

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

*** ALL FIREFIGHTERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE ASSIGNMENT ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Increased fire activity was experienced in the Northwest, Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Two additional Type I Incident Management Teams were committed in the Northwest Area. Type II Incident Management Teams were committed in the Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Good progress was reported on fires in Northern California. Resource mobilization through NICC has increased.

Northwest Large Fires:

AIRWAY HEIGHTS, Washington State. This fire is burning near Fairchild Air Force Base and the Spokane, WA. International Airport. Two structures have been destroyed with several hundred more being evacuated. The flame front is reported to be 3 miles wide. Washington State has requested a declaration of emergency and Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance. No containment or resource information was reported.

WHEELER, Umatilla NF. A State Type II Incident Management Team (Hunt) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Heppner, OR. Five structures have been confirmed destroyed, including 3 permanent residences. Forty other homes have been evacuated, however, residents were allowed to return to remove belongings. The major threat is to the scattered residences in the area and commercial timber. Crew movement to the fire is one of the major problems reported.

WILDCAT, Malheur NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) has been ordered and is scheduled to take over the fire today. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. Threats are to permanent and summer residences, a resort and heavily used recreation areas. Extreme fire behavior occurred and the fire has spotted onto private land. Turbulence and dense smoke have made reconnaissance and aerial attack of the fire impossible. No containment or resource information was reported.

SIMNASHO, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) has been assigned. This fire is burning in grass, brush and timber 10 miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Structure protection was successful yesterday. Suppression efforts are hampered by the terrain. No containment or resource information was reported.

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. Heavy spotting is a problem on the northern portion and the eastern flank. Major efforts are concentrated on the northeast corner of the fire. 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. Mining claims and a historic cabin are threatened. No containment or resource information was reported.

HEAVEN GATE, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Plans are to move the Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) to this fire after transitioning the Salt Creek fire to the Type I Incident Management Team. This fire is burning across Hells Canyon from the Salt Creek fire. Extreme burning conditions were reported. The fire is moving to the north in dense, continuous fuel. No containment or resource information was reported.

COYLE BUTTE, Ochoco National Forest. This fire is burning in pine and fir thickets 24 miles north of Prineville, OR. Line has been completed but mop-up will be slow due to heavy fuels.

FIFERS, Colville Agency, BIA. The only information reported was that in the table below.

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

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Northern Rockies Large Fires:

CLUBFOOTE COMPLEX, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Stires) is assigned. This fire is burning in dense timber 6 miles from Lame Deer, MT. The complex is comprised of the BAD WARRIOR, FOUR CORNERS, and CLUBFOOTE fires. Dozer line was completed around all three fires. Retardant was utilized for a small portion of lost line on the Bad Warrior fire. High temperatures and low relative humidities continue to make suppression efforts difficult.

MORIGEAU, Flathead Agency, BIA. This fire is located near Hot Springs, MT. Homes and outbuildings were threatened by the blaze yesterday. Air support helped reduce fire spread. Extreme burning conditions have hampered containment objectives. Current concerns include structures and agriculture land.

WILLOW CREEK, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. The fire is burning in steep, rugged terrain southwest of Missoula, MT. Structure protection is in place for a home within a half mile of the fire. The blaze is currently moving away from this structure. Dry weather and strong winds are hampering control efforts.

MOOSE BUTTE COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned to this incident south of Elk City, ID. The MOOSE BUTTE and LITTLE GREEN MOUNTAIN fires are included in this complex. Suppression forces have made good progress on the Moose Butte fire. Air support has aided firefighters on the Little Green Mountain fire. Crew transport into these remote fires has made containment objectives difficult to achieve. Concerns are for strong winds, torching and spotting through the next burning period.

WARRIOR'S FACE, Bitterroot NF. This prescribed natural fire, 25 miles south of Hamilton, MT, began 8/9 and has burned actively over the past two days. An engine is assigned to prevent rolling debris from affecting traffic. Smoke has caused visibility problems. This will be the last report on this fire unless significant activity occurs.

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 220 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
CLUBFOOTE	NCA	MT	422	75	8/12	299	7	21	0	0	NR	168K
MORIGEAU	FHA	MT	800	50	8/12	40	1	2	1	0	NR	NR
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	200	0	UNK	49	1	3	0	0	NR	NR
MOOSE BUTTE CPX	NPF	ID	255	0	UNK	226	11	0	1	0	NR	NR
WARRIOR'S FACE	BRF	MT	1,000	0	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
ANGUS	CES	MT	2,100	100	---	415	13	18	2	0	NR	192K
16 MILE	CES	MT	300	100	---	140	4	7	2	0	NR	49K

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

A National Area Command Team (Caplinger) is assigned to the Richfield District, BLM and Fishlake NF.

APPLE VALLEY, Boise District, BLM. This fire is located 17 miles

northwest of Caldwell, ID. Continuous fuel loading has limited control efforts. The fire jumped Interstate 84. Structures and microwave stations are threatened. Ground resources are utilizing indirect fire suppression tactics.

HENS PEAK, Fishlake NF. This fire is located 11 miles northeast of Loa, UT. Strong winds pushed this confinement fire over the boundary. Three USFS roads and the Great Western Trail have been closed. Timber sales and spruce plantations are currently threatened.

HONEY BOY, Cedar City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This fire is 5 miles southeast of Milford, UT. Good progress was made on the fire. Burnout operations on the southeast side of the fire have been completed.

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. Good progress was made toward containment on the south, east and west portions of the fire. A small slopover was quickly contained. High temperatures and low humidities are hampering suppression efforts. Some demobilization will begin today.

VIVIAN, Uinta NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) has been reassigned from the Tank fire. This fire is burning 5 miles northeast of Orem, UT. Burnout operations were in progress last night to keep the fire from threatening structures in the bottom of the canyon. Structure protection engines are in place if needed. No other information was received.

BIG BRUIN, Payette NF. This Prescribed Natural Fire is burning in the Frank Church River-of-no-Return Wilderness. The fire is currently 6,800 acres, and is being monitored by aircraft and a lookout tower. The fire is moving east northeast towards the main Salmon River. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

Three fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 6,104 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
APPLE VALLEY	BOD	ID	5,000	50	8/12	80	0	14	1	0	NR	NR
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	500	30	UNK	127	5	2	2	0	NR	100K
HONEY BOY	CCD	UT	10,477	90	8/12	400	12	8	5	2	NR	2.3M
ADELAIDE CPLX	FIF	UT	15,040	90	8/12	802	25	11	6	0	3.5M	2.1M
LEAMINGTON CPLX	RID	UT	124,440	100	----	474	12	20	8	0	3.2M	2.6M
VIVIAN PEAK	UIF	UT	300	0	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

MONCRIEF RIDGE, Big Horn NF. This fire is burning 7 miles from Story, Wy. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hawkins) has been ordered and will be in place this morning. Control problems are steep terrain, poor access and a combination of light and heavy fuels.

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 have completed all burnout operations. The threat to structures is now considered low. The demobilization process has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
MONCRIEF	B3F	WY	300	0	UNK	NR	0	0	1	0	NR	NR
MURPHY/BEAR CPX	MBF	WY	7,493	95	8/14	876	28	23	5	6	521K	5M
BEAVER GULCH	CRD	CO	230	100	----	98	4	4	5	0	NR	NR

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. Access has been improved and drop points established on the south flank. Good progress was made in closing the open portions of the fireline. Minor demobilization has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
COOKS	PNF	CA	1,128	64	8/13	1,057	37	27	4	0	NR	1.3M
HORSE	MDF	CA	2,465	100	----	245	7	10	2	0	NR	200K
BLUE ROCK	MEU	CA	230	100	----	389	16	14	1	0	NR	NR

Western Basin Large Fires:

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Lake Mead NP. This lightning-caused fire is burning 10 miles northwest of Laughlin, NV. The fire moved rapidly through pinyon-juniper fuels. A radio repeater 2 miles from the fire is threatened. Steep terrain is causing control difficulty.

DIXIE, Carson City District, BLM. The fire is burning in pinyon-juniper 50 miles northeast of Fallon, NV. Inaccessibility and steep terrain are hindering containment objectives.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
DRIPPING SPRING	LAP	NV	100	0	8/13	16	0	4	2	0	NR	NR
DIXIE	CCD	NV	300	0	8/13	57	2	0	1	0	NR	40K

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

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED ***
 *** IN EASTERN MONTANA FOR DRY LIGHTNING AND GUSTY WEST WINDS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EXTREME SOUTHEAST ***
 *** OREGON, CENTRAL/SOUTHERN IDAHO AND WESTERN WYOMING FOR DRY LIGHTNING ***

An upper level ridge of high pressure, centered over Utah, will continue to produce hot temperatures and very low humidities across much of the

West. Sub-tropical moisture in the desert Southwest and along the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California will push northward into Idaho and then into eastern Montana and Wyoming. An upper level trough and dry cold front will move out of eastern Montana into the Dakotas. Thunderstorms in Arizona and New Mexico will be wet. A little more moisture is expected with the thunderstorms in California. Southwest Utah, Nevada, southeast Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming and eastern Montana will have isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms, generally dry. High temperatures will range from the 70's in western Washington to near 112 in the desert Southwest, most areas will be in the 90's to 105. Relative humidities in Utah and western Colorado will drop into the single digits.

FIRES: Yesterday								
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA							0	
NORTHWEST	1	1			1	5	8	
CA-NORTHERN						4	4	
CA-SOUTHERN		1				1	2	
NORTHERN		4			1	18	23	
GB-EASTERN		7			1	1	9	
GB-WESTERN		1		1	1		3	
SOUTHWEST		1				3	4	
ROCKY MTN						6	6	
EASTERN							NR	
SOUTHERN							NR	
USA	1	15	0	1	4	38	59	

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday								
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA							0	
NORTHWEST	150	1,000			1,400	336	2,886	
CA-NORTHERN						2,470	2,470	
CA-SOUTHERN		0				0	0	
NORTHERN		802			700	495	1,997	
GB-EASTERN		5,244			10	40	5,294	
GB-WESTERN		200		100	3		303	
SOUTHWEST		3				3	6	
ROCKY MTN						316	316	
EASTERN							NR	
SOUTHERN							NR	
USA	150	7,249	0	100	2,113	3,660	13,272	

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	NR		NR	NR	NR		NR		NR	NR
CA-NORTHERN	36	24	38	9	6	1	2	1	85	11
CA-SOUTHERN	1		1							
NORTHERN	45	1	20	41	9	4			183	30
GB-EASTERN	58	2	109	3	25				285	3
GB-WESTERN		3	3	1	1	1			5	1
SOUTHWEST	2		5		2					
ROCKY MTN	39		56	35	13		2		247	70
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	181	30	232	89	56	6	4	1	805	115

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	149	209	9	18	920	607	1,912	
CA-NORTHERN	36	44	1	16	1,590	457	2,144	
CA-SOUTHERN	7	282	2	63	2,997	667	4,018	
NORTHERN	659	47	46	15	309	620	1,696	
GB-EASTERN	46	559		15	312	443	1,375	
GB-WESTERN		496	3	46	80	130	755	
SOUTHWEST	1,080	251	13	70	1,298	1,869	4,581	
ROCKY MTN	692	739		43	709	470	2,653	
EASTERN	244			61	11,707	334	12,346	
SOUTHERN	77		103	79	45,925	1,129	47,313	
USA	2,996	2,673	207	432	66,382	6,744	79,434	
5 YEAR AVERAGE							54,719	

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	5,838	107,415	2,348	3	4,444	46,467	166,515
CA-NORTHERN	125	1,038	0	366	11,672	8,087	21,288
CA-SOUTHERN	977	33,870	30	2,422	105,757	35,529	178,605
NORTHERN	20,208	2,946	3,054	4	31,533	4,419	62,164
GB-EASTERN	393	649,962		8,118	59,568	45,152	763,193
GB-WESTERN		121,635	602	34	2,558	10,230	135,059
SOUTHWEST	36,404	8,622	3,057	5,239	71,422	206,081	329,825

ROCKY MTN	23,880	21,202		5,058	20,970	34,113	105,223
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	89,208	1,152,112	172,728	37,048	1,746,939	450,544	3,648,579
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,668,272

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	812	17,553
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,301
ALBERTA	2	1	286	1,899
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	338	322,109
SASKATCHEWAN	4	1	371	11,155
MANITOBA	0	300	357	76,029
ONTARIO	0	0	1,061	452,985
QUEBEC	5	4,861	1,031	509,402
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	123	27,537
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	259	1,596
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	239	629
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	50	15,038
TOTALS	14	5,163	5,094	1,529,428

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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