

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 159 new fires reported. Seven new large fires (\*) were reported, two each in the Rocky Mountain, Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas, and one in the Northern Rockies Area. Twelve large fires were contained, five in the Eastern Great Basin Area, two each in the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Areas, and one each in the Western Great Basin, Northern Rockies and Southern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina, and the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming are deployed to Klamath Falls, Oregon. LT. Colonel Chuck Davis is the Mission Commander.

**NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Loach) is assigned to manage large fires in Washington.

**BLACK CRATER**, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) is assigned. A Unified Command between the Type 1 Team and the Oregon Department of Forestry (Shults) is in place. This fire is seven miles southwest of Sisters, OR in white fir and lodgepole pine. Several subdivisions remain threatened, and evacuation orders are in effect. Structure protection is in place for numerous residences. Campgrounds, trails and roads remain closed. Burn out operations were completed. Backing fire and occasional torching were reported.

**FLICK CREEK**, North Cascades National Park. A Type 1 Incident Command Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is three miles southeast of Stehekin, WA in ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and grass. Several residences and structures remain threatened, and structure protection is in place. Continued hot, dry and windy conditions, and steep terrain are hindering containment efforts. Running, torching and significant backing fire towards Lake Chelan was observed.

**FOSTER GULCH COMPLEX**, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This Complex, consisting of the McClean and the Foster Gulch fires, is six miles southeast of Halfway, OR in grass, brush and mixed conifers. The two fires have burned together between Brownlee Reservoir and Highway 86. Several local roads remain closed or restricted, including Highway 86 and Forest Road 39. Numerous residences, a communications site, hydroelectric facility and powerlines are threatened. Structure protection is in place. Moderate fire behavior with intermittent torching was observed.

**TRIPOD COMPLEX**, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) and a Washington Interagency Type 2 Incident Management Team (LaFave) are in place. This complex, comprised of the Spur Peak and Tripod fires, is seven miles northeast of

Winthrop, WA in beetle-kill lodgepole pine and heavy ground fuels. Historical cultural sites, commercial resources and wildlife habitat are threatened. Tripod experienced rapid fire growth, making major runs with extreme fire behavior observed, including group torching and plume dominated crown fire. Spur Peak made a significant run to the east with rapid rates of spread from slope and wind effect. Medium range spotting was also reported.

BEAR GULCH II, Olympic National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gormley) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Hoodport, WA in timber. Rolling rocks and burning debris are posing a hazard on Highway 119, necessitating the closure to a portion of Olympic National Park. Steep rocky terrain is impeding containment efforts. Creeping fire behavior was reported.

MAXWELL, Ochoco National Forest. A Washington Interagency Type 2 Incident Management Team (Reed) is assigned. This fire is six miles south of Mitchell, OR in heavy dead and down timber. A residence, communications equipment and the water supply for the city of Mitchell are threatened. Steep terrain and limited access are hampering containment efforts. Creeping and torching was reported.

TIN PAN, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is burning seven miles west of Lucerne, WA in timber. Hiking trails within the fire area are closed. Backing fire, torching, spotting, and short uphill runs were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BLACK CRATER	OR	DEF	9,000	20	UNK	881	28	51	6	1	2.0M	FS
FLICK CREEK	WA	NCP	3,527	0	UNK	110	1	0	3	0	533K	NPS
FOSTER GULCH COMPLEX	OR	WWF	48,334	45	UNK	743	18	36	4	0	2.7M	FS
TRIPOD COMPLEX	WA	OWF	28,930	NR	UNK	679	20	34	0	0	4.6M	FS
BEAR GULCH II	WA	OLF	250	30	UNK	96	0	0	3	0	375K	FS
MAXWELL	OR	OCF	4,614	30	8/5	811	23	29	2	0	2.2M	FS
TIN PAN - WFU	WA	OWF	3,488	N/A	N/A	140	2	0	3	0	1.3M	FS
ELK LAKE	OR	DEF	81	100	---	199	5	3	0	0	1.0M	FS
WOLFE POINT II	OR	WSA	4,129	100	---	103	1	12	1	0	250K	BIA

WSA - Warm Springs Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage large fires within the Geographic Area.

JUNCTION, Shasta-Trinity Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Ault) is assigned. This fire is six miles west of Weaverville, CA in grass and timber understory. The community of Weaverville and communications infrastructure are threatened. State Highway 299W is open to escorted traffic, but the voluntary evacuation of the west side of Weaverville remains in place. Extreme wind-driven fire behavior was reported.

ORLEANS COMPLEX, Six Rivers National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is in process. The Teams will assume management of the Panther Fire. The Orleans complex, comprised of the Somes, Crawford, Buck and Hancock fires, is four miles southwest of Orleans, CA in timber and dead and down fuels. The community of Orleans, a communications site, Native American cultural and spiritual sites, fisheries and a municipal water supply are threatened. Limited road access, steep terrain and snags are hampering containment efforts. Active torching, spotting and sustained uphill runs were reported.

KINGSLEY COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Opliger) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Kingsley, Soldier and Minnie fires, is 38 miles southwest of Red Bluff, CA in timber. The Team is also managing a portion of the Hunter Fire. Numerous residences are threatened and evacuation orders remain in place for several communities.. Steep terrain and difficult access continue to impede containment efforts. Very active fire behavior with isolated torching and spotting up to a third mile out was observed.

UNCLES COMPLEX, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sinclair) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Uncles, Rock, Ethel, Katherine, and Snoozer fires, is 18 miles northeast of Orleans, CA in brush and old growth forest. Residences, outbuildings and wildlife habitat remain threatened. Steep terrain, difficult access and poor visibility due to an inversion are hampering containment efforts. Occasional torching and short runs were reported.

BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Pincha-Tulley) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Little, Bake and Oven fires, is located north and northwest of Weaverville, CA in timber and grass. Numerous residences, outbuildings, power lines and municipal watersheds are threatened. Difficult access is hampering containment efforts. Backing fire with upslope runs and spotting was reported.

HUNTER, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This fire is 19 miles southeast of Covelo, CA in timber. Spotted owl and fisheries habitats and structures remain threatened. Increased fire behavior with group torching and short uphill runs was reported.

HAPPY CAMP, Klamath National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Bradley) is assigned. This complex, comprised of 11 lightning-caused fires, is near Happy Camp, CA in grass and timber. The Titus and Goff fires remain active. The fires are burning in a roadless area and limited access is hampering containment efforts. Spotting, single tree torching and flame lengths up to eight feet were reported.

PANTHER, Six Rivers National Forest. This fire is 14 miles west of Big Bar, CA in timber and understory. A watershed and a historic cabin are threatened. Difficult access and steep slopes are impeding containment efforts. Slow backing fire was reported.

LAKIN, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Garwood) and a California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection Type 1 Incident Command Team (Holmquist). This fire is 26 miles northeast of McCloud, CA in timber and manzanita. Two major electrical power lines are threatened. Isolated interior smoldering was reported.

SAGE, Modoc National Forest. This fire is 15 miles north of Alturas, CA in grass, juniper and sagebrush. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
JUNCTION	CA	SHU	3,126	30	UNK	1,556	39	145	4	1	772K	ST
ORLEANS COMPLEX	CA	SRF	2,950	1	8/15	366	12	13	4	0	1.9M	FS
KINGSLEY COMPLEX	CA	MNF	1,963	10	UNK	283	6	19	1	0	1.6M	FS
UNCLES COMPLEX	CA	KNF	4,000	0	10/3	474	15	8	1	0	1.1M	FS
BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	4,650	5	UNK	410	12	11	1	0	1.3M	FS
HUNTER	CA	MNF	2,700	5	8/10	417	10	18	2	0	1.7M	FS
HAPPY CAMP	CA	KNF	1,800	10	8/16	380	10	4	3	0	1.4M	FS
PANTHER	CA	SRF	280	20	8/5	225	10	4	2	0	188K	FS
LAKIN	CA	SHF	507	95	8/1	439	11	25	4	0	1.4M	FS
SAGE	CA	MDF	6,200	50	8/5	95	4	4	0	0	160K	FS

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WINTERS, Winnemucca Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Midas, NV in sagebrush and grass. The towns of Midas and Tuscarora, ranches, a repeater and mining operations remain threatened. Strong winds, extreme fire behavior and limited road access are impeding containment efforts. Extreme fire behavior due to severe winds and low relative humidities was observed.

BASCO, Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. The fire is located 20 miles northwest of Elko, NV in sagebrush and grass. Residences, structures, mining operations and wildlife habitat are threatened. Structure protection is in place. Difficult terrain and heavy fuel loads are hampering containment efforts. Running and wind-driven spotting were observed.

TAYLOR, Northern Region, Nevada Division of Forestry. This fire is seven miles east of Tuscarora, NV in grass and sagebrush. Residences, ranches and commercial property remain threatened. Limited road access is hindering containment efforts. Minimal interior burning was observed.

IOWA COMPLEX, Battle Mountain Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles northeast of Austin, NV in brush, pinyon pine and juniper. Ranches and a historic cabin are threatened. Heavy fuels and the limited access are hampering containment efforts. Torching and running were reported.

HAMBLY COMPLEX, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Hambly and Range fires, is 15 miles north of Alamo, NV in pinyon pine, grass and brush. Cultural sites and wildlife habitat are threatened. Interior torching and flare-ups of unburned fuels were observed.

4 WHEELER, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 20 miles east of Ely, NV in grass, sagebrush, juniper and timber. Minimal fire activity with interior smoke was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WINTERS	NV	WID	187,065	10	UNK	425	12	11	3	0	655K	BLM
BASCO	NV	EKD	47,236	40	UNK	305	9	12	1	0	NR	BLM
TAYLOR	NV	NNS	4,467	75	8/3	88	0	16	2	1	810K	ST
IOWA COMPLEX	NV	BMD	2,272	45	8/3	235	5	10	0	0	85K	BLM
HAMBLY COMPLEX	NV	ELD	51,435	90	8/1	394	10	18	1	0	1.1M	BLM
4 WHEELER	NV	ELD	3,500	70	7/31	44	2	4	1	0	NR	BLM
PEERS	NV	ELD	1,200	100	---	11	0	3	0	0	NR	FS

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

RED EAGLE, Glacier National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Heintz) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stanich) has been ordered. This fire is one mile southwest of St. Mary, MT in spruce and fir. Glacier National Park Visitor Center, park residences and the community of St. Mary are threatened. Evacuations remain in place for St. Mary townsite. Portions of the Going to the Sun Road and Highway 89 remain closed. Extreme fire behavior consisting of crown fires with flame lengths up to 100 feet and wind-driven runs was observed.

BIG CREEK, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Reid) is assigned. The fire started on private land 29 miles southwest of Livingston, MT in timber, grass, and sagebrush. Numerous residences remain threatened. Fire behavior comprised of running, torching and spotting was observed.

GASH CREEK, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Turman) is assigned. This fire is six miles south of Victor, MT in timber. Several residences are threatened and some have been evacuated. Strong winds, rough terrain and difficult access continue to hamper containment efforts. Very active fire behavior with group torching, spotting up to half a mile and upslope running was reported.

SOUTH PINE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles south of Livingston, MT in timber. Extremely steep, rugged terrain continues to impede containment efforts. Surface fire, group torching and low to moderate rates of spread were observed.

LITTLE SPAR, Kootenai National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (McNitt) is assigned. A research natural area is threatened. Steep terrain and difficult access are hindering containment efforts. Short-range spotting was observed.

WOODCHUCK, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Southwestern Land Office. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Grant) is assigned. The fire is 12 miles south of Missoula, MT in grass and timber. Isolated tree torching was observed.

OWL, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. The fire is located 9 miles southeast of Lodge Grass, MT in timber, grass and sage. Minimal fire activity consisting of hot spots and open flame was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RED EAGLE	MT	GNP	22,200	0	UNK	170	5	13	2	0	130K	NPS
BIG CREEK	MT	CES	12,000	0	8/12	120	0	25	4	9	NR	PRI
GASH CREEK	MT	BRF	1,800	30	UNK	428	10	16	2	0	1.2M	FS
SOUTH PINE	MT	GNF	788	40	UNK	37	0	0	3	0	791K	FS
LITTLE SPAR	MT	KNF	94	25	UNK	150	3	0	3	0	372K	FS
WOODCHUCK	MT	SWS	1,060	70	7/31	413	11	24	2	2	1.4M	ST
OWL	MT	CRA	5,500	87	8/1	127	3	11	1	0	NR	BIA
* SAND CREEK	MT	EAS	2,378	100	---	44	0	16	1	0	NR	ST

EAS - Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Eastern Land Office

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

DAWES COUNTY COMPLEX, Nebraska National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the previously reported Roberts Tract fire, and the Dead Horse and Spotted Tail fires, is 15 miles southeast of Chadron, NE in timber and grass. The communities of Chadron, Berryville and Whispering Pines, as well as major power lines and a water treatment plant are threatened. Evacuations remain in effect. Short runs and group torching was observed.

SIOUX COUNTY COMPLEX, Nebraska Department of Forestry. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the previously reported Thayer fire and the Ruloff fire, is three miles northeast of Harrison, NE in timber and understory. Numerous farms and ranches are threatened and evacuations north of Harrison have taken place. Extreme fire behavior consisting of crown runs, group torching, and rapid rates of spread was reported.

OLD CHICAGO, Platte County. The fire is located six miles northeast of Guernsey, WY in pine, sagebrush and grass. The communities of Sunrise and Hartville are threatened as well as historical structures and archeological sites. Active fire behavior was reported.

MOREAU RIVER COMPLEX, Cheyenne River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 20 miles north of Eagle Butte, SD in grass. Ranch houses and power lines are threatened. Smoldering, dust devils and occasional hot spots were reported.

LIGHTNING COMPLEX, Standing Rock Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is eight miles west of Little Eagle, SD in grass. Residential areas and cultural and historical resources are threatened. Rough terrain and poor access are impeding containment efforts. Very active to extreme fire behavior was observed.

LITTLE VENUS, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is 30 miles west of Meeteetse, WY in bug killed spruce and heavy down fuels. Structures are threatened. Steep terrain and poor access continue to hinder containment efforts. Single tree torching was reported.

WITCHER, Badlands National Park. This fire is ten miles east of Scenic, SD in grass. No new information was reported.

AMICK, South Dakota Division of Forestry. This fire is 11 miles northeast of White Lake, SD in grass. No further information was received.

MILE 208, Kansas Counties. This fire is 11 south of Sylvan Grove, KS in short grass. Residential areas are threatened and several residences have been evacuated. Gusting winds are impeding containment efforts.

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DAWES COUNTY COMPLEX	NE	NBF	26,300	25	8/12	440	9	40	4	3	675K	FS
SIOUX COUNTY COMPLEX	NE	NES	35,000	10	UNK	120	0	20	0	0	NR	ST
OLD CHICAGO	WY	CPX	13,000	70	7/31	239	3	49	4	0	500K	CNTY
MOREAU RIVER COMPLEX	SD	CRA	429	90	8/4	26	0	12	0	0	8K	BIA
LIGHTNING COMPLEX	ND	SRA	11,000	20	8/4	50	0	37	0	0	300K	BIA
LITTLE VENUS	WY	SHF	31,850	70	UNK	138	4	3	3	0	2.7M	FS
WITCHER	SD	BDP	1,460	99	UNK	39	0	14	0	0	NR	NPS
AMICK	SD	SDS	700	95	UNK	29	0	8	0	0	NR	ST
* MILE 208	KS	KSX	1,000	50	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	CNTY
* MILLER RANCH	KS	KSX	1,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	13.5K	CNTY
EAST RIDGE	SD	SDS	3,204	100	---	319	2	55	5	30	1.2M	ST

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

BURNT, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) has been ordered. This fire is 24 miles northeast of Cascade, ID in subalpine fire and lodgepole pine. Wildlife and fisheries habitat and recreational facilities are threatened. Gusty winds and limited access are impeding containment efforts. Wind-driven, running fire with spotting and torching was observed.

POTATO, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lunde) is assigned. This fire is seven miles north of Stanley, ID in grass and timber. Fisheries habitat, power lines and recreation sites are threatened. Steep, difficult terrain is hampering containment efforts. Very active fire behavior consisting of torching and crowning and large runs was observed.

REILLY COMPLEX, Southern Paiute Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the previously reported Reilly and Red Hill fires, is 10 miles northwest of St. George, UT in grass and brush. Heavy fuels were still smoldering.

ARCO, Idaho Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is seven miles north of Arco, ID in timber. Bighorn sheep habitat and the Natural Arch trail are threatened. Steep, rugged terrain is hampering containment efforts. Isolated torching, creeping and smoldering was observed. This fire is being placed in monitor status. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

DUNCE, Payette National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) is assigned. The Team is also managing the Lick Creek WFU. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 31 miles east of Edwardsburg, ID in cheatgrass. Structure protection measures remain in place in the Cabin Creek drainage. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

LICK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 21 miles northwest of McCall, ID in timber. The fire continues to back toward the main access road to the community of Yellowpine, which remains closed. Lower temperatures and higher humidities limited fire activity.

REESE, Bear River Area, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands. This fire is 20 miles west of Tremonton, UT in grass. No new information was reported.

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* BURNT	ID	BOF	700	0	UNK	77	3	0	3	0	NR	FS
POTATO	ID	SCF	3,180	0	UNK	204	5	3	3	0	836K	FS
REILLY COMPLEX	UT	SPA	7,266	94	UNK	277	5	3	1	0	1.4M	BIA
ARCO	ID	IFD	301	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	515K	BLM
DUNCE - WFU	ID	PAF	7,822	N/A	N/A	15	1	0	0	0	NR	FS
SOUTH WATER HOLLOW - WFU	UT	FIF	1,350	N/A	N/A	113	4	0	0	0	170K	FS
LICK CREEK - WFU	ID	PAF	993	N/A	N/A	83	2	2	1	0	906K	FS
JIM CREEK - WFU	WY	BTF	1,950	N/A	N/A	30	0	0	1	0	NR	FS
REESE	UT	BRS	1,200	95	UNK	25	0	6	0	0	20K	ST
POCKET COMPLEX	AZ	ASD	11,236	100	---	177	3	2	3	0	1.1M	BLM
TRAILHEAD	ID	STF	1,040	100	---	163	5	0	2	0	1.6M	FS
LAVA	ID	TFD	3,500	100	---	148	60	16	1	0	NR	BLM
FLATS 2	UT	CCD	950	100	---	25	0	10	0	0	NR	BLM
* FLATS 3	UT	CCD	316	100	---	46	2	1	0	0	NR	BLM

FIF – Fishlake National Forest ASD - Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management STF - Sawtooth National Forest  
TFD - Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. CCD - Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

### EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

CAVITY LAKE, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Superior National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 44 miles northeast of Ely, MN in timber and heavy blow down. Residential and commercial structures remain threatened. Heavy fuel loading and difficult access continue to hinder containment efforts. Smoldering, creeping and occasional torching were reported. Some light precipitation fell and higher humidity moderated fire behavior.

TURTLE LAKE, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Superior National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource

objectives. This fire is 15 miles east of Ely, MN in timber. The fire received approximately an inch of rain, light winds and higher humidity and moderated fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CAVITY LAKE	MN	SUF	31,830	65	UNK	533	16	5	7	0	6.4	FS
TURTLE LAKE - WFU	MN	SUF	2,085	N/A	N/A	76	2	0	0	0	1.2M	FS

### SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

DUDLEY, Texas Forest Service. This fire is three miles east of Comanche, TX in heavy brush, juniper, oak and mesquite. Heavy drought cured fuels and rough terrain are hampering containment efforts. A mandatory evacuation was ordered for several residences.

MENZIE, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 10 miles northeast of Menard TX. Five residences are threatened. No other information was received.

JOLLY COMPLEX, Texas Forest Service. This fire is ten miles east of Wichita Falls, TX in heavy brush. Several residences have been evacuated. High winds are hindering containment efforts.

MUNSON ROAD COMPLEX, Texas Forest Service. This fire is four miles east of Barnhart, TX in heavy brush, oak and mesquite. No further information was received.

KIRK RANCH, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land ten miles northwest of San Saba, TX in juniper, oak and brush. Mop up is progressing well. Containment objectives should be reached today.

CLOUD CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 3 miles northwest of Colcord, OK in timber and grass understory. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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* DUDLEY	TX	TXS	2,000	20	8/1	6	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* MENZIE	TX	TXS	2,260	25	UNK	7	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
JOLLY COMPLEX	TX	TXS	1000	50	UNK	7	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
MUNSON ROAD COMPLEX	TX	TXS	1,426	90	7/31	31	0	2	3	0	NR	ST
KIRK RANCH	TX	TXS	1,935	95	UNK	28	0	7	0	0	NR	PRI
CLOUD CREEK	OK	OKS	160	85	7/31	9	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

### SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

SEMI, Havasu National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 15 miles north of Parker, AZ in grass. The Bill Williams Bridge was closed to traffic. Endangered species habitat is threatened. Direct attack, handline construction, and hot spotting continues.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SEMI	AZ	HVR	300	90	7/31	35	0	4	1	0	NR	FWS
GRANT - WFU	AZ	ASF	150	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS

ASF – Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

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FROG COMPLEX - WFU	CA	YNP	147	N/A	N/A	25	1	0	1	0	25K	NPS
SAN RAFAEL COMPLEX	CA	LPF	2,026	100	---	27	1	1	0	0	3.0M	FS

YNP-Yosemite National Park

LPF - Los Padres National Forest.

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** For strong northwest winds, low humidity and a chance of dry lightning for south-central and eastern and Montana. For portions of Nebraska, South Dakota, and northeast Wyoming for shifting winds with a frontal passage, and dry thunderstorms.

**Weather Discussion:** A Pacific trough will move into the West and bring cooler temperatures to much of the region while high pressure continues over the central states. Ahead of this trough, gusty winds will prevail from the Southern Plains to the Dakotas and eastern Montana. Moisture from the Great Basin will spread into eastern Oregon, Idaho, western Montana and Wyoming.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Northwest Area</b> Partly cloudy. Chance of a few wet thunderstorms in eastern Oregon.	Mostly 60s and 70s locally into the low 80s.	West of Cascades: Generally 40 to 60%.  East of Cascades: 30 to 40% in the mountains and 20 to 30% flatlands.	Much lighter wind...Mostly west to north 5 to 12 mph except north 12 to 20 mph south Oregon coastal strip.
<b>Northern California Area</b> Sunny, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms near the northern mountains in the afternoon.	60s coast, 70s to mid 80s mountains and mid 80s to mid 90s warmest inland valleys.	10 to 20% driest inland areas.	Afternoon wind S-SW 8 to 18 mph with gusts 25 to 38 mph, especially ridges and peaks, and along and east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.
<b>Western Great Basin Area</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms across northern and central Nevada	Northern: valleys: 78 to 91 Southern: valleys: 89 to 102 Northern: mountains: 60 to 75 Southern mountains: 75 to 82	N. valleys: 14 to 22% S. valleys: 16 to 25% N. mountains: 18 to 34% S. mountains: 25 to 32%	South to southwest 10 to 20 mph with localized gusts of 30 mph..
<b>Northern Rockies Area</b> Pacific cool front will continue to move across the Area. Expect partly cloudy skies and much cooler temperatures. There is a slight chance of some severe thunderstorms over southeast North Dakota late Monday evening.	West of divide: 70 to 80. East of divide: 80 to 86. North Dakota: 85 to 90.	West of divide: 20 to 30%. East of divide: 17 to 24%. North Dakota: 20 to 40%.	West of divide: West 5 to 10 mph. East of divide: West 15 to 25 mph. with locally higher gusts possible. North Dakota: Northwest 10 to 15 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain Area</b> Most thunderstorm activity is expected over western and northern Colorado with scattered to numerous coverage, and to a lesser extent in southern Wyoming and Nebraska. Otherwise an isolated dry thunderstorm is possible in northwest Wyoming and the Black Hills.	80 to 85 and 65 to 75 in the mountains across western/northern Colorado, Wyoming, and western sections of Nebraska and South Dakota. From southeast Colorado eastward highs should be from 95 to 102.	15 to 22% from northwest Colorado into Wyoming and western South Dakota, with higher values elsewhere.	A cold front with a strong wind shift from the northwest at 15 to 30 mph moves across northern/eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota by early morning, then across western Nebraska during the morning.
<b>Southern California Area</b> Morning low clouds coastal areas, otherwise partly cloudy with a few thunderstorms Sierra eastward.	75 to 90 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. Near 90 upper deserts. Near 100 lower deserts.	45 to 65% coastal areas 50 to 65% valleys. 20 to 45% mountains. 15 to 30% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>Eastern Area</b> Scattered showers and thunderstorms over the far northern Great Lakes, northwest half of Minnesota, the northwestern Mid-Atlantic and western Northeast states. Fair elsewhere.	75 to 80 across the northern Northeast states. 87 to 92 over northwest Minnesota, southern Northeast, and eastern Mid-Atlantic states. Northeast. 92 to 100 elsewhere.	26 to 31% over southwestern Missouri. 36 to 41% across northwestern and west central Minnesota. Greater than 41% elsewhere.	South to southwest at 12 to 20 mph over the southern 1/2 of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, northern Illinois, northwest Indiana, and northern Missouri. Northwest at 10 to 18 mph over the northwest 1/2 of Minnesota. Light to moderate winds elsewhere.
<b>Southern Area</b> No information reported.			



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### **SMOKE EXPOSURE**

Exposure to smoke during fire operations can be a significant safety concern. Research has shown that smoke exposure on prescribed fires, especially in the holding and ignition positions, often exceeds that on wildfires. There are many precautions that can be taken to reduce personnel exposure to smoke.

- Planning: Smoke exposure needs to be considered when planning suppression tactics and prescribed fires. Simple actions can mitigate smoke exposures, such as:
  - Altering line locations can have a significant impact on smoke exposure.
  - Placing firelines in areas of lighter fuels or moving lines to roads or other barriers that will require less holding, patrol and mopup will significantly reduce the smoke exposure to personnel.
  - Use flanking attack as opposed to head attack (where appropriate) in heavy smoke situations.
  - Check fire behavior forecasts for smoke and inversion potential.
  - In heavy smoke, give up acres to gain control.
  
- Implementation: Many techniques can help reduce the exposure of personnel to heavy smoke, such as:
  - Rotating people out of the heaviest smoke area may be the single most effective method.
  - Locate camps and incident command posts in areas that are not prone to inversions.
  - Minimize snag falling, consistent with safety concerns, to avoid putting heavy fuels on the ground that will require mopup.
  - Changing firing patterns and preburning (black lining) during less severe conditions can greatly reduce exposure to smoke.
  - The use of retardant, foam or sprinklers can also significantly reduce the workload and exposure time for holding crews.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2				7	7	16
	ACRES	1				1,054	32,658	33,713
Northern California	FIRES	1				13	5	19
	ACRES	0				153	1,263	1,416
Southern California	FIRES					22	7	29
	ACRES					168	4	172
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	0		0	12	4	21
	ACRES	121	121		16,200	2,577	3,450	22,469
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	11		1	7	8	29
	ACRES	1	1,579		0	16	2,355	3,951
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		6,236					6,236
Southwest	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						4	4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		7		1	5	5	18
	ACRES		409		0	2,050	1	2,460
Eastern Area	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					11	0	11
Southern Area	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					4,799	0	4,799
TOTAL	FIRES	10	18	0	2	83	46	159
	ACRES	123	8,345	0	16,200	10,828	39,735	75,231

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	16	8	4	234		267
	ACRES	67	3,942	82,674	1,542	181,289		269,514
Northwest	FIRES	147	208	28	15	732	638	1,768
	ACRES	3,965	97,718	436	8	17,549	94,731	214,407
Northern California	FIRES	101	30	5	13	2,006	568	2,723
	ACRES	209	4,035	25	1	80,877	23,081	108,228
Southern California	FIRES	78	67	4	44	1,412	544	2,149
	ACRES	306	2,773	2	5,526	63,235	58,716	130,558
Northern Rockies	FIRES	646	33	33	5	531	387	1,635
	ACRES	26,152	110,489	83,661	22,423	262,118	16,330	521,173
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	695	5	26	523	336	1,638
	ACRES	5,982	203,255	14	17,952	39,783	43,976	310,962
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	529	22	13	100	101	771
	ACRES	28	493,321	24,196	205	63,460	9,891	591,101
Southwest	FIRES	891	320	9	115	2,085	1,602	5,022
	ACRES	15,744	32,533	4,483	7,311	497,636	182,286	739,993
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	810	529	45	42	930	462	2,818
	ACRES	34,878	5,906	2,078	86	187,258	14,000	244,206
Eastern Area	FIRES	513		42	58	10,639	556	11,808
	ACRES	5,778		860	256	73,211	45,228	125,333
Southern Area	FIRES	1,027		162	48	37,831	941	40,009
	ACRES	159,607		15,487	19,212	2,089,973	47,160	2,331,439
TOTAL	FIRES	4,277	2,427	363	383	57,023	6,135	70,608
	ACRES	252,716	953,972	213,916	74,522	3,556,389	535,399	5,586,914

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>50,984</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,047,045</b>

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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			2		7		9
	ACRES			9,640		2,429		12,069
Northwest	FIRES	15	121	54	1	1	230	422
	ACRES	6,852	10,396	6,702	98	180	30,021	54,249
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	20	4	4	104	172
	ACRES	207	2,991	26,950	66	16	4,717	34,947
Southern California	FIRES		5	8	6	2	64	85
	ACRES		285	320	909	21	2,689	4,224
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	124	2	33	284	464
	ACRES	40	4,344	21,389	268	3,177	31,768	60,986
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	6	21	6	3	5	52	93
	ACRES	1,611	3,086	1,579	1,870	129	22,502	30,777
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	4			1	11
	ACRES		425	14			1,085	1,524
Southwest	FIRES	32	21	5	7		100	165
	ACRES	4,403	13,270	8,456	3,181		50,154	79,464
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	20	98	15	33	97	293
	ACRES	3,817	5,422	20,190	8,996	1,767	27,845	68,037
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		509	35	1,535	149	2,268
	ACRES	15,175		58,701	4,959	76,013	29,049	183,897
Southern Area	FIRES	22		166	59	14,924	844	16,015
	ACRES	6,639		73,121	27,378	943,668	677,985	1,728,791
TOTAL	FIRES	163	237	996	132	16,544	1,925	19,997
	ACRES	38,744	40,219	227,062	47,725	1,027,400	877,815	2,258,965

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2		1		3
	ACRES			260		7		267
Northwest	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				27			27
Northern California	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		1,472	1,472
Southern California	FIRES				29		11	40
	ACRES				176		866	1,042
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		20	26
	ACRES				781		726	1,507
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1					41	42
	ACRES	105					15,303	15,408
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		7			9
	ACRES		2,378		323			2,701
Southwest	FIRES				21		30	51
	ACRES				1,956		35,898	37,854
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6		1		6	13
	ACRES		0		0		129	129
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,697	1,697
Southern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				63		4,682	4,745
TOTAL	FIRES	1	8	2	73	1	120	205
	ACRES	105	2,378	260	3,326	7	60,773	66,849

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	326	0	1,673	108,187
Yukon Territory	5	10,111	69	100,321
Alberta	33	55	1,572	118,000
Northwest Territory	6	6,127	89	18,785
Saskatchewan	14	0	452	1,122,731
Manitoba	23	16	462	70,055
Ontario	27	0	1,033	20,529
Quebec	14	646	581	134,496
Newfoundland	6	6,401	71	9,326
New Brunswick	1	0	275	406
Nova Scotia	1	0	201	1,613
Prince Edward Island	0	0	34	47
National Parks	11	9,199	106	25,361
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>32,556</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>1,729,858</b>

**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										
Northwest	27	99	21	248	13	19	5		623	625
Northern California	92	85	120	226	16	15	3		543	505
Southern California	22	5	39	2	12	3			141	145
Northern Rockies	52	3	16	120	18	12	2		420	189
Eastern Great Basin	61	36	61	24	17	4	4		326	127
Western Great Basin	16	34	29	84	9	1	1		225	77
Southwest	5	3	4		2				20	14
Rocky Mountain	19	5	49	224	6	13	3		120	178
Eastern Area	7	11	1	5	12	1			191	89
Southern Area	6	1	6	9	4				2	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2611</b>	<b>1961</b>

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