

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, Malhuer 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<br>NAME | UNIT | ST | SIZE   | %<br>CTN | EST | TOTAL<br>PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC | EST  | SSS   |
|------------------|------|----|--------|----------|-----|---------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|
|                  |      |    |        |          |     |               |     |     |      | LOST | LOSS | 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<br>NAME | UNIT | ST | SIZE  | %<br>CTN | EST<br>CTN | TOTAL<br>PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC<br>LOST | EST<br>LOSS | SSS<br>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 Lame 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.

|         |     |    |       |    |      |     |    |    |   |   |    |     |
|---------|-----|----|-------|----|------|-----|----|----|---|---|----|-----|
| 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-NOME, 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 ADALADE 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<br>NAME | UNIT | ST | SIZE<br>CTN | %<br>CTN | EST<br>CTN | TOTAL<br>PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC | EST<br>LOST | SSS<br>LOSS | 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<br>NAME | UNIT | ST | SIZE<br>CTN | %<br>CTN | EST<br>CTN | TOTAL<br>PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC | EST<br>LOST | SSS<br>LOSS | 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<br>NAME | UNIT<br>CCD | ST<br>NV | SIZE<br>115 | %<br>0 | EST<br>CTN | TOTAL<br>CTN | CRW<br>PERS | ENG | HELI | STRC | EST<br>LOST | LOSS | SSS<br>C-T-D |
|------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|------|-------------|------|--------------|
| DIXIE            |             |          |             |        | UNK        | 59           | 2           | 1   | 1    | 1    | 0           | NR   | NR           |

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

OUTLOOK:

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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.  
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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 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.

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| FIRE: 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   |

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| 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    | RESOURCE |     | STATUS: |     | Committed Resources |     |     |     | 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.

