

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1994 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: The Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and California experienced increased fire activity. Type I Incident Management Teams were mobilized in the Eastern Great Basin and California; Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized in the Eastern Great Basin, California and the Northern Rockies. Seven crews were mobilized from the Eastern Area to the Northern Rockies.

The 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, has been reassigned from the Tyee fire in the Northwest to the West Koocanusa Complex in the Northern Rockies. Deployment will occur today.

Colonel Anthony Palermo USMC, is the Task Force Commander of the two Marine Battalions assigned to the Tyee fire and the West Koocanusa Complex. Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander for three Battalions and one Aviation Battalion assigned to the Corral Creek and 17 Mile fires and the Idaho City Complex.

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

CORRAL CREEK, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Johnson) is committed. The 14th Engineer Battalion, (Lt. Col. Perrenot, Commander) is committed. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). Line construction began from upper Payette Lake to the south end of the fire. Successful burnout operations on the west flank should help slow the fire spread. Fire activity was not as intense yesterday; however, short range spotting and torching did occur.

BLACKWELL COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is committed. This is a unified command with Idaho State Department of Lands, represented by Bill Williams. The complex is comprised of the BLACKWELL and 10 smaller fires. An inversion layer combined with downslope winds during the night caused significant runs yesterday and hampered helicopter operations until late in the day. The threat of structure loss continues at Burgdorf and Secesh.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Liebersbach) is committed. The 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Bruce Porter, Commander) is committed. The complex consists of the BANNOCK, BEAR RIVER, RABBIT CREEK and NORTH FORK fires. Extreme burning conditions continued, with 200 foot flame lengths reported. Current threat is to structures at Barber Flat, Sunset Lookout and numerous timber sales in the vicinity.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Butler) is committed. A Type I Incident Management Team (Denton) has been ordered. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). The fire escaped containment lines to the north and east and crossed Roaring Creek, forcing crews to utilize safety zones.

TIN CUP, Caribou NF. No resources were assigned at the time of the report; however, a Type II Incident Management Team, six crews and two helicopters have been ordered.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is committed. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$ LOST	EST LOSS	COST
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	49,200	10	UNK	1,263	48	35	6	0	UNK	4.7M	
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	31,340	10	UNK	1,213	36	33	7	0	UNK	14.7M	
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	28,600	15	8/28	1,598	42	26	7	0	UNK	17M	
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	1,470	25	UNK	473	13	7	7	0	UNK	2.5M	
MESA	TAF	ID	125	100		100	3	10	2	0	UNK	4.6K	
TIN CUP	CAF	ID	150	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK	
E. DEWEYVILLE	WCF	UT	400	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	4,480	0	UNK	88	2	13	0	0	UNK	UNK	

TAF = Targhee NF

WCF = Wasatch-Cache NF

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

YAAK-RED DRAGON COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Meuchel) is committed. The 3/82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Lt. Col. Marcus Dudley) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, GUNSIGHT PEAK, PULPIT RIDGE and TURNER fires. The complex is divided into 2 branches and 6 zones. Local volunteers are assisting firefighting efforts where fires are close to homes.

WEST KOOCANUSA COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lee) is committed. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment (Lt. Col. Dave Bonwit, Commander) is assigned. The complex consists of 4 fires between 50-200 acres. No other information received.

McDONALD, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is committed. Ferry Basin Lookout was evacuated. Burnout operations are in progress.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered for a series of 34 fires on the Cabinet Ranger District. No other information available at this time.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is committed. The fire is threatening to cross the park boundary into Canada to the north and onto the Flathead NF to the west. The fire is threatening a cultural resource (cabin) and timber resources in Canada and on Forest Service land.

WOLF MOUNTAIN II COMPLEX, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bosworth) is committed. The complex is comprised of 11 fires and new starts will be included. Acreage change is due to the reassignment of fires within the complex.

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is committed. The fire made runs and was crowning, with spot fires advancing to 1/2 mile ahead of the main fire. A large part of the Flathead NF was closed

yesterday.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is committed. Crews were able to direct attack the fire due to favorable weather conditions. Line construction began on the Mankato fire.

BITTER-NEZ, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bullis) is committed. The complex consists of the SADDLE, MAGRUDER, NICK and SAWTOOTH fires. The Wahoo fire was turned over to the Nezperce NF yesterday. Acreage increase is due to burnout on the Nick and better mapping of both Nick and Magruder.

ST. JOE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is committed. The 1956 N fire grew to 100 acres, mostly due to material rolling on steep slopes. The fire is burning in heavy, continuous fuels with few natural barriers.

FREEZEOUT, Clearwater NF. This fire is in confinement strategy; however, significant activity has occurred on this incident. Public advisories have been issued for heavy smoke along Highway 12. A meeting has been held with cooperating agencies to deal with safety concerns at Powell and along Highway 12. Contingency plans for public safety along the Lochsa River, state complexes and Powell Ranger Station are being developed. Although the fire is 8 miles from Powell and there is no immediate threat to property, structure protection specialists have been requested from Missoula Rural Fire Department to plan for structure protection. Retardant was utilized to protect Bear Mountain Lookout. Safety in the back country, in campgrounds, and along the highway are also primary concerns.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	1,350	UNK	UNK	138	2	2	UNK	UNK	UNK	54K
W. KOOCANUSA	KNF	MT		UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
MCDONALD	FHA	MT	8,000	50	8/18	206	8	10	2	UNK	30K	300K
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT		UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
STARVATION	GNP	MT	200	5	UNK	42	2	UNK	1	UNK	UNK	20K
WOLF MTN II C	MTS	MT	310	0	UNK	283	7	11	2	UNK	420K	477K
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	6,000	10	UNK	88	3	UNK	2	UNK	UNK	29K
SAM GROUP	CWF	ID	465	100		584	14	1	5	UNK	900K	1.7M
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	681	0	8/29	226	7	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	246K
BITTER-NEZ	BRF	MT	1,390	70	8/20	224	7	4	3	UNK	UNK	511K
ST JOE FIRES	IPF	ID	700	UNK	UNK	582	16	39	2	UNK	UNK	3.4M
FREEZEOUT	CWF	ID	5,650	UNK	9/15	15	UNK	UNK	4	UNK	UNK	20K
FISHER PEAK	CWF	ID	100	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK

Northwest Area Large Fires:

TYEE COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Maupin) is committed. The 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment (Lt. Col. Rick Lindsey, Commander) is assigned. Burn out operations continue; the progress is slow but effective.

SNAKE RIVER COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is committed. Three CH-47 helicopters from the 214th Aviation Unit, USAR, Fort Lewis, WA are assigned. This complex is comprised of the RAPID RIVER, SADDLE CREEK, HAAS HOLLOW, and SWAMP CREEK fires. The fire pushed by

15-20 mph winds, caused the Rapid River fire to jump Bridge Creek and spotted to Cannonball Mountain and Saddle Camp. Ash fall has been noted up to eight miles from the northeast perimeter of the fire.

BOUNDARY, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Shaw) will transition on 8/18. The first big break for this fire came yesterday with the decrease in winds and effective burnout operations. Eight helicopters and an additional 200 Oregon Department of Forestry personnel were utilized in suppression efforts. Structure protection continues for the Tower Mountain area.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is committed. Five CH-47 helicopters from the 214th Aviation Unit, Fort Lewis, WA are assigned. The complex is comprised of the ALPINE LAKES, HATCHERY, RAT CREEK and WILDERNESS fires. The Blackjack 1,2,3, and Escondito fires were not as active. The accessible areas of the Hatchery and Rat fires are well into mop-up status.

OKANOGAN COMPLEX, Okanogan NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is committed to the Boulder fire. The complex is comprised of the RAINBOW/BOULDER/BUTTE, POORMAN, BURNT SAW, FALLS CREEK and MISC. ABC fires.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$ LOST	EST LOSS	COST
TYEE COMPLEX	WEF	WA	125,620	90	8/22	2,512	75	36	12	94	UNK	30.6M	
SNAKE RVR CPX	WWF	OR	6,574	50	8/19	553	17	5	8	0	UNK	5M	
BOUNDARY	WWF	OR	3,300	30	8/20	1,263	31	38	3	0	UNK	5M	
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,148	90	UNK	420	11	16	6	19	UNK	18.6M	
METHOW CPLX	OKF	WA	16,634	80	8/19	170	8	8	4	0	UNK	5.9M	
OKANOGAN CPX	OKF	WA	4,631	30	9/30	80	2	1	5	0	UNK	10.9M	

North Zone - California Large Fires:

COTTONWOOD, Tahoe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dougherty) is committed. The fire has split into two heads; one is running to the north/northeast towards a subdivision and the city of Loyalton and the other is running to the east/northeast towards Sardine and Babbitt lookouts. Evacuation briefings were in progress at the time of the report. The fire started along Highway 89 and a portion of the highway 13 miles north of Truckee has been closed.

FISH, Mendocino Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is located northeast of Gualala on Fish Rock Road on the northern California coast. The fire has destroyed a yarder and dozer and is threatening timber, ranches and a Christmas tree plantation.

DILLON COMPLEX, Klamath NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Caves) is committed. This complex is comprised of the JACK/XX/CEDAR, KELSEY/WILLIS, HARRINGTON/DIVIDE and 16 other contained fires. The west flank of the fire continues to burn. Deep canyons and smoke considerations are making the use of airtankers ineffective. Burnout operations are continuing.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$ LOST	EST LOSS	COST
COTTONWOOD	TNF	CA	2,500	10	UNK	664	15	54	4	0	UNK	UNK	
FISH	CAS	CA	635	50	8/17	684	19	50	3	0	175K	UNK	

DILLON CMPLX	KNF	CA	20,362	85	8/18	883	20	20	8	0	39.7M	21M
HORIZON	YNP	CA	2,860	100		467	19	1	5	0	UNK	938K

YNP = Yosemite NP

South Zone California Large Fires:

41, San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit, California State. The threat to Atascadero and San Luis Obispo has subsided somewhat due to lighter fuels, receding winds and rapid deployment of resources. Evacuations have occurred in the Serrano Ranch, Summit Hills, Tasajara Creek, Design Village, Santa Margarotee, Garden farms and numerous other areas within the proximity of the fire. Highway 41 between Morro Bay and Atascadero and Highway 101 between San Luis Obispo and Atascadero are closed.

HEATON, Angeles NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cooney) is committed. No problems are anticipated.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
					CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS	COST
41	CAS	CA	45,400	30	8/22	2,316	51	263	11	26	2.1M	4M
HEATON	ANF	CA	1,200	0	UNK	339	18	16	3	0	UNK	UNK
DEEP CRK CPLX	BDF	CA	1,800	100		*	*	*	*	*	*	*

BDF = San Bernardino NF

Southwest Area Large Fires

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
					CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS	COST
WARM	PHD	AZ	7,000	100		185	7	7	2	UNK	UNK	UNK

PHD = Phoenix BLM

Outlook: Strong high pressure will be centered over the four corners area and will increase monsoon moisture. This will bring increased humidities and scattered thundershowers to Arizona, extreme southern Nevada and southern Utah. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers will persist over eastern Utah, western Colorado and western Wyoming. Isolated thundershowers will occur in extreme southern California. A dry westerly windflow will persist over the pacific northwest and the northern intermountain region. Fire activity is expected to continue in the Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and California with heavy resource mobilization, especially to the Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin.

FIRE: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	2			0	4	1	7
NORTHWEST		1			4	5	10
CA-NORTHERN	5			0		2	7
CA-SOUTHERN					29	2	31
NORTHERN	3	1		5	48	158	215
GB-EASTERN		1			5	8	14
GB-WESTERN		2			1	3	6

SOUTHWEST	3	2		1		27	32
ROCKY MTN		8			1	5	15
EASTERN					2	1	3
SOUTHERN							
USA	13	15		6	94	212	340

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	10			3	41	1	55
NORTHWEST		1				1	2
CA-NORTHERN	30			890		5	925
CA-SOUTHERN					115	1,010	1,125
NORTHERN	0	700		0	1,523	4,557	6,780
GB-EASTERN		0			0	86	86
GB-WESTERN		3			0	0	3
SOUTHWEST	6	23				8	37
ROCKY MTN		1		0	0	2	3
EASTERN					2	0	2
SOUTHERN							
USA	46	728		893	1,681	5,670	9,018

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA		4								
NORTHWEST	158	23	99	18	41	1	6		#1,157	94
CA-NORTHERN	#26	50	33	33	10		6		167	490
CA-SOUTHERN	6	63	30	241	2	13	2	5	32	221
NORTHERN	#111	12	100	32	19	7			#602	167
GB-EASTERN	#129	21	65	53	13	19			#826	344
GB-WESTERN			11		2		2			
SOUTHWEST	3		13		5					
ROCKY MTN	4		3	2	9				34	4
EASTERN*										
SOUTHERN*										
USA	437	173	354	379	101	40	16	5	2,818	1,320

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

* No reports received.

#Includes military

FIRE: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	60	77	46	13	333	6	535
NORTHWEST	376	240	11	129	1,697	1,603	4,056
CA-NORTHERN	93	39	3	53		730	918
CA-SOUTHERN		99		23	2,509	403	3,034
NORTHERN	327	40		56	1,205	2,110	3,738

GB-EASTERN	83	585		24	252	1,027	1,971
GB-WESTERN		438			74	160	672
SOUTHWEST	1,387	372	17	191	1,580	2,401	5,948
ROCKY MTN	637	604		73	539	612	2,465
EASTERN	324			53	9,160	498	10,035
SOUTHERN	2		32	81	20,359	661	21,135
USA	3,289	2,494	109	696	37,708	10,211	54,507
5 YEAR AVERAGE							50,920

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,416	46,945	78,680	12,215	37,723	2	221,981
NORTHWEST	57,412	76,698	7,918	4,219	22,524	178,161	346,932
CA-NORTHERN	165	2,743	8,042	5,355		34,154	50,459
CA-SOUTHERN		22,057		15	43,274	55,765	121,111
NORTHERN	5,832	3,007		767	19,794	12,839	42,239
GB-EASTERN	1,345	213,160		40	62,761	74,445	351,751
GB-WESTERN		185,438			4,362	13,651	203,451
SOUTHWEST	31,449	119,153	7,683	23,995	206,523	145,882	534,685
ROCKY MTN	20,654	30,980		155	9,952	8,261	70,002
EASTERN	16,399			940	83,607	6,371	107,317
SOUTHERN	12		11,594	3,763	394,906	37,416	447,691
USA	179,684	700,181	113,917	51,464	885,426	566,947	2,497,619
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,936,454

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	106	597	3,221	22,771
YUKON TERRITORY	3	18,175	234	112,872
ALBERTA	5	1	682	27,971
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	30,008	586	1,857,367
SASKATCHEWAN	6	103	456	527,496
MANITOBA	2	23	446	445,162
ONTARIO	1	1	944	79,247
QUEBEC	2	0	417	115,891
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	280	107	110,601
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	239	137
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	185	121
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	17	14
NATIONAL PARKS	7	1,008	130	51,107
TOTALS	142	50,196	7,664	3,350,757

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