

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Most Areas experienced increased fire activity yesterday, especially Northern California and the Northwest Areas. Initial attack resources remain scarce and the competition for national resources continues. Two Type I Incident Management Teams were ordered, one for Northern California and one for Southern California. Type II Incident Management Teams were committed in California and the Great Basin. Resource mobilization through NICC remained high.

Northwest Large Fires:

SIMNASHO, Warms Springs Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass, brush and timber 10 miles north of Warm Springs, OR. The fire made a major run yesterday, crossing Highway 26 north of the town of Warm Springs. The BIA Fire Center, north of Warm Springs was temporarily evacuated as the fire moved within 20 feet of the center. At least 5 homes have been destroyed and 80 homes are currently evacuated. The resort at Kah-nee-tah remains threatened but has not been evacuated. Suppression efforts are hampered by terrain.

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 resources are assisting with initial attack on the forest. Permanent and summer residences, the Blue Mountain Hot Springs Resort and recreational areas remain threatened.

COW HOLLOW COMPLEX, Vale District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (McDonald) is assigned. The fire is burning in brush and grass 8 miles south of Vale, OR. The fire continues to make runs and some structures continue to be threatened. Dry fuels are the major control problem. The community of Vale, OR. is no longer 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. Heavy rain on Tuesday helped with suppression efforts. Blasters from Oregon Department of Forestry continue to build line with fire line explosives. Crews are also assisting with initial attack on new lightning starts.

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. The Salt Creek Fire continues to move northward, with some movement to the south. Crews are stationed at Dorance Cow Camp and Tryon Ranch for protection of these areas. On Heaven's Gate, crews are working at keeping the fire out of the Salmon River drainage.

WHEELER, Oregon State. A State Incident Management Team (Hunt) is assigned. The fire is burning near Spray, OR., 15 miles southwest of Heppener, OR. A major threat to the community of Spray continues. Some mop-up has begun in key areas of the fire. DONNEYBROOK, Oregon State. This fire is burning around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. Rural and volunteer units have been working the fire. Burn-out operations have been successful. Residences in Ashwood continue to be threatened.

BARTLETT MTN., Burns District, BLM. The fire is burning south of Drewesy, OR. There are scattered ranches in the area, but they are not threatened at this time. Precipitation from passing cells kept fire behavior at a moderate level.

BULL, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Curtsey) is assigned. The fire is burning near the lookout at Desolation Butte on the edge of the North Fork of the John Day Wilderness, 20 miles southeast of Ukiah, OR. A lookout and repeater are threatened.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX (formerly reported as 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. Fourteen fires in the complex are staffed, with the remaining fires being monitored. Current threats are to major communication and lookout towers, private timber land, late successional reserves and threatened and endangered species.

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. No additional information has been received.

ALDER RIDGE, Fremont NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Duke) is assigned. The fire is burning 15 miles south of Silver Lake, OR. The fire made a major run yesterday resulting in the evacuation of Thompson Reservoir. Powerlines, campground structures and threatened and endangered fish habitat are threatened.

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

Northern California Large Fires:

ROCK, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type II incident Management Team has been ordered. The fire is located approximately 40 airmiles southwest of Redding, CA. Inaccessability to the fire is hampering containment efforts.

FORK, Mendocino NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned. The fire is burning north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Extreme fire behavior resulted in burning over of High Glade Lookout. The lookout was safely evacuated well before the burn over. Approximately 40 homes remain evacuated with an additional 40 homes are threatened.

ALTUNA, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. The fire is located about 40 miles north of Redding, CA. Good progress was made yesterday constructing dozer line. Terrain, winds, and access are hampering containment efforts.

HORSE, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Loving) has been ordered. The fire is located on the Shasta and Siskiyou county line. The fire is actively burning in grass and brush. No other information was available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS LOST LOSS	C-T-D
ROCK	SHF	CA	1,000	NR	UNK	25	1	1	2	NR	NR	NR	
FORK	MNF	CA	7,500	25	UNK	1,703	22	18	7	2	NR	2.4M	
ALTUNA	SHF	CA	100	NR	UNK			3	3	0	NR	NR	
HORSE	SHF	CA	150	NR	UNK		NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

Southern California Large Fires:

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Benson) is assigned. Numerous structures in the community of Three Rivers and Park residences are threatened and have been evacuated. A National Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) has been ordered.

ROGGE, Stanislaus NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. The fire is burning in the Tuolumne River drainage near the community of Pine Mountain Lake. Rapid downhill spread was experienced yesterday afternoon. Concerns are that the fire will jump the Tuolumne River and become a threat to Pine Mountain Lake.

AKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. This complex consists of the ACKERSON, MIGUEL, MATHER, POOPENAUT and GRAVEL fires. Structures, historic structures, camps and a telecommunications facility are currently threatened. Heavy fuels and steep terrain are hampering control efforts.

The 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 again yesterday, pushing the containment date back to this evening.

TUOLUMNE COMPLEX. A State Type I Incident Management Team is assigned. All fires in the complex are contained except the Keystone and Baseline. No other information was reported.

ESPERANZA COMPLEX, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Ditullia) is assigned. The complex is made up of 16 fires, all but the Rimrock are contained. Good progress is being made towards containment.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	1,000	5	UNK	263	7	34	2	1	NR	NR	
ROGGE	STF	CA		NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
AKERSON COMPLEX	YNP	CA	340	10	UNK	135	4	3	2	0	NR	62K	
WOLFSKILL	RRU	CA	8,420	80	8/15	1,039	32	75	4	0	NR	939K	
BEAR	TCU	CA	1,250	100	----	125	6	0	1	0	300K	NR	
TUOLUMNE CMPLX	TCU	CA	10,300	90	UNK	199	3	40	1	0	450K	NR	
ESPERANZA CMPLX	TCU	CA	3,150	80	8/14	1,150	34	96	0	0	NR	1.2M	
BURKE	KRN	CA	100	30	----	88	4	0	0	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. Good progress was made as weather moderated and resources arrived. A structure protection plan has been completed for the town of Neihart as well as residences in O'Brien and Johnson Creeks. No structures have been destroyed, however logging equipment was destroyed during the initial run on Monday. Threats remain to Showdown Ski Area, Montana power transmission lines, Watershed, West slope cutthroat trout habitat, private residences, the town of Niehart and an experimental forest.

WILLOW CREEK COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. Good progress was made on both fires in the complex. Crews began mop-up inside control lines and burnout of unburned portions on the Lower Willow fire. Firefighters completed a burnout in an existing cutting unit on the west flank of the Upper Willow fire. One division is unstaffed due to safety concerns and potential for growth to the east. The threat to Willow Mountain Lookout and residences has been reduced. Steep slopes, unburned fuels, multiple spots and heavy fuel loading are the most critical problems.

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. Crews on the Moose Butte fire continue mop-up and patrol for spots. Infrared did not indicate significant spots outside of the perimeter. Crews on the Little Green Mountain continue to hold and improve lines and have began mop-up. Crews are gridding and patrolling for spots, as infrared indicated spots more than 1/4 mile outside of the perimeter.

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Prescribed fire Team is assigned. Declaration as wildfires resulted from the inability to validate availability of contingency resources.

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 220 acres.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
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NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
COYOTE	LCF	MT	3,200	40	UNK	635	18	13	2	0	NR	576K
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	410	20	UNK	482	14	20	2	0	NR	576K
MOOSE BUTTE CPX	NPF	MT	225	75	8/16	363	11	0	3	0	NR	474K
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	28,000	0	UNK	9	1	1	0	0	NR	NR

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

GOLD QUARRY COMPLEX, Elko District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) has been ordered. The complex consists of the TUNNEL and SUSIE CREEK fires.

JERSEY, Battle Mountain District, BLM. The fire is located 50 miles southwest of Battle Mountain, NV. The current threat is to a historic building, a ranch, and a microwave communications site. Resources threatened include riparian habitat, critical summer and winter deer range, grazing allotments and private property. Limited access in steep terrain along with strong, gusty winds are hampering control efforts.

HUMBOLDT, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire is located 45 miles northeast of Winnemucca, NV. Gusty winds caused flare-ups in pockets of unburned fuel. Current threats are to ranches, mines, a mining exploration camp (valued at a \$500,000), Big Horn Sheep habitat and critical deer winter range. There is also a potential threat to the town of Midas, where structural protection units are in place.

TROUT CANYON, Toiyabe NF. The fire is burning 40 miles west of Las Vegas, NV. Decreased winds allowed crews to make good progress yesterday. Potential threats to the community of Trout have lessened, although several spot fires remain outside of the perimeter.

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. The fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, NV. The fire continued to burn actively, threatening critical deer winter range and Desert Tortoise. Control problems include steep terrain, poor access and extreme fire behavior.

MT. JACKSON, Toiyabe NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. The fire is 5 miles north of Bridgeport, CA. Lower temperatures and higher humidities aided suppression efforts yesterday.

WOOTER, Winnemucca District, BLM. The fire is located 70 miles northwest of Winnemucca, NV. Current threats are to Big Horn Sheep habitat and a historic mining site. Steep terrain is hindering control efforts.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
GOLD QUARRY CPX	EKD	NV	1,000	UNK	8/17	77	1	9	0	0	NR	NR
JERSEY	BMD	NV	1,300	10	UNK	11	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
HUMBOLDT	WID	NV	18,800	65	8/16	211	5	13	2	0	NR	203K
TROUT CANYON	TOF	NV	150	85	8/15	125	5	0	3	0	5K	40K
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	10,500	0	8/21	6	0	1	1	0	NR	15K
MT. JACKSON	TOF	NV	1,000	95	8/14	205	10	2	3	0	NR	414K
WOOTER	WID	NV	120	15	8/15	21	1	2	0	0	NR	NR
LEE	ELD	NV	1,380	100	----	94	4	4	0	0	NR	NR
LITTLE VALLEY	CCD	NV	2,500	100	----	5	0	1	0	0	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. Good progress was made yesterday. Control problems continue to be steep terrain and thunderstorms.

LIME KILN #3, Caribou NF. The fire is located 4 miles northwest of Malad, ID., threatening grain fields and structures. Steep terrain and hot weather are hampering control efforts.

HENS PEAK, Fishlake NF. This fire is located 11 miles northeast of Loa, UT. Good progress was made yesterday with work continuing on hot spots. 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. No new information was received.

HOT SPRINGS, Boise District, BLM. The fire is burning on rangelands 14 miles southwest of Glenns Ferry, ID. Control problems are not anticipated at this time. BASE, Boise District, BLM. This fire is located 9 miles northwest of Mountain Home, ID., threatening numerous structures and private improvements.

BOULTER, Richfield District, BLM. This fire is located 7 miles west of Eureka, UT. Good progress was made yesterday.

TUANNA GULCH, Boise District, BLM. The fire is burning in grass and sage 13 miles west of Gooding, ID. Some precipitation was received on the fire yesterday. Control problems are not anticipated at this time.

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

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
DANIELS	UIF	UT	485	80	8/15	443	18	0	3	0	NR	376K	
LIME KILN #3	CAF	ID	1,000	70	8/15	75	1	10	1	0	NR	NR	
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	580	75	8/18	148	6	2	1	0	15K	275K	
ADELAIDE CPLX	FIF	UT	15,160	98	8/15	734	22	8	9	0	3.5M	3.2M	
HOT SPRINGS	BOD	ID	500	25	8/15	19	0	4	0	0	NR	NR	
BASE	BOD	ID	2,000	80	8/15	25	1	4	1	0	NR	NR	
TUANNA GULCH	BOD	ID	400	40	8/15	19	0	2	0	0	NR	NR	
ALKALI CREEK	BOD	ID	300	100	----	20	0	5	0	0	NR	NR	
PROSPECT	BOD	ID	2,500	100	----	42	0	9	1	0	NR	NR	
INDIAN CREEK	BOD	ID	3,500	100	----	24	0	5	1	0	NR	NR	
COTTONWOOD	BOD	ID	2,000	100	----	30	0	6	0	0	NR	NR	
PETERSON	BOD	ID	800	100	----	39	1	4	1	0	NR	NR	
BOULTER	UTS	UT	1,000	100	----	65	2	5	0	0	NR	22K	

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

SUGAR LOAF, Rock Springs District, BLM. The fire is burning in sage and pinyon-juniper. A ranch is threatened.

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.

MONCRIEFFE, Big Horn NF. This fire is burning 3 miles from Story, WY. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hawkins) is assigned. Demobilization has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SUGAR LOAF	RSD	WY	300	5	UNK	15	0	7	1	0	NR	NR	
SPRING CREEK	WYS	WY	6,400	80	8/14	47	2	9	1	NR	NR	NR	
MONCRIEFFE	BHF	WY	300	80	8/15	476	20	7	3	0	0	NR	
MURPHY RIDGE	MBF	WY	7,493	100	---	487	11	22	3	6	517K	3.0M	

Southwest Area Large Fires:

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

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	LOSS	SSS C-T-D
POWERLINE	TCA	AZ	300	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	15K	

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 EASTERN NEVADA, WESTERN UTAH AND THE UTAH MOUNTAINS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR GUSTY WINDS, ***
*** LOW HUMIDITY AND INCREASED LIGHTNING IN EASTERN MONTANA ***

Strong high pressure aloft will remain centered over the Great Basin and desert Southwest. Circulation about the high continues to pump moist and unstable sub-tropical air into much of the West. Widely scattered thunderstorms are forecast for the Great Basin with some of them dry in eastern Nevada and Utah. Scattered wet thunderstorms are forecast for the central and southern Rockies and the desert Southwest. A drier more stable westerly flow of air will move into California and Oregon. A Pacific Cold Front will bring cooler temperatures and a few coastal showers to western Washington. High temperatures will range from the mid 60's and 70's in western Washington to 110 in the desert Southwest, most areas will be in the mid 80's to near 100.

Fires: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			1				1
NORTHWEST	60	26			4	168	268
CA-NORTHERN					58	115	173
CA-SOUTHERN		5		13	33	36	87
NORTHERN	4				10	19	33
GB-EASTERN	1	26		2	4	14	47
GB-WESTERN		30			2	7	39
SOUTHWEST		2			2	12	16
ROCKY MTN	1	18		3	6	18	46
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN					1		1
USA	66	107	1	18	120	389	701

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

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AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			0				0
NORTHWEST	40,060	2,500			1	2,429	44,990
CA-NORTHERN					275	973	1,248
CA-SOUTHERN		3,119		55	8,166	511	11,851
NORTHERN	293				1	28	322
GB-EASTERN	1	12,477		0	2	1,155	13,635
GB-WESTERN		14,113			1	15	14,129
SOUTHWEST		0			3	13	16
ROCKY MTN	50	315		1	1	55	422
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN					1		1
USA	40,404	32,524	0	56	8,451	5,179	86,614

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

USA	341	166	533	336	104	23	18	9	1,754	651
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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	31	6	535	18	642			
NORTHWEST	154	249	8	18	1,276	728	2,433			
CA-NORTHERN	36	47	1	16	1,745	631	2,476			
CA-SOUTHERN	7	290	2	83	3,090	760	4,232			
NORTHERN	665	50	46	16	327	669	1,773			
GB-EASTERN	47	681		17	348	485	1,578			
GB-WESTERN		558	3	47	87	162	857			
SOUTHWEST	1,081	259	13	71	1,396	1,891	4,711			
ROCKY MTN	736	754		45	725	511	2,771			
EASTERN	244			61	11,707	334	12,346			
SOUTHERN	77		103	79	45,926	1,129	47,314			
USA	3,053	2,934	207	459	67,162	7,318	81,133			
5 YEAR AVERAGE										
55,547										

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	80,263	109,936	1,548	3	26,970	88,306	307,026			
CA-NORTHERN	125	1,049	0	366	12,400	9,496	23,436			
CA-SOUTHERN	977	33,960	30	2,488	116,089	36,661	190,225			
NORTHERN	12,257	2,961	3,054	51	31,548	47,526	97,397			
GB-EASTERN	394	664,322		8,118	59,732	81,294	813,860			
GB-WESTERN		157,316	602	209	2,579	10,832	171,538			
SOUTHWEST	36,705	8,903	3,057	5,239	72,547	207,397	333,848			
ROCKY MTN	24,059	31,051		5,897	31,150	41,085	133,242			
EASTERN	566			533	153,989	18,420	173,508			
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,076	10,892	1,027,923	41,878	1,112,550			
USA	157,163	1,214,920	171,928	38,175	1,792,031	583,063	3,957,280			
5 YEAR AVERAGE										
1,706,178										

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE	
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BRITISH COLUMBIA	24	30	976	17,692
YUKON TERRITORY	0	50	144	93,351
ALBERTA	3	61	300	1,962
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	21,503	340	343,720
SASKATCHEWAN	0	21	374	12,577
MANITOBA	1	0	364	75,738
ONTARIO	2	1	1,075	453,469
QUEBEC	4	0	1,056	509,827
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	124	27,537
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	267	1,573
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	240	629
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	2	6	54	15,045
TOTALS	40	21,672	5,337	1,553,315

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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