

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1994 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: Moderate initial attack activity continued. Several large fires reported decreased activity due to favorable weather conditions.

The NIFC Military Advanced Training Group will meet with Ft. Riley Military Command today in Kansas, in preparation for mobilizing a 7th battalion for suppression assistance. Fire training will begin on 8/24 with deployment scheduled for 8/25 to the Idaho City Complex, Boise NF.

Three CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158th Aviation Unit, Ft. Lewis, WA have been reassigned from the Snake River Complex to the Kootenai Area Command in Troy, MT.

Colonel Anthony Palermo USMC, is the Task Force Commander of one Marine Battalion assigned to the Tyee fire. Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander of two Battalions and one Aviation Company assigned to the Corral Creek fire and the Idaho City Complex. Colonel Joseph Leigh, USA, is the Task Force Commander of 3 Battalions assigned to the 17 Mile fire, Little Wolf fire and the Koocanusa Complex.

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is committed. Transition to a Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) will occur today. The 3-11th Field Artillery Battalion, I Corps, USA, (Lt. Col. Dan Patterson) is assigned. Higher humidities and lower temperatures contributed to reduced rates of spread, although about 400 additional acres burned due to gusty southwest winds. Good progress was made along the east flanks of Griffin Creek and along the north edge to Sylvia Lake.

YAAK-RED DRAGON COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Meuchel) is committed. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered to assist. The 3-82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Lt. Col. Marcus Dudley) is assigned. The complex now has 26 active fires including the 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, PULPIT, STUDEBAKER, FISHFRY, FOWLER, TURNER and many other smaller fires. High winds caused spotting and increased activity making it difficult to hold constructed line.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Groshong) is committed. The complex consists of 14 fires. No new information.

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.

TROUT CREEK COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suenram) is committed. Modification of fuels around structures adjacent to the Pillick fire continued. An evacuation plan has been completed.

ANN, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is committed. Crews continued flanking on the west and began building line on the southeast side of the fire. Lower temperatures and higher humidities

were reported.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. The complex consists of the GOAT ROCKS, SCENERY, LEIGH and MCKAY fires. The Scenery fire will become part of the Libby Complex today.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is committed. The west and north lines held yesterday with no major problems. British Columbia is planning more burnout in Canada to secure their line and protect their commercial forest. Threats to a historic cabin and US commercial forest have greatly diminished with current weather. The fire spotted across Starvation Creek to the east and is a potential threat to a back country cabin in the park. An additional 272 acres burned in Canada.

BITTER-NEZ, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bullis) is committed. The complex is comprised of the SADDLE, MAGRUDER, NICK, SAWTOOTH and WOOD HUMP fires. Lower temperatures and higher humidities were reported. The change in acres is due to better mapping of the Wood Hump fire.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is committed. Cooler temperatures limited fire spread yesterday. All constructed line continued to hold with torching and spotting continuing within the interior.

POWELL COMPLEX, Clearwater NF. The complex is comprised of the FREEZEOUT, FERN CREEK, SPONGE, BIG SAND LAKE/HIDDEN CREEK and GOLD MEADOWS. The fires received .02 of an inch of precipitation.

ST. JOE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is committed. The 1956 North fire is in mop-up and rehab. The complex continues to be responsible for initial attack. Demobilization is continuing.

LIBBY COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is committed. No information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	ESTS LOSS	EST COST
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	14,500	50	UNK	1,494	50	45	4	0	10.3M	2.4M
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	9,500	2	UNK	1,396	43	33	5	0	8M	1.9M
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	3,000	1	UNK	357	9	13	3	0	UNK	447K
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	9,350	9	UNK	918	26	18	2	0	7.8M	952K
TROUT CREEK C	KNF	MT	540	0	UNK	91	1	6	1	0	UNK	84K
ANN	BRF	MT	915	20	UNK	421	14	13	3	0	UNK	588K
WOLF MTN II C	MTS	MT	691	100		469	14	14	2	0	550K	1.7M
WILDERNESS C	KNF	MT	4,600	2	9/10	177	7	6	0	0	UNK	150K
STARVATION	GNP	MT	2,000	10	UNK	233	8	4	2	0	UNK	438K
BITTER-NEZ	BRF	MT	1,900	75	8/24	162	5	3	3	0	UNK	1M
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	815	30	9/5	446	16	0	3	0	UNK	1.4M
POWELL CMPLX	CWF	ID	12,282	0	UNK	78	2	0	4	0	UNK	135K
ST JOE FIRES	IPF	ID	850	0	UNK	252	4	18	2	0	UNK	4.6M
HIGH ONE	KNF	MT	455	0	9/5	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	1K
NORTHWEST PK	IPF	ID	100	50	8/26	15	1	0	1	0	UNK	34K
SCOTCHMAN PK	IPF	ID	275	60	8/28	54	2	0	0	0	UNK	80K
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	356	50	UNK	129	2	0	2	0	300K	237K

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

STAR GULCH, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is committed. Fire growth was not as extensive as was expected due to lighter winds and higher humidities. Significant progress was made on containing the north flank near Valley of the Pines residential area. Many structures continue to be threatened.

CORRAL CREEK, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Johnson) is committed. The 14th Engineer Battalion, (Lt. Col. Perrenot, Commander) is committed. Line construction is continuing on the east and west flanks. Fire lines are holding in all divisions.

BLACKWELL COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) will be transitioning with Type I Incident Management Team (Harbour) today. This is a unified command with Idaho State Department of Lands represented by Bill Williams. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). Suppression forces worked to secure the Lick Creek Road which is the evacuation route for Yellowpine residents. Mop-up continued on the west flank.

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. The Star Gulch fire is now approximately 1.5 miles south of this complex. The Rabbit fire continues to burn actively along the northern flank. Burnout operations were planned for the north line last night.

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).

TIN CUP COMPLEX, Caribou NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is committed. The fire continues to expand to the south, east and north.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is committed. The fire is within 2 miles of the Lost Packer Mine.

CHICKEN COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (O'Bannon) is committed. Structure protection is in progress.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	ESTS LOSS	EST COST
STAR GULCH	BOF	ID	22,000	60	UNK	670	25	30	5	2	UNK	970K
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	56,200	31	UNK	1,211	37	31	8	0	UNK	7.4M
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	41,300	50	UNK	838	17	42	5	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	49,800	36	UNK	1,116	36	21	6	0	65.4M	24M
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	7,711	23	UNK	472	12	7	5	0	UNK	5M
TIN CUP	CAF	ID	963	23	8/24	175	6	2	2	0	UNK	295K
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	6,794	0	UNK	184	4	3	2	2	UNK	680K
CHICKEN CMPLX	PAF	ID	22,000	0	UNK	82	4	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
BEAVER MTN.	WCF	UT	617	100		223	7	4	3	0	UNK	625K

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 additional CH-47 helicopters are expected to arrive on 8/23. A portion of the fire received light precipitation.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is committed. Cooler temperatures and higher humidities kept the fire from advancing yesterday.

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 is continuing. Transition to the NPS is planned for Tuesday, August 23.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	ESTS LOSS	EST COST
TYEE CREEK	WEF	WA	127,500	95	8/24	1,381	41	11	14	94	UNK	36.6M
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,316	90	UNK	538	18	15	6	19	UNK	20.1M
OKANOGAN CPX	OKF	WA	3,770	50	9/30	25	1	1	2	0	UNK	11.3M
BOUNDARY	WWF	OR	11,180	100		1,483	37	58	2	0	UNK	8.6M

North Zone - California Large Fires:

COTTONWOOD, Tahoe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dougherty) is committed. The threat to the city of Loyalton and outlying subdivisions has abated. Significant demob of structural engines has begun. Rehabilitation efforts have started.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	ESTS LOSS	EST COST
COTTONWOOD	TNF	CA	46,600	70	8/24	2,739	73	159	13	2	15M	10M

South Zone - California Large Fires:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	ESTS LOSS	EST COST
MILE POST	BDF	CA	300	0	UNK	298	9	23	3	0	UNK	UNK
ESPERANZA	CAS	CA	657	50	8/23	362	16	25	5	0	UNK	UNK

BDF = San Bernardino NF CAS = California State

Southern Area Large Fires

CENTRAL PEAK, Wichita Mtns. NWR. Dozer lines are expected to be completed this morning. A burnout operation will begin after line construction is complete.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	ESTS LOSS	EST COST
CENTRAL PEAK	WMR	OK	4,200	80	UNKn	129	3	8	5	0	115K	100K

Outlook: The cold upper level trough will exit the Intermountain West and will be replaced by another high pressure ridge. The high pressure will be centered near the four corners and will eventually build into southern Alberta. The flat ridge over the northern tier will cause breezy conditions through today. The desert southwest and California will be dominated by the warm, dry, high pressure with scattered thunderstorms across the desert southwest. The potential for increased activity on large fires exists as high pressure returns.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	1				1		2
NORTHWEST	2				10		12
CA-NORTHERN	2	1				1	4
CA-SOUTHERN							*
NORTHERN	4			2	17	16	39
GB-EASTERN		6		1	5	17	29
GB-WESTERN		2					2
SOUTHWEST	3				3	9	15
ROCKY MTN	2	7		1			10
EASTERN						1	1
SOUTHERN							0
USA	14	16		4	36	44	114

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	0				25		25
NORTHWEST	2				1		3
CA-NORTHERN	0	0				3,300	3,300
CA-SOUTHERN							*
NORTHERN	34			0	6,419	1,321	7,774
GB-EASTERN		306		0	67	4	377
GB-WESTERN		2					2
SOUTHWEST	1				42	1	44
ROCKY MTN	15	14		1			30
EASTERN						0	0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	52	322		1	6,554	4,626	11,555

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	#91	17	79	8	#34	3	4		#740	74
CA-NORTHERN	81	13	73	154	8	4	6		458	394
CA-SOUTHERN	2	23	11	37	1	7	3	10	11	60
NORTHERN	#175	28	104	64	#57	7			#1,313	127

GB-EASTERN	#139	9	#74	66	#22	17			#916	258
GB-WESTERN			10		3					
SOUTHWEST	3		10		2					
ROCKY MTN	4		33		3					
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	1	2	8			5			40	3
USA	496	92	402	329	130	43	13	10	3,478	916

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

* No reports received.

#Includes military

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	62	76	47	15	352	7	559
NORTHWEST	388	343	11	128	1,723	1,648	4,241
CA-NORTHERN	94	40	3	57		761	955
CA-SOUTHERN		100		24	2,584	541	3,249
NORTHERN	330	44		57	1,298	2,266	3,995
GB-EASTERN	83	681		36	377	1,136	2,313
GB-WESTERN		470			82	164	716
SOUTHWEST	1,421	378	17	207	1,603	2,480	6,106
ROCKY MTN	640	666		77	547	639	2,569
EASTERN	324			53	9,635	498	10,510
SOUTHERN	2		33	81	20,362	661	21,139
USA	3,344	2,798	111	735	38,563	10,801	56,352
5 YEAR AVERAGE							52,380

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,419	48,324	78,683	12,829	42,268	2	228,525
NORTHWEST	65,417	83,622	7,918	4,219	22,671	231,509	415,356
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,745	8,042	4,465		99,236	114,624
CA-SOUTHERN		26,057		15	43,470	56,394	125,936
NORTHERN	5,859	3,711		5,701	28,583	43,202	87,056
GB-EASTERN	1,345	216,722		46	74,769	195,461	488,343
GB-WESTERN		185,684			4,416	13,886	203,986
SOUTHWEST	31,545	119,721	7,683	24,057	210,862	146,307	540,175
ROCKY MTN	20,656	33,803		157	10,466	10,396	75,478
EASTERN	16,399			940	87,345	6,371	111,055
SOUTHERN	12		14,794	3,763	394,916	37,416	450,901
USA	187,788	720,389	117,120	56,192	919,766	840,180	2,841,435
5 YEAR AVERAGE							2,008,579

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	33	206
YUKON TERRITORY	1	1
		243
		149,864

ALBERTA	6	1	696	28,224
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	48,383	595	2,330,381
SASKATCHEWAN	12	14	493	527,625
MANITOBA	1	7	458	445,710
ONTARIO	1	0	960	79,250
QUEBEC	1	0	423	115,893
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	0	123	110,552
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	271	142
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	190	122
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	14
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	144	57,193
TOTALS	60	48,612	8,144	3,868,972

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