

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1996 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

*** THE TEN STANDARD FIRE ORDERS ARE FIRM ***
*** WE DON'T BREAK THEM; WE DON'T BEND THEM ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Fire activity continued to escalate in the Northwest Northern California and Northern Rockies Areas, with additional Type I and II Incident Management Team commitments in those Areas. Most other Areas with ongoing large fires reported good progress towards containment objectives. The remainder of the West reported moderate initial attack activity. Resource mobilization through NICC has increased.

Northwest Large Fires:

SLOAN'S RIDGE, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Payne) is assigned. The fire is burning in subalpine fir and lodgepole 12 miles northwest of Sumpter, OR. The fire spotted across the North Fork of the John Day River, burning an additional 600 acres. Access to the southern end of the fire from the town of Sumpter is a major logistical problem. Numerous mine shafts and explosives are in the area. Extreme fire behavior, low humidities and spotting are impeding suppression efforts. Mining claims and a historic cabin are threatened.

SIMNASHO, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) has been assigned. No other information available.

WILDCAT, Malheur NF. A Type II Incident Management Team is assigned. This prescribed natural fire was declared a wildfire yesterday. The fire is 10 miles east of John Day, OR. Threats are to heavily used recreation areas in and near the Strawberry Wilderness.

WHEELER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Heppner, OR. The fire started on private land in a timber sale and burned onto National Forest and State lands. The major threat is to commercial timber.

SALT CREEK, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is. The fire is burning in mostly light fuels with scattered timber in deep ravines of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. The fire made major runs to the north crossing the rim road in several places. Smoke continues to limit visibility.

ASHWOOD, Oregon State. This fire has been burning for 3 days around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. Rural and volunteer fire departments have been working the fire. The state Conflagration Act was invoked yesterday in order to make resources available. Residences in Ashwood are threatened. Acreage estimates range from 2,000 acres to 100,000 acres. No reliable figure has been provided. No other information available.

One fire is in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 740 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SLOAN'S RIDGE	WWF	OR	3,600	0	UNK	497	18	3	7	0	NR	807K
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	6,000	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	900	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
WHEELER	UMF	OR	3,000	0	UNK	20	0	12	1	0	NR	NR
SALT CREEK	WWF	OR	21,000	0	UNK	428	14	13	6	0	NR	297K
ASHWOOD	ORS	OR	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
HORSE RIDGE	PRD	OR	820	100	---	238	8	11	0	0	NR	134K

Northern California Large Fires:

COOKS, Plumas NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. This fire is burning in heavy logging slash 6 miles northeast of Greenville, CA. The potential for rapid spread remains high due to very steep terrain and limited access.

HORSE, Modoc NF. This fire is burning in grass and sagebrush 3 miles west of Tule Lake, CA. Two ranches in the area may become threatened if the winds change direction.

BLUE ROCK, Mendocino Ranger Unit, California State. This fire is burning in grass, brush and timber in extremely steep terrain 36 miles north of Willits, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
COOKS	PNF	CA	1,090	64	8/13	1,057	74	30	4	0	NR	703K
HORSE	MDF	CA	400	10	8/11	77	3	10	1	0	NR	NR
BLUE ROCK	MEU	CA	230	50	8/11	220	10	12	3	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

CLUBFOOT COMPLEX, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is burning in dense timber 6 miles Lane Deer, MT. Extreme fire behavior was experienced due to dry conditions and gusty winds. Additional resources are being mobilized.

MOOSE BUTTE/LITTLE GREEN, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered for these fires. No other information was available.

ANGUS, Central Montana State. This lightning caused fire is burning in grass, sagebrush and light timber 14 miles north of Townsend, MT. The containment lines held through the burning period yesterday. Burnout of unburned fuels was successful.

16 MILE, Central Montana State. This fire is burning in heavy fuels and steep rugged terrain north of Bozeman, MT. High temperatures, low humidity and winds are hindering suppression efforts.

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ANGUS	CES	MT	1,500	80	8/11	376	14	12	2	0	NR	90K
16 MILE	CES	MT	200	40	8/11	95	3	7	1	0	NR	NR

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

A National Area Command Team (Caplinger) is assigned to the Richfield District, BLM and Fishlake NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is staged in Beaver, UT.

LEAMINGTON COMPLEX, Richfield District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) are assigned. The complex consists of the LEAMINGTON, EAST SAGE, NO-NAME, WASH, CHAPLIN, TURKEY, FOOL, CENTER SAGE and LITTLE WILDHORSE fires. The fires are burning on BLM, State and USFS land north of Leamington, UT. Good progress was made stabilizing large unburned islands within the fire perimeter and on the remaining line construction.

ADELAIDE COMPLEX, Fishlake NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shive) is assigned. The fires are 5 miles southeast of Kanosh, UT. The complex consists of the ADALAIDE and DOG MOUNTAIN fires. Outstanding progress was made on line construction.

HONEY BOY, Cedar City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This fire is 5 miles southeast of Milford, UT. Firefighters continue to build and hold line. Fireline in the steep and rocky areas are presenting control problems.

Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,994 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
TANK	UTS	UT	3,100	100	----	276	9	0	4	0	NR	1.2M
LEAMINGTON CPLX	RID	UT	124,500	90	8/12	761	24	23	8	0	3.2M	2.2M
ADELAIDE CPLX	FIF	UT	15,030	85	8/12	831	26	16	9	0	3.5M	1.8M
HONEY BOY	CCD	UT	10,000	80	8/11	400	12	8	5	2	NR	2.3M
SHRIVES #2	IFD	ID	1,660	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

MURPHY RIDGE/BEAR CREEK COMPLEX, Medicine Bow NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. The complex is 10 miles northeast of Garrett, WY. Crews made significant progress in line construction and burnout along the southwest sides of both the Murphy Ridge and Bear Creek fires. The threat to structures adjacent to the North Laramie River is moderate.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
MURPHY/BEAR CPX	MBF	WY	7,493	69	8/14	898	29	23	5	6	517K	5M
PERSISTANT	DSP	CO	985	100	----	177	4	1	2	0	NR	500K

Western Basin Large Fires:

DIXIE, Carson City District, BLM. The fire is burning in pinyon-juniper

50 miles northeast of Fallon, NV. No new information was received.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
DIXIE	CCD	NV	115	0	UNK	59	2	1	1	0	NR	NR

Alaska Large Fires: Seventeen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 434,199 acres.

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN CALIFORNIA FOR DRY LIGHTNING.
A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EASTERN WASHINGTON FOR STRONG WEST WINDS.
A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EASTERN OREGON AND CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST IDAHO FOR DRY LIGHTNING, GUSTY WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY.

An upper level ridge of high pressure, centered over Utah, will produce hot temperatures and very low humidities across much of the western United States. A weak upper trough and a cold front will move into the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. This trough will bring cooler temperatures to western Washington and western Oregon along with gusty winds and a chance of dry lightning from the Cascade Mountains to Montana. Monsoon moisture will continue to spread from the desert Southwest into the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This will result in scattered wet thunderstorms in New Mexico and Arizona, and dry lightning in central and northern California. Temperatures will cool into the 70's and 80's in western Washington and western Oregon. The remainder of the West will have highs in the 90's to 110. Relative humidities in the Great Basin will be in the sub-teens and single digits.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST					2	8	10
CA-NORTHERN					12	2	14
CA-SOUTHERN		3			16	8	27
NORTHERN	2				2	18	22
GB-EASTERN	1	3			2	5	11
GB-WESTERN		1					1
SOUTHWEST	1						1
ROCKY MTN	1	4	1	2	3	5	18
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN						1	1
USA	5	11	1	2	37	47	103

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST					2	9,109	9,111
CA-NORTHERN					234	352	586
CA-SOUTHERN		50			10	55	115
NORTHERN	400				700	21	1,121
GB-EASTERN	1	98			15	429	543
GB-WESTERN		0					0
SOUTHWEST	0						0
ROCKY MTN	1	98	40	1	3	2	145
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN						15	15
USA	402	246	40	1	964	9,983	11,636

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	67		71		21		4		118	
CA-NORTHERN	13	38	27	28	10	4	10	8	129	29
CA-SOUTHERN	1		10		2					
NORTHERN	41		11	20	8	3			53	20
GB-EASTERN	73	2	61	9	24		7		308	7
GB-WESTERN	8	1	9		1	1			15	4
SOUTHWEST	7		12		7				112	
ROCKY MTN	43	1	92	23	12	5			267	72
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	253	42	293	80	85	13	21	8	1,002	132

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	6	46	30	6	535	18	641
NORTHWEST	150	208	9	18	920	603	1,908
CA-NORTHERN	36	43	1	16	1,522	450	2,068
CA-SOUTHERN	7	282	2	63	2,997	667	4,018
NORTHERN	655	47	46	15	309	605	1,677
GB-EASTERN	46	556		15	310	441	1,368
GB-WESTERN		496	3	46	79	130	749
SOUTHWEST	1,068	249	13	70	1,298	1,866	4,564

ROCKY MTN	692	737		43	709	461	2,642
EASTERN	244			61	11,707	334	12,346
SOUTHERN	77		103	79	45,925	1,129	473132
USA	2,981	2,664	207	432	66,311	6,704	79,299
5 YEAR AVERAGE							54,558

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	205,422	133,561	4,379	257,104	168	600,650
NORTHWEST	5,390	107,415	2,348	3	4,444	37,306	156,906
CA-NORTHERN	125	1,034	0	366	11,349	6,819	19,693
CA-SOUTHERN	977	33,870	30	2,422	105,757	35,529	178,605
NORTHERN	20,208	2,946	3,054	4	31,533	3,568	61,313
GB-EASTERN	393	644,773		8,118	59,558	45,109	757,951
GB-WESTERN		121,435	602	34	2,555	10,230	134,856
SOUTHWEST	36,402	8,599	3,057	5,239	71,422	206,078	330,797
ROCKY MTN	23,880	21,194		5,058	20,970	34,097	105,199
EASTERN	566			533	153,989	18,420	173,508
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,076	10,892	1,027,922	41,878	1,112,549
USA	89,758	1,146,688	172,728	37,048	1,746,603	439,202	3,632,027
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,664,405

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	812	17,553
YUKON TERRITORY	1	2,012	144	93,301
ALBERTA	0	0	284	1,900
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	338	322,109
SASKATCHEWAN	0	1,002	367	11,154
MANITOBA	0	581	357	75,729
ONTARIO	0	1	1,061	452,985
QUEBEC	6	1,238	1,026	504,541
NEWFOUNDLAND	5	0	122	27,537
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	258	1,596
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	238	629
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	50	15,038
TOTALS	13	4,834	5,080	1,524,267

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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