

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northwest Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 287 new fires were reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Northwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Six large fires were contained, three in the Northern Rockies Area and one each in the Northwest, Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Interagency Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, Deep Harbor, Pyramid and the SiSi Ridge fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Activity was minimal on all fires in the complex due to cooler temperatures and higher humidity levels.

MILL CANYON, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Northeast. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Berndt/Andring) is assigned. This fire is six miles northwest of Reardon, WA in grass and brush. Fire behavior was low. The evacuation of several homes in the Mill Canyon area remains in effect.

LOG SPRINGS, Warm Springs Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (West) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR in timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Fire behavior was minimal with creeping and smoldering reported.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Fire behavior was moderate with short runs and backing on downhill flanks reported.

PANORAMA, Oregon Department of Forestry State Headquarters. This fire is three miles southeast of Hood River, OR in timber and heavy logging slash. Running surface fire with some isolated single tree torching was observed.

RATTLESNAKE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonfeld) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 40 miles west of Yakima, WA in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fire activity moderated with torching, short crown runs and spotting observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	39,110	60	UNK	938	25	41	16	3	16.1M
MILL CANYON	WA	NES	1,100	65	UNK	306	5	54	4	4	NR
LOG SPRINGS	OR	WSA	13,539	90	8/4	455	9	26	2	0	4.1M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	400	17	UNK	145	1	0	6	0	715K
PANORAMA	OR	ORS	100	70	8/4	225	12	3	3	0	187K
RATTLESNAKE PEAK – WFU	WA	OWF	560	N/A	N/A	51	0	0	1	0	127K
ELK HEIGHTS	WA	SES	358	100	---	334	10	98	0	3	1.2M

SES = Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Southeast

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

HAWKINS, Dixie National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned; the Team is also managing the Westside Complex. This fire is ten miles southwest of Enterprise, UT in pinyon pine, juniper, oak, sagebrush and grass. Fire behavior was minimal. Firefighters completed line around the southern and eastern perimeter of the incident.

CORN, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is located 37 miles northwest of Salmon, ID in heavy dead and down timber. Fire activity was moderate with short uphill runs and isolated torching observed.

WESTSIDE COMPLEX, Dixie National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 12 miles southwest of Enterprise, UT in sagebrush, grass and timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HAWKINS	UT	DIF	35,232	60	8/6	729	22	15	6	0	1.3K
CORN	ID	SCF	178	10	8/6	248	6	1	3	0	430K
WESTSIDE COMPLEX – WFU	UT	DIF	4,800	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	320K
RED BULL	UT	UIF	1,828	100	---	419	12	7	3	0	852K

UIF = Uinta National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMPBELL, Uncompahgre Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 14 miles west of Nucla, CO in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and oakbrush. Fire activity was minimal.

BEEFSTEAK, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 12 miles west of Meeker, CO in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fire activity was low with isolated interior torching 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
CAMPBELL	CO	UPD	4,115	60	UNK	107	2	3	1	0	495K
BEEFSTEAK	CO	WRD	267	N/A	N/A	14	0	1	0	0	60K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TROY CANYON, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This fire is 70 miles southwest of Ely, NV in timber. This fire is being managed using a confine/contain strategy. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TROY CANYON	NV	HTF	1,542	1	10/7	58	1	1	1	0	89K
LONGSTREET	NV	AMR	1,670	100	---	104	5	2	1	0	NR

AMR = Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire behavior was minimal.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire activity increased due to drier weather. Frequent torching was observed in interior areas.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	503,362	35	UNK	318	5	3	1	30	15.9M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	842,402	15	UNK	99	3	2	2	6	6.3M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

MEADOW COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located four miles southeast of Yosemite Valley, CA in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. 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
MEADOW COMPLEX – WFU	CA	YNP	5,176	N/A	N/A	77	0	0	1	0	1.9M

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 25 miles southeast of International Falls, MN in balsam, spruce and pine, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. A significant increase in perimeter smoke was observed on the west half of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECTION 33 - WFU	MN	VOP	1,400	N/A	N/A	51	4	0	1	0	204K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LITTLE BRADSHAW	MT	EAS	3,598	100	---	131	3	9	1	0	203K
GUNDERSON	MT	FHA	243	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
ROUGH DRAW	MT	MCD	100	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

EAS = Eastern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

FHA = Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

MCD = Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

RED FLAG WARNING: Gusty southwest winds and low relative humidities for northeast California, the northern two thirds of Nevada and southeast Oregon.

Weather Discussion: Low pressure will settle off the coast of the Northwest Area today as a high pressure ridge strengthens over the Rocky Mountain Area. The pressure gradient between the two systems will provide windy and mainly dry conditions over much of the Great Basin. There will be a few thunderstorms today in the afternoon heating from southeast Montana southward down the spine of the Rockies. Most of the rest of the west is not expected to have much convective activity. Hurricane Alex will continue its march into the North Atlantic today and will remain well offshore.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy west of the Cascades and sunny eastside.	Mostly 70s to low 80s; locally to 90 lower elevations east of the Cascades.	West of Cascades: mostly 45 to 60% except SW Oregon interior 35 to 45%. East of Cascades: Mostly 15 to 25%.	Mostly W 5 to 12 mph. SW wind increasing to 15 mph and gusty Wednesday evening particularly exposed areas east of the Cascades.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms in the mountains. Turning windy late afternoon southwest Idaho. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms over mountains, isolated to widely scattered elsewhere.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 68 to 82 mountains, 82 to 95 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 74 to 90 mountains, 90 to 104 valleys, 105 to 111 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 30% mountains, 8 to 20% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 20 to 35% mountains, 9 to 25% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: SW 10 to 20 mph, gusty in Snake River Plain. Utah, Arizona Strip: SW 10 to 20 mph, except upslope/up valley 5 to 10 mph northeast Utah.

<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Night and morning coastal fog and low clouds. Otherwise fair to partly cloudy, except some brief overcast in the far north, and a chance of sprinkles near Del Norte County.</p>	<p>60s and lower 70s near the coast, and upper 70s to near 90 inland.</p>	<p>11 to 20% east of the Cascade to Sierra crest, 15 to 35% other inland areas, and 55% to plus near the coast.</p>	<p>SW to WNW increasing to 5 to 13 mph, with gusts 20 to 30 mph on higher exposed terrain.</p>
<p>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny skies and windy.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 82 to 95. South Valleys: 86 to 98. Mountains: 70 to 85.</p>	<p>West Valleys: 5 to 10%. East Valleys: 8 to 15%. Mountains: 15 to 25%.</p>	<p>North: SW 15 to 25 mph. with gusts to 40 mph. South: SW 10 to 20 mph.</p>
<p>SOUTHWEST AREA Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.</p>	<p>60s and 70s mountains, and 80s and 90s lower elevations, except 100 to 110 Arizona deserts.</p>	<p>15 to 30% lower elevations, 20 to 40% mountains.</p>	<p>West to southwest 5 to 15 mph AZ and western New Mexico, southeast to northeast 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.</p>
<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms. A few could be dry over Colorado and southern Wyoming.</p>	<p>Highs in the mid 80s to near 100, with 70s and 80s in the mountains.</p>	<p>Less than 20% across portions of Colorado and southern Wyoming.</p>	<p>Easterly 10 to 20 mph over the eastern plains. Variable 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA West Half: Isolated/scattered thunderstorms. East Half: Partly cloudy.</p>	<p>West of Divide: 85 to 95. East of the Divide: 80s Montana and 70s North Dakota & mountains.</p>	<p>West of Divide: 18 to 28% Central Idaho. East of Divide: 25 to 35% Montana & 45 to 55% in North Dakota.</p>	<p>West of Divide: Slope and valley winds 5 to 10 mph. Elsewhere: East 5 to 15 mph.</p>



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INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
 - Task
 - Location
 - Communications
 - Hazards
 - Who, when, etc.
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
 - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
 - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
 - What is to be done.
 - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
 - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
 - Hazards.
 - Communication plan frequencies.
 - Weather and fire behavior.
 - Status of adjoining forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		2		2
	ACRES		2,600	5,380		67		8,047
Northwest	FIRES	13	3			53	40	109
	ACRES	19	32			36	60	147
Northern California	FIRES				1	17	12	30
	ACRES				0	16	2,335	2,351
Southern California	FIRES					17	3	20
	ACRES					1	2	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	3			17	36	62
	ACRES	254	2			1,620	95	1,971
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	3		1	3	20	28
	ACRES	0	1		0	2	3	6
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	3			1	1	7
	ACRES	0	5			1	0	6
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						75	75
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2			2		5
	ACRES	0	30			126		156
Eastern Area	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					30		30
Southern Area	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					60	0	60
TOTAL	FIRES	23	14	0	2	132	116	287
	ACRES	273	2,670	5,380	0	1,959	2,570	12,852

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	57	65	19	364	9	519
	ACRES	6,065	1,080,024	1,049,307	29,341	2,274,538	1	4,439,276
Northwest	FIRES	265	182	28	27	1,158	698	2,358
	ACRES	17,753	2,174	488	56	7,343	41,098	68,912
Northern California	FIRES	84	32	9	24	1,795	714	2,658
	ACRES	119	421	17	2	13,701	5,785	20,045
Southern California	FIRES	35	69	18	37	2,099	458	2,716
	ACRES	667	5,072	1,796	28	55,681	5,842	69,086
Northern Rockies	FIRES	851	42	18	12	588	465	1,976
	ACRES	4,803	1,357	1,061	3	14,573	4,412	26,209
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	28	638	6	29	324	441	1,466
	ACRES	72	28,073	11	34	5,047	45,000	78,237
Western Great Basin	FIRES	11	419	5	11	60	85	591
	ACRES	153	15,695	2,726	0	6,043	6,230	30,847
Southwest	FIRES	579	118	4	61	597	1,229	2,588
	ACRES	5,015	4,859	201	513	6,536	285,360	302,484
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	246	368	32	37	323	316	1,322
	ACRES	3,878	4,068	1,168	31	20,501	4,360	34,006
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	28	6,275	424	7,263
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	54,657	5,568	67,763
Southern Area	FIRES	129		56	42	24,317	558	25,102
	ACRES	15,802		7,544	1,067	312,936	73,172	410,521
TOTAL	FIRES	2,722	1,925	288	327	37,900	5,397	48,559
	ACRES	59,421	1,141,743	1,066,654	31,184	2,771,556	476,828	5,547,386

Ten Year Average Fires	54,147
Ten Year Average Acres	2,452,037

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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			1				1
	ACRES			1				1
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	2	3
	ACRES					22	45	67
Southern Area	FIRES			2			2	4
	ACRES			1,500			791	2,291
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	0	1	4	8
	ACRES	0	0	1,501	0	22	836	2,359

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	13	17		183	266
	ACRES	251	731	13,571	2,690		22,617	39,860
Southern California	FIRES		4	10	10		76	100
	ACRES		27	922	718		6,213	7,880
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	367	534
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,535	63,665
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	3	3	17	48	94
	ACRES	149	7,252	547	1,102	1,490	16,754	27,294
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	5			5	15
	ACRES		85	541			971	1,597
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	10		281	327
	ACRES	2,796	4,844	12,769	7,779		66,197	94,385
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	138	18	12	113	362
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	21,434	13,264	3,947	45,672	101,285
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		366	23	640	182	1,231
	ACRES	14,454		42,524	4,443	59,775	28,036	149,232
Southern Area	FIRES	51		203	74	393	1,106	1,827
	ACRES	8,503		91,751	67,652	212,745	994,757	1,375,408
TOTAL	FIRES	217	210	862	159	1,112	2,616	5,176
	ACRES	40,781	34,244	200,342	98,724	283,120	1,281,981	1,939,192

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				52,266			52,266
Northwest	FIRES		34		2		48	84
	ACRES		0		1		516	517
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				5		2	7
	ACRES				4,309		222	4,531
Northern Rockies	FIRES				8		25	33
	ACRES				0		42	42
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						32	32
	ACRES						4,928	4,928
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10		2			12
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				5		19	24
	ACRES				214		9,651	9,865
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		19		1	0	4	24
	ACRES		6,989		0	2,271	612	9,872
Eastern Area	FIRES				4		1	5
	ACRES				4,090		1	4,091
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	63	0	31	0	134	228
	ACRES	0	7,482	0	63,887	2,271	15,972	89,612

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	14	0	1,600	165,010
Yukon Territory	0	0	242	1,366,788
Alberta	12	10,866	1,423	112,554
Northwest Territory	0	1,402	260	224,165
Saskatchewan	0	0	290	179,927
Manitoba	0	42	202	4,137
Ontario	5	1	268	1,456
Quebec	3	3	228	2,228
Newfoundland	1	0	119	8,375
New Brunswick	0	0	227	282
Nova Scotia	1	0	219	227
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	3	35	81	171,692
Total	39	12,349	5,177	2,236,858

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	9	3		5	4	3			91	141
Northwest	55	48	14	268	16	32			951	409
Northern California	43	4	80	5	7	1			135	39
Southern California	5		5		4				1	
Northern Rockies	9	2	24	18	9	1			43	28
Eastern Great Basin	34	28	23	20	15	8			374	57
Western Great Basin	6	2	4		3				9	4
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	6		27	6	3	1	2		42	11
Eastern Area	4				1				39	5
Southern Area										
Total	171	87	177	322	62	46	2	0	1685	694

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