

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Fire activity continued throughout much of the West, with most areas below draw down levels for initial attack resources. Northern California and the Northwest Area reported a significant number of new fires yesterday. National resources are in high demand and critically low. Type II Incident Management Teams were committed in the Northwest, Northern Rockies and Great Basin Areas. Resource mobilization through NICC remained high.

Northwest Large Fires:

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. US Highway 26 has been closed at the Bear Springs junction (216) south to the city of Madras. A major burnout was planned for last night along the highway. The resort at Kah-nee-tah has been given the first evacuation alert. Structure protection is in place. Suppression efforts are hampered by terrain.

WHEELER, Oregon State. A State Type II Incident Management Team (Hunt) is assigned. The fire is burning near Spray, OR. The fire made no major runs yesterday. A major threat to the community of Spray continues. No structures have been destroyed within the town. Eighteen structures scattered outside of Spray were destroyed, 14 of which were residences. Crew transport to the fire has been a problem.

COW HOLLOW, Vale BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. The fire is burning in brush and grass 8 miles south of Vale, OR. The fire made runs to the south and southeast threatening structures. The Malheur County Sheriffs Department are making contacts with evacuation information. There are numerous new fires in the area which will be managed as part of the Cow Hollow Complex.

WILDCAT, Malheur NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. Crews worked to reinforce existing firelines and mop up spots on the east side of Strawberry Creek. Suppression efforts progressed on the northeast perimeter. Permanent and summer residences, the Blue Mountain Hot Springs Resort and recreational areas remain threatened.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) are assigned. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. The complex consists of the SALT CREEK and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. Steep, rocky terrain makes access to the Heaven's Gate fire difficult. One outbuilding has been lost. The National Recreation Area on the Oregon side remains threatened.

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 was quiet yesterday as relative humidity increased. Crews worked to limit the spread into the Powder River watershed. Threatened and endangered species of fish may be affected by this blaze. Mine shafts and explosives in the area have created safety concerns. A historic cabin and mining claims remain threatened. Four structures have been destroyed, including 2 outbuildings and 2 uninhabited cabins.

DONNEYBROOK, Oregon State. This fire is burning around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. A successful burnout operation was conducted yesterday. Retardant was used to minimize fire spread into steep, timber areas. Residences in Ashwood continue to be threatened.

RIGDON COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The fires in this complex are burning 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Fire #256 is the largest of 40+ fires in the complex. It is burning in heavy logging slash and old growth douglas fir.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. The fire is burning in the Boulder Creek Wilderness of the Diamond Peak Ranger District. The area is very rugged and access is limited.

ALDER, Fremont NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Duke) is assigned. The fire is burning 15 miles south of Silver Lake, OR. Extreme fire behavior is hampering suppression efforts.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN, Vale District BLM. This fire will be included in the Cow Hollow Complex.

BOWIE ROAD (Previously reported as AIRWAY HEIGHTS), Washington State. This fire is burning near Fairchild Air Force Base and the Spokane, WA. International Airport. Crews made good progress and containment was expected last night.

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

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	23,000	60	UNK	346	12	4	5	4	NR	NR	
WHEELER	ORS	OR	21,988	50	UNK	834	27	53	6	18	NR	735K	
COW HOLLOW	VAD	OR	23,000	60	UNK	46	0	10	1	0	NR	NR	
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	11,600	2	UNK	142	2	11	0	0	NR	329K	
RIGDON COMPLEX	WIF	OR	300	0	8/17	5	0	1	0	0	300K	NR	
SPRING	UMF	OR	200	0	UNK	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	
ALDER	FRF	OR	130	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
FLAT	LAK	OR	300	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
SLOAN'S RIDGE	WWF	OR	11,400	35	8/18	1,210	45	22	8	0	NR	2.8M	
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	45,700	50	8/17	524	16	19	8	0	NR	626K	
DONNEYBROOK	ORS	OR	103,000	NR	UNK	10	NR	2	NR	NR	NR	NR	
CEDAR MOUNTAIN	VAD	OR	2,600	0	UNK	4	0	6	1	0	NR	NR	
BOWIE ROAD	WAS	WA	3,800	90	8/13	559	21	33	3	8	650K	350K	
COYLE BUTTE	OCF	OR	230	100	----	422	16	2	0	0	NR	420K	

Northern California Large Fires:

FORKS, Mendocino NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned. The fire is burning north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. All control lines were lost on the fire yesterday afternoon. Two homes were confirmed destroyed on the southwest flank, approximately 40 remain evacuated, and an additional 40 homes are threatened. The fire now has the potential to burn 13,000 to 19,000 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORKS	MNF	CA	2,000	50	UNK	1,380	44	86	6	0	NR	1.1M	
COOKS	PNF	CA	1,260	100	---	668	26	15	2	0	NR	1.9M	

PNF = Plumas NF

Southern California Large Fires:

WOLFSKILL, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Wright) is assigned. This fire is burning in steep terrain near Banning, CA. The fire escaped control lines early yesterday afternoon, burning towards San Jacinto. Extreme fire behavior continues to hinder suppression efforts. Structure protection remains a concern.

BEAR, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Delap) is assigned. Efforts are concentrated on strengthening existing lines. The fire continues to pose a threat to structures.

TUOLUMNE COMPLEX, Tuolumne-Calaveras ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Ditullio) is assigned. This complex is located in the Red Hills area, south of Highway 108 in Tuolumne County. The complex consists 6 fires, the largest is the KEYSTONE at 7,000 acres and the BASELINE at 1,500 acres. These two fires are separated by Highway 108.

ESPERANZA COMPLEX, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, California State. The complex consists of the SUMMIT LEVEL, SHEEP RANCH and MANUAL fires which are burning in Calaveras County north of Highway 4. The Manuel fire is the top priority. Structure protection is a concern around the town of Arnold, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
WOLFSKILL	RRU	CA	6,000	50	8/14	713	25	65	4	0	NR	307K	
BEAR	TCU	CA	1,500	40	UNK	186	8	10	0	0	300K	NR	
TUOLUMNE CMPLX	TCU	CA	8,500	50	UNK	199	3	40	1	0	590K	NR	
ESPERANZA CMPLX	TCU	CA	1,800	10	UNK	465	14	44	2	0	NR	NR	

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

COYOTE, Lewis and Clark NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is burning within a logging operation 15 miles south of Monarch, MT. Minimal winds, higher humidities and lower temperatures prevented major expansion of the fire. Low fuel moistures, steep rocky terrain, heavy fuels, blow down and spotting are hampering control efforts. Showdown Ski Area, Montana power transmission lines, Watershed, West slope cutthroat trout habitat, private residences and the town of Niehart are current and anticipated threats.

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. Progress was made on Lower Willow with no growth today. Upper Willow doubled in size with runs on the north and south flanks. This area has heavy fuel loadings, steep slopes and snags. Concerns include watershed and Willow Mountain Lookout.

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. The Moose Butte fire was 100% contained 8/13 at 1900. The Little Green

Mountain fire is 50% contained. Firefighters continued to improve control lines on the Moose Butte fire. Islands of unburned fuel, spotting, and inaccessibility have hampered suppression efforts on the Green Mountain fire. The threat to the Green Mountain Lookout has been reduced.

SWET/WARRIOR COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. This complex consists of the WARRIOR'S FACE Prescribed Natural Fire (PNF) at 2000 acres, the GOAT MOUNTAIN (PNF) at 1,000 acres, and the SWET CREEK (PNF) at 15,000; all have been declared wildfires.

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 220 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
COYOTE	LCF	MT	2,600	10	8/18	250	10	5	2	0	1K	325K	
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	382	15	UNK	347	10	15	1	0	NR	292K	
MOOSE CREEK	NPF	MT	255	50	UNK	425	15	0	0	0	NR	334K	

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

TROUT CANYON, Toiyabe NF. The fire is burning through very dry dense fuels approximately 40 miles west of Las Vegas, NV. A small community of 50 year-round residences is threatened, although not directly in the fire's path at this time. Strong winds, extreme fire behavior, rough terrain, rolling materials, and thick vegetation are hampering control efforts.

LEE, Elko District, BLM. The fire is burning 30 miles southeast of Elko, NV. Currently no threats to structures exist; however, a tribal subdivision is located 1 mile to the west, the Spring Creek development is 5 miles to the north, and numerous ranch houses are a half mile away.

HUMBOLDT, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire burned rapidly through grass and heavy sage 45 miles northeast of Winnemucca, NV. A Wilderness Study Area, ranch structures on the east and south flanks, a miners camp, wild horse habitat and critical deer winter range are currently threatened. Control problems include high winds, poor access and a large perimeter.

MT. JACKSON, Toiyabe NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. Strong, gusty winds from thunderstorms created extreme fire behavior on this fire 5 miles north of Bridgeport, CA. Current threats are to a Wilderness Study Area, watershed, fishery and recreation resources.

SHOEMAKE, Elko District, BLM. The fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, NV. With pinyon-juniper and some Ponderosa Pine as fuel, extreme fire behavior was displayed. Limited access is hindering control efforts.

LITTLE VALLEY, Carson City District, BLM. The fire is located 20 miles north of Fernley, NF. Control problems include rocky terrain and strong winds.

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TROUT CANYON	TOF	NV	150	NR	8/15	55	2	1	1	NR	NR	NR
LEE	EKD	NV	800	NR	NR	162	5	15	1	NR	NR	NR
HUMBOLDT	WID	NV	18,000	0	8/18	142	3	11	1	0	NR	NR
MT. JACKSON	TOF	NV	1,000	60	8/15	199	8	2	2	0	NR	18K
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	500	NR	NR	6	0	1	0	NR	NR	NR
LITTLE VALLEY	CCD	NV	2,500	80	8/14	5	0	1	0	NR	NR	NR

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

DANIELS, Uinta NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is 9 miles southeast of Heber, UT and has necessitated the closure of U.S. Highway 40. A major travel route for recreation and commercial use may be affected. Three hundred residences 1/2 mile from the fire are threatened.

HENS PEAK, Fishlake NF. This fire is located 11 miles northeast of Loa, UT. High winds caused a flare-up on the fire yesterday. Dry, heavy timber and spotting are causing control problems. Timber sales and spruce plantations remain threatened.

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. Suppression efforts were concentrated on the areas that caused control difficulty Monday. Control lines were re-established with the aid of water drops, hose lays and retardant drops. The fire continues to burn out areas within the perimeter.

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
DANIELS	UIF	UT	400	10	UNK	103	4	5	0	0	NR	NR
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	580	75	8/18	148	6	2	2	0	15K	205K
ADELAIDE CPLX	FIF	UT	15,160	90	8/15	748	23	8	8	0	3.5M	2.8M
VIVIAN PEAK	UIF	UT	3,400	100	----	487	19	4	5	0	NR	1.1M
HONEY BOY	CCD	UT	10,477	100	----	200	8	8	3	2	NR	2.3M
QUARTZ	STF	ID	225	100	----	40	1	2	2	0	NR	NR
STONEQUARRY	BOD	ID	133	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

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) is assigned. Airtankers played a critical role in containing several slopovers and spot fires. Good progress was made yesterday on line construction. Control problems include steep terrain, falling trees, and poor road access.

SPRING CREEK, Wyoming State. This fire is burning at Guernsey State Park, 25 miles west of Torrington, WY, and is under the jurisdiction of State, Private, and BLM. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
			CTN	CTN	PERS					LOST	LOSS	C-T-D

MONCRIEF	BHF	WY	300	40	8/15	436	19	5	3	0	0	370K
SPRING CREEK	WYS	WY	6,400	0	UNK	73	11	1	NR	NR	NR	NR

Southwest Area Large Fires:

Seven fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 21,936 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL NR	CRW NR	ENG NR	HELI NR	STRC NR	EST NR	SSS C-T-D LOSS NR
POWERLINE	TCA	AZ	300	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

TCA = Truxton Canyon Agency, BIA

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

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR DRY LIGHTNING IN ***
*** NORTHEAST CALIFORNIA, WESTERN NEVADA, AND CENTRAL AND EASTERN WYOMING ***

The western U.S. will remain under the influence of strong high pressure aloft, which is centered over the desert Southwest. Sub-tropical moisture rotating around the high will continue to produce thunderstorms across much of the West. Scattered thunderstorms are forecast from central Arizona up the Sierra Nevada Mountains into eastern Oregon. More isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms are expected across the Great Basin into the Rockies. Some of these thunderstorms in the Great Basin and Rockies will be dry. High temperatures will range from the 70's to mid 80's in western Washington to near 117 in the desert Southwest, most areas will be in the 90's to just over 100.

FIRE: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	3	2			2	92	99
CA-NORTHERN		5		22	66	144	237
CA-SOUTHERN		3		3		14	20
NORTHERN	1				5	9	15
GB-EASTERN		7			1	11	19
GB-WESTERN		12			1	6	19
SOUTHWEST		1				3	4
ROCKY MTN		3			1	9	13
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							0
USA	4	33	0	25	76	288	426

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	6,001	0			3	5,326	11,330
CA-NORTHERN		2		40	36	420	498
CA-SOUTHERN		40					40
NORTHERN	60				9	283	352
GB-EASTERN		57			0	405	462
GB-WESTERN		13,341			0	272	13,613
SOUTHWEST		0				802	802
ROCKY MTN		200			100	0	300
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							0
USA	6,061	13,640	0	40	148	7,508	27,397

RESOURCE	RESOURCE		STATUS:		Committed Resources				OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	102	53	218	95	32	9	2		282	293
CA-NORTHERN	55	111	113	133	18	2	7		250	38
CA-SOUTHERN	5	46	16	146	10	13	2	6	NR	NR
NORTHERN	62		18	30	20	1			256	33
GB-EASTERN	61	2	61	3	21	4	2		589	81
GB-WESTERN	3	20	34	11	10	2			25	78
SOUTHWEST	2		14		4				12	
ROCKY MTN	30		35	22	16	3	2		157	53
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	320	232	509	440	131	34	15	6	1,571	576

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	154	223	9	18	1,273	710	2,387
CA-NORTHERN	36	44	1	16	1,687	554	2,338
CA-SOUTHERN	7	285	2	70	3,035	713	4,112
NORTHERN	664	50	46	16	318	651	1,745
GB-EASTERN	46	593		15	323	472	1,449
GB-WESTERN		528	3	47	85	155	818

SOUTHWEST	1,081	257	13	71	1,304	1,879	4,605
ROCKY MTN	735	741		44	718	499	2,737
EASTERN	244			61	11,707	334	12,346
SOUTHERN	77		103	79	45,925	1,129	47,313
USA	3,050	2,767	207	443	66,910	7,114	80,491
5 YEAR AVERAGE							55,096

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	20,263	107,436	2,348	3	30,769	90,111	250,930
CA-NORTHERN	125	1,038	0	366	12,125	10,222	23,876
CA-SOUTHERN	977	33,960	30	2,428	110,403	36,147	183,965
NORTHERN	12,217	2,961	3,054	51	31,547	16,998	66,828
GB-EASTERN	393	650,988		8,118	59,586	49,377	768,462
GB-WESTERN		143,203	602	209	2,578	10,817	157,409
SOUTHWEST	36,705	8,903	3,057	5,239	71,782	207,383	333,069
ROCKY MTN	24,880	31,065		5,896	31,149	41,146	134,136
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	97,943	1,184,976	172,728	38,114	1,788,954	522,667	3,805,382
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,683,076

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	51	49	952	17,662
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,301
ALBERTA	7	2	297	1,901
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	100	340	322,217
SASKATCHEWAN	1	1	373	12,556
MANITOBA	4	7	363	75,738
ONTARIO	4	2	1,071	453,468
QUEBEC	14	1,068	1,052	510,486
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	123	27,537
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	1	265	1,573
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	239	629
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	52	15,039
TOTALS	86	1,230	5,294	1,532,302

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

