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.



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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			1		2		3
	ACRES			2,357		65,411		67,768
Northwest	FIRES	1	8			11	6	26
	ACRES	1	146			5,024	0	5,171
Northern California	FIRES					8	2	10
	ACRES					21	0	21
Southern California	FIRES		1	2		14	2	19
	ACRES		10	1		63	0	74
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					4	2	6
	ACRES					8	2	10
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		2,638					2,638
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	3	5
	ACRES		0			3	3	6
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	1	1	3
	ACRES				1	1	1	3
Southern Area	FIRES			1		31		32
	ACRES			1		432		433
TOTAL	FIRES	1	10	4	1	76	20	112
	ACRES	1	2,794	2,359	1	70,964	8	76,127

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	36	54	18	254	7	373
	ACRES	65	642,155	255,907	21,204	1,269,399	1	2,188,731
Northwest	FIRES	199	94	19	10	707	300	1,329
	ACRES	5,714	1,982	75	16	6,553	3,306	17,646
Northern California	FIRES	60	28	6	18	1,351	539	2,002
	ACRES	70	417	15	2	4,340	1,786	6,630
Southern California	FIRES	32	49	16	32	1,622	338	2,089
	ACRES	657	4,379	395	24	36,184	4,761	46,400
Northern Rockies	FIRES	785	26	14	10	422	221	1,478
	ACRES	4,162	255	485	0	8,691	3,368	16,961
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	286	2	20	183	214	715
	ACRES	32	23,610	1	33	2,606	588	26,870
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	246	1	4	39	44	339
	ACRES	151	14,370	1,054	0	1,155	496	17,226
Southwest	FIRES	540	66	2	39	504	599	1,750
	ACRES	5,146	4,527	1	509	6,055	271,508	287,746
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	173	179	30	11	231	194	818
	ACRES	3,613	3,455	1,167	9	19,778	4,111	32,133
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	23	6,058	408	7,024
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	108	54,133	5,543	67,213
Southern Area	FIRES	120		48	36	22,318	547	23,069
	ACRES	15,606		4,683	1,054	278,949	73,117	373,409
TOTAL	FIRES	2,417	1,010	238	221	33,689	3,411	40,986
	ACRES	40,310	695,150	266,118	22,959	1,687,843	368,585	3,080,965

Ten Year Average Fires	45,666
Ten Year Average Acres	1,705,945

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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					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
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					60		60
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						748	748
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	61	748	809

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	10	10		76	100
	ACRES		28	922	718		6,213	7,881
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	352	519
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,381	63,511
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		351	23	612	178	1,184
	ACRES	14,454		39,938	4,443	59,439	27,876	146,150
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	69	391	1,073	1,723
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,702	210,375	966,221	1,303,271
TOTAL	FIRES	217	201	765	154	1,083	2,554	4,974
	ACRES	40,781	29,295	161,641	90,472	280,417	1,250,334	1,852,940

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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				6		3	9
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		7,231	7,332
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6			0	1	7
	ACRES		6,710			2,271	354	9,335
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	10	0	13	0	22	45
	ACRES	0	7,052	0	52,324	2,271	7,957	69,604

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	1,068	144,055
Yukon Territory	6	31,936	182	599,042
Alberta	2	2	881	3,241
Northwest Territory	12	50	72	15,186
Saskatchewan	0	0	142	39,359
Manitoba	4	1	91	424
Ontario	5	1	182	1,377
Quebec	1	0	194	589
Newfoundland	0	0	104	8,333
New Brunswick	0	0	215	318
Nova Scotia	0	0	200	211
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	27,005	25	42,276
Total	30	58,995	3,372	854,423

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	52	18	3	30	10	12			410	230
Northwest	22	7	11	24	22	1			251	108
Northern California	7		6		1					
Southern California	2				1					
Northern Rockies	1		2	1						
Eastern Great Basin	4	2	12		2				25	2
Western Great Basin	7	2	3		3				24	
Southwest	53		22	70	15	8			542	165
Rocky Mountain	3		10	6	2	1			19	4
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area										
Total	151	29	69	131	56	22	0	0	1274	509

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