

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1994 - 0700 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: Moderate initial attack activity continued; however, active burning conditions were reported on several large fires. The Southern Area Type I Incident Management Team was ordered to transition with the team on the Blackwell Complex. Outstanding overhead requests at NICC exceed 700. Only a small fraction of these can be filled in a timely manner.

The 3-11th Field Artillery Battalion, USA, Ft. Lewis, WA completed training. Deployment will begin this morning to the Little Wolf fire, Flathead NF.

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.

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is committed. All control lines held yesterday. Dozer and handline construction is progressing on both flanks, but heavy fuels lie ahead to the east. Smoke inversions have limited air attack until late afternoon, but have also limited fire activity.

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 34 active fires including the 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, PULPIT, STUDEBAKER, FISHFRY, FOWLER, TURNER and many other smaller fires. Increased temperatures and lower humidities resulted in significant fire activity and increased acreages. Airtanker operations were shut down in the afternoon due to poor visibility at the loading base.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Groshong) is committed. The complex consists of 11 fires.

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. Progress is being made on all staffed fires, despite long travel times. Major runs occurred on the Fowler fire and dozer line construction was abandoned.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. The complex consists of the WILLIAMS, SCENERY, LEIGH and MCKAY fires. The Scenery fire is threatening structures on the west end of Libby and limited visibility is constraining air support. Coordination and planning for structural protection and evacuation is in progress.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is committed. The west fireline was tied into the Canadian dozer line. A burnout, with Canadian assistance, of the west and north fireline was planned

for last night. A historical cabin and high value timber are still threatened.

ANN, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is committed. Afternoon thunderstorms pushed the fire yesterday. A falling snag injured two crewmembers requiring a medevac; both are stable at this time.

TROUT CREEK COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suenram) is committed. The team reconned and gathered intelligence on the Pillick fire and finalized a structure protection plan for residences along Highway 200 and Highway 56.

WOLF MOUNTAIN II COMPLEX, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bosworth) is committed. Completion of a handline around a slopover was expected by the end of the shift last night. A medevac was required for a chainsaw injury.

ST. JOE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is committed. The complex is comprised of 8 contained fires, 2 active holdover fires and 2 new starts. Burnout of the west flank of the 1956 North fire is complete. Tested lines have held and water drops continue to reinforce the line.

BITTER-NEZ, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wetzsteon) is committed. The complex consists of the SADDLE, MAGRUDER, NICK and SAWTOOTH fires. Lack of effective communication from ICP to the fireline is a major problem. The team will assume the Wood Hump fire from the Nez Perce today.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is committed. The fire did not actively spread today but torching and spotting continued within the interior.

POWELL COMPLEX, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team is committed. This complex was previously reported as the Selway-Bitterroot Complex. The Powell Ranger District portion of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness has been closed to the public because of extreme danger from these fires.

FISHER PEAK, Idaho Panhandle NF. The fire is actively burning in heavy alpine fuels on very steep terrain which is only accessible by helicopter. The safety of fire personnel is of primary concern due to the absence of escape routes and safety zones. The current lack of support helicopters delays crew deployment.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$ LOST	EST LOSS	EST COST
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	12,000	50	UNK	774	18	44	3	0	UNK	1.1M	
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	7,000	1	UNK	1,051	31	21	5	0	6M	1.1M	
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	2,150	1	UNK	238	6	10	2	0	UNK	193K	
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	8,400	9	UNK	800	24	3	1	0	7.8M	200K	
WILDERNESS C	KNF	MT	2,000	2	9/10	63	2	0	0	0	UNK	40K	
STARVATION	GNP	MT	550	10	UNK	229	10	2	2	0	UNK	305K	
ANN	BRF	MT	297	0	UNK	227	7	6	2	0	UNK	314K	
TROUT CREEK C	KNF	MT	420	0	UNK	48	1	2	1	0	UNK	34K	
WOLF MTN II C	MTS	MT	826	60	UNK	483	14	15	4	0	550K	1.3M	
ST JOE FIRES	IPF	ID	850	0	UNK	373	7	24	3	0	UNK	4.2M	
BITTER-NEZ	BRF	MT	1,910	70	8/24	162	4	3	3	0	UNK	895K	
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	832	0	9/5	331	10	0	3	0	UNK	963K	
POWELL CMPLX	CWF	MT	12,699	0	UNK	71	2	0	4	0	UNK	110K	

HIGH ONE	KNF	MT	450	0	9/5	0	0	0	0	UNK	1K
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	348	0	UNK	123	4	0	1	0	300K

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

STAR GULCH, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is committed. One home has been destroyed. A burnout has prevented the fire to spread towards Idaho City.

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). Good progress was made on securing the south and west flanks. The fire has made some advancement into the upper tributaries to the North Fork of the Payette River drainage. Structure protection continues along the Salmon River, although there's been no major movement in that direction for several days.

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. Mop-up and patrol of previously constructed line continued yesterday.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Eddy) 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. Smokey conditions prevented helicopter use all day yesterday. The Rabbit Creek fire continued to exhibit extreme fire behavior yesterday.

TIN CUP COMPLEX, Caribou NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is committed. The fire did not spread but was active inside the perimeter.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Denton) is committed. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). Air operations were hampered by smoke until after 1430. Fire activity moderated yesterday.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is committed. The fire spread to the north into Rat Creek. A hose lay put into Trail Creek resulted in excellent progress.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ UNK	EST UNK
STAR GULCH	BOF	ID	7,000	60	UNK	569	22	21	0	1	UNK	UNK
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	54,200	40	UNK	1,169	35	31	7	0	UNK	6.5M
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	39,000	40	UNK	883	21	41	8	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	43,700	30	UNK	1,128	38	25	7	0	UNK	24M
TIN CUP	CAF	ID	503	18	8/24	174	6	0	1	0	UNK	157K
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	5,854	17	UNK	486	14	7	5	0	UNK	5.2M
BEAVER MTN.	WCF	UT	617	65	8/22	205	6	4	4	0	UNK	625K
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	6,250	10	UNK	138	2	5	2	0	UNK	680K

Northwest Area Large Fires:

TYEE CREEK, Wenatchee NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Maupin) is committed with a State Team (Flannigan) under unified command. The 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment (Lt. Col. Rick Lindsey, Commander) is assigned. Three CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158 Aviation Unit are assigned, two replacement CH-47 helicopters are expected to arrive on 8/23. Yesterdays objectives were to build and improve line on Cougar Peak and to continue burnout operations during the day.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is committed. Two heavy helicopters were instrumental in supporting control efforts in the Cabin Creek area above Tumwater Canyon. Accessible portions of the Rat and Hatchery fires are well into patrol and final mop-up status.

OKANOGAN COMPLEX, Okanogan NF. The complex is comprised of the RAINBOW/BOULDER/BUTTE, POORMAN, BURNT SAW, FALLS CREEK and MISC. ABC fires. The Boulder fire is the last active fire in this complex. Demobilization and transition are continuing.

SNAKE RIVER COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is committed. Three CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158 Aviation Unit are assigned. This complex is comprised of the RAPID RIVER, SADDLE CREEK, HAAS HOLLOW, and SWAMP CREEK fires. Fire activity increased due to winds.

BOUNDARY, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Shaw) is committed. Steep terrain and variable winds have hampered burnout operations. Winds re-kindled the fire on the westside causing spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$ LOST	EST LOSS	COST
TYEE CREEK	WEF	WA	127,005	90	8/24	2,493	69	36	15	94	UNK	44M	
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,306	90	UNK	518	17	15	6	19	UNK	UNK	
OKANOGAN CPX	OKF	WA	3,770	50	9/30	39	1	1	2	0	UNK	12M	
SNAKE RVR CPX	WWF	OR	6,574	60	8/21	586	17	5	8	0	UNK	5M	
BOUNDARY	WWF	OR	11,013	70	8/24	1,568	44	55	4	0	UNK	8.6M	

North Zone - California Large Fires:

COTTONWOOD, Tahoe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dougherty) is committed. Long range spotting and intense burning caused the loss of some constructed fireline. Loyalton and surrounding areas continue to be threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$ LOST	EST LOSS	COST
COTTONWOOD	TNF	CA	38,500	20	UNK	2,244	44	233	8	0	15M	4.9M	

Southern Area Large Fires

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$ LOST	EST LOSS	COST
CENTRAL PEAK	WMR	OK	3,000	10	UNK	92	2	9	2	0	105K	150K	

WMR = Wichita Mtns. NWR

Outlook: RED FLAG WARNINGS and WATCHES have been posted in eastern Washington, eastern Oregon, northeast California, northern Nevada, western Wyoming, Idaho and Montana for increasing winds and low relative humidity. The high pressure that has kept the western U.S. warm and dry will move east. A low off the Pacific Northwest coast will push onshore and slowly move east. This low will generate a surface cold front that will move through the Pacific Northwest with increasing southwest to west winds. The front is expected to be dry, so relative humidities will remain low throughout most of the Great Basin and the Pacific Northwest east of the Cascades. Firelines will be tested today on large fires due to winds generated from the passing cold front. Expect increased fire activity on large fires.

FIRE: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	1			0	3		4
NORTHWEST	1				6	4	11
CA-NORTHERN				1		4	5
CA-SOUTHERN					35	3	38
NORTHERN	1				5	12	18
GB-EASTERN		3		4	2	6	15
GB-WESTERN		8			6		14
SOUTHWEST	12	1				9	22
ROCKY MTN		9			1	2	12
EASTERN				1			*
SOUTHERN							1
USA	15	21	1	5	58	40	140

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	3			1	4,050		4,054
NORTHWEST	0				0	0	0
CA-NORTHERN				0		2	2
CA-SOUTHERN					196	1	197
NORTHERN	3				271	3,766	4,040
GB-EASTERN		0		0	1	1,001	1,002
GB-WESTERN		1			51		52
SOUTHWEST	1	0				81	82
ROCKY MTN		7			0	0	7
EASTERN				3,000			*
SOUTHERN							3,000
USA	7	8	3,000	1	4,569	4,851	12,436

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA		4								
NORTHWEST	#78	70	91	21	#39	3	3		#701	661

CA-NORTHERN	78	17	69	151	10		8	359	220
CA-SOUTHERN	30		35		8				
NORTHERN	#121	22	56	50	#30	3		#1,133	159
GB-EASTERN	#129	15	66	65	#17	17		#797	253
GB-WESTERN		1	4			2			
SOUTHWEST		2		9		3			
ROCKY MTN		8	2	4		9			
EASTERN*								75	3
SOUTHERN			2			2		47	
USA	446	133	334	287	118	25	11	3,112	1,296

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	61	76	46	15	347	7	552
NORTHWEST	501	341	11	128	1,700	1,627	4,308
CA-NORTHERN	92	40	3	56		746	937
CA-SOUTHERN		100		24	2,584	541	3,249
NORTHERN	330	44		55	1,268	2,244	3,941
GB-EASTERN	83	615		35	268	1,076	2,077
GB-WESTERN		458			82	163	703
SOUTHWEST	1,432	377	17	207	1,595	2,467	6,095
ROCKY MTN	640	664		77	547	636	2,564
EASTERN	324			53	9,160	498	10,035
SOUTHERN	2		33	81	20,359	661	21,136
USA	3,465	2,715	110	731	37,910	10,666	55,597
5 YEAR AVERAGE							52,403

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,419	48,324	78,682	12,472	42,232	2	228,131
NORTHWEST	65,304	76,612	7,918	4,219	22,627	215,592	392,272
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,744	8,042	4,465		69,106	84,493
CA-SOUTHERN		26,057		15	43,470	56,394	125,936
NORTHERN	5,887	3,711		3,534	22,159	38,119	73,410
GB-EASTERN	1,345	212,803		46	62,757	172,681	449,632
GB-WESTERN		185,680			4,416	13,886	203,982
SOUTHWEST	31,551	120,066	7,683	24,057	209,839	147,026	540,222
ROCKY MTN	20,656	33,802		157	10,466	10,395	75,476
EASTERN	16,399			940	83,607	6,371	107,317
SOUTHERN	12		14,594	3,763	394,906	37,416	450,691
USA	187,709	709,799	116,919	53,668	896,479	766,988	2,731,562
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,983,876

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE	
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BRITISH COLUMBIA	43	93	3,433	23,579
YUKON TERRITORY	1	30,068	239	147,463
ALBERTA	3	0	685	27,971
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	22,203	591	2,195,698
SASKATCHEWAN	4	0	475	527,510
MANITOBA	1	4	455	445,696
ONTARIO	2	1	955	79,249
QUEBEC	1	0	422	115,893
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	117	110,552
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	0	265	141
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	190	122
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	14
NATIONAL PARKS	3	0	137	57,193
TOTALS	64	52,369	7,982	3,731,081

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