

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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CURRENT SITUATION: Fire activity remained steady throughout the western United States. A Type I Incident Management Team was mobilized within the Southern California Area. Good progress toward containment was made on many large fires in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Mobilization of resources through NICC remain high.

Southern California Large Fires:

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Benson) is transitioning with a National Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan). Approximately 2,560 acres of Sequoia Kings NP land has burned. Park Service residences at Ash Mountain have been evacuated. A pump house was destroyed, and a portion of the Southern California Edison Company flume was burned. High temperatures and steep terrain have hindered containment objectives.

FIFTY-EIGHT, San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is 5 miles east of Santa Margarita, CA along Highway 58. Numerous homes within the fire perimeter are threatened, no confirmed losses have been reported. Extreme fire behavior and rugged terrain have created control problems. Current threats include ranches, scattered residences and watershed.

ROGGE, Stanislaus NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) has been ordered. The fire is burning in the Tuolumne River drainage near the community of Pine Mountain Lake. The fire made strong runs along the Tuolumne River. Structure protection for the Rogge Ranch is in place. Control problems include extreme temperatures and rugged terrain.

CABAZON, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is near Cabazon, CA. The community of Twin Pines is under voluntary evacuation. Structures along Twin Pines Ranch Road are threatened. Two travel trailers were destroyed. Highways 79 and 243 are closed in both directions.

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. Suppression efforts were aided by favorable west winds. Islands of unburned fuel within containment lines continue to burn actively.

AKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Byrd) is assigned. The complex consists of thirteen fires burning along the Yosemite NP and Stanislaus NF border.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	3,300	35	UNK	911	25	88	4	1	NR	NR
FIFTY-EIGHT	SLU	CA	6,000	0	UNK	134	2	32	0	0	NR	NR

ROGGE	STF	CA	3,000	0	UNK	150	6	0	1	0	NR	NR
CABAZON	RRU	CA	600	0	8/15	65	2	10	0	0	NR	NR
WOLFSKILL	RRU	CA	13,197	50	UNK	1,039	32	75	4	0	NR	939K
AKERSON COMPLEX	YNP	CA	3,000	3	UNK	280	7	13	2	0	NR	62K
TUOLUMNE CMPLX	TCU	CA	10,300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	450K	NR
ESPERANZA CMPLX	TCU	CA	3,150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	1.2M

Northwest Large Fires:

SIMNASHO, Warm 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. A large burnout operation was underway west of the Deschutes River to Kan-nee-ta. All burnout lines were holding last evening. The fire is estimated at 95,000 acres with the total acreage expected to be 125,000 acres.

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. Crews are being transported to inaccessible fires by Southern Pacific Railroad. Threats are to a Bonneville Power Authority switching site, 7,000 acres of private forest and the Warner Mountain Lookout. Spotting and torching was hampering suppression efforts yesterday afternoon.

BULL, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) 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. Airtankers were released after having little effect.

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 runs to the east yesterday. Thompson Reservoir campground and a Bonneville Power Authority relay station are currently threatened.

WILDCAT, Malheur NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. Windy conditions have increased fire activity, slowing line production. Permanent and summer residences are threatened and a contingency plan for evacuations is in place, however, this is not anticipated at this time.

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, threatening some structures.

SLOAN'S RIDGE, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Payne) is assigned. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. The fire is burning in subalpine fir and lodgepole 12 miles northwest of Sumpter, OR. Mop-up is in progress with some demobilization planned. Blasters from Oregon Department of Forestry continue to build line with fire line explosives.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the SALT CREEK, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. 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. Crews continued to work hot spots. Steep terrain, rolling rocks, snags and poor visibility are causing

control problems.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. This fire is burning in heavy fuels, both standing and dead, 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. The fire burned actively yesterday, making rapid runs and spotting. WHEELER, Oregon State. A State Incident Management Team (Hunt) is assigned. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with the Forest Service. The fire is burning near Spray, OR., 15 miles southwest of Heppener, OR. The threat of the fire escaping remains due to hot and dry conditions. Heavy timber and snags by control lines are hampering suppression efforts.

DONNEYBROOK, Oregon State. This fire is burning around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. Rural and volunteer units are working the fire.

BARTLETT MTN., Burns District, BLM. The fire is burning south of Drewes, OR.

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 fire is burning in heavy fuels in very rugged terrain where access is limited.

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
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	95,000	40	8/20	1,274	39	49	7	7	NR	NR
SOUTH ZONE	WIF	OR	1,500	0	8/21	543	18	15	1	0	0	480K
BULL	UMF	OR	2,000	NR	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ALDER RIDGE	FRF	OR	100	0	UNK	NR	NR	4	1	NR	NR	NR
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,030	25	UNK	478	11	21	4	0	NR	1.4M
COW HOLLOW	VAD	OR	NR	NR	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SLOAN'S RIDGE	WWF	OR	10,416	80	8/16	1,116	36	16	7	0	NR	4.5M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	46,655	50	8/18	763	25	11	9	0	NR	1.8M
TOWER	UMF	OR	100	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
WHEELER	ORS	OR	12,000	90	8/17	947	27	59	7	17	NR	1.9M
DONNEYBROOK	ORS	OR	NR	NR	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BARTLETT MTN	BUD	OR	1,800	50	8/15	20	0	4	1	0	NR	NR
SPRING	UPF	OR	450	5	8/30	148	1	3	1	0	NR	150K
SUMMIT	UMF	OR	300	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TOWER	UMF	OR	100	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NORTH UPMQUA	UPF	OR	240	10	8/21	182	4	16	3	0	700	1.5M
TILLER	UPF	OR	120	90	8/16	129	6	4	0	0	1.3M	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

FORK, Mendocino NF. Type I Incident Management Teams (Kohut & Loving) are assigned. The fire is burning north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Extreme fire behavior was experienced on the fire again yesterday. Approximately 40 homes remain evacuated with an additional 40 homes threatened.

ROCK, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type II incident Management Team is assigned. The fire is located approximately 40 miles southwest of Redding, CA. The

fire is burning within the confines of the 1988 Hermit fire. Excessive fuel loading and snags are safety concerns and control problems. Northern spotted owl habitat, steelhead fisheries and key watershed are current threats.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORK	MNF	CA	15,000	20	8/20	1,782	50	81	7	3	NR	NR
ROCK	SHF	CA	800	5	UNK	210	8	6	4	0	NR	NR
ALTUNA	SHF	CA	100	100	----	143	5	8	2	0	NR	NR
HORSE	SHF	CA	150	100	----	154	6	9	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 15 miles south of Monarch, MT. Good progress continued on line construction. High winds and thunders cells over the fire increased fire activity yesterday, however, no significant growth occurred. Structural protection is in place and functional for the town of Niehart and residences in O'Brien and Johnson Creek. Major concerns are heavy fuels, strong winds, snags, torching and spotting.

WILLOW CREEK COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. Good progress continued to be made on the complex. Heavy fuels, steep slopes and snags will slow crews as they move into unstaffed divisions. No threat to Willow Mountain Lookout or residences is anticipated.

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 is controlled and the Little Green Mountain fire is 85% contained. No other information was reported.

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Modified Type II Incident Management Team is assigned. No other information was reported.

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
COYOTE	LCF	MT	3,200	65	8/19	882	25	25	2	0	1M	808K
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	410	30	UNK	518	15	23	2	0	NR	725K
MOOSE BUTTE CPX	NPF	MT	225	85	8/16	356	11	0	3	0	NR	575K
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	28,000	0	UNK	34	0	1	0	1	NR	5K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

GOLD QUARRY COMPLEX, Elko District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The complex consists of the GOLD QUARRY, TUNNEL and SUSIE CREEK fires. Extreme fire behavior was observed on the Tunnel and Susie Creek fires. Inaccessibility and steep terrain are hindering containment objectives. Current threats include private property, airway beacons, Susie Creek riparian area, and wildlife winter range. Visibility along Interstate 80 has also created problems.

JERSEY, Battle Mountain District, BLM. The fire is located 50 miles southwest of Battle Mountain, NV. Air support helped keep the fire within the control lines, as it made significant runs through grass and sage. Current threats include a ranch house, outbuildings, a microwave communications site, wildlife habitat, and a wilderness study area.

HUMBOLDT, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire is located 45 miles northeast of Winnemucca, NV. Low humidities and shifting winds caused flare-ups in pockets of fuel. Big Horn sheep and endangered cutthroat trout habitat are threatened. Current concerns include a mining exploration camp, ranches, and wildlife winter range. The potential threat to the town of Midas, NV has decreased. SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. The fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, NV. Extreme fire behavior caused a significant gain in acreage. Good progress was made toward containment objectives yesterday. Difficult terrain and poor access are causing control problems. Wildlife habitat and uninhabited recreational and commercial structures are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
GOLD QUARRY CPX	EKD	NV	11,500	40	8/16	194	7	4	1	0	NR	100K
JERSEY	BMD	NV	1,300	40	8/16	84	3	0	1	0	NR	NR
HUMBOLDT	WID	NV	18,800	85	8/16	248	6	11	2	0	NR	204K
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	17,000	30	8/21	6	0	1	1	0	NR	15K
TROUT CANYON	TOF	NV	150	100	---	102	5	2	3	0	5K	90K
MT. JACKSON	TOF	NV	1,000	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	414K
WOOTER	WID	NV	120	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

HENS PEAK, Fishlake NF. This fire is located 11 miles northeast of Loa, UT. The fire was fairly quiet today with no new major runs. Mop up continued inside the line with crews burning out interior unburned islands that posed a threat. Timber sales and spruce plantations are still 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 ADALAIDE and DOG MOUNTAIN fires. Crews were using local water sources to mop up critical areas along the fire perimeter at Big Cottonwood Canyon, the west fork of Corn Creek, and in Hell Hole Canyon.

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
LIME KILN #3	CAF	ID	1,000	100	8/15	15	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	580	85	8/18	138	6	2	1	0	15K	335K
ADELAIDE CPLX	FIF	UT	15,160	100	8/15	665	19	8	9	0	3.5M	3.6M
HONEY BOY	CCD	UT	10,477	100	8/15	30	1	2	1	2	NR	2.3M

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

SUGAR LOAF, Rock Springs District, BLM. The fire is burning in sage and pinyon-juniper. A threatened ranch is no longer in danger.

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	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SUGAR LOAF	RSD	WY	300	90	8/15	4	0	2	0	0	0	NR
SPRING CREEK	WYS	WY	6,400	80	8/14	47	2	9	1	0	0	NR
MONCRIEFFE	BHF	WY	300	100	----	349	14	7	2	0	0	NR

Southern Area Large Fires:

DAVID BARROW, Florida State. This fire is burning in a marshy area surrounded by water. No problems are anticipated.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
DAVID BARROW	FLS	FL	10,000	0	---	2	0	0	1	0	NR	NR

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

OUTLOOK:

Strong high pressure aloft will weaken and shift east today as a weather disturbance moves into southwest Canada. This system will push a dry cold front across the Cascades of Washington and Oregon with windy conditions developing in eastern Washington and eastern Oregon. Cooler and more humid air will move into areas west of the Cascades. Monsoon moisture will be pushed south and east resulting in widely scattered thunderstorms for the southern Rockies and desert Southwest. High temperatures will range from the 60's and 70's in western Washington to 115 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							0
NORTHWEST		29	1		17	75	122
CA-NORTHERN	1				53	20	73
CA-SOUTHERN				2	27	8	37
NORTHERN	1	7			9	62	79
GB-EASTERN	1	9			3	18	31
GB-WESTERN		28				7	35
SOUTHWEST	3		1			22	26

ROCKY MTN	3	7		1	7	12	30
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					6		6
USA	9	80	2	3	123	224	439

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	3,100	380	1		75	3,849	7,405
CA-NORTHERN					298	884	1,182
CA-SOUTHERN				3,940	3,678	5,500	13,118
NORTHERN	4	331			1	36	372
GB-EASTERN	1	1,199			1,601	62	2,863
GB-WESTERN		12,591				35	12,626
SOUTHWEST	4		100			269	373
ROCKY MTN	43	52		3	33	1	132
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					33		33
USA	3,152	14,553	101	3,943	5,719	10,636	38,104

RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	142	17	265	2	28	5	2		745	16
CA-NORTHERN	23	97	91	80	14	2	7		255	46
CA-SOUTHERN	65	61	40	161	14	11	4	10	161	159
NORTHERN	64		57		10				323	5
GB-EASTERN	48	3	74	5	19	5	1		528	80
GB-WESTERN	18	18			15	1			187	
SOUTHWEST	7		3	2	1				12	
ROCKY MTN	25		33		11		3		22	
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	417	196	563	250	98	24	17	10	2,233	2,233

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	37	49	1	16	1,798	668	2,569
CA-SOUTHERN	7	290	2	245	3,117	757	4,418
NORTHERN	670	50	46	16	345	734	1,861
GB-EASTERN	48	690		17	351	505	1,611
GB-WESTERN		600	3	47	87	172	909
SOUTHWEST	1,082	259	14	71	1,402	1,920	4,748
ROCKY MTN	739	758		46	729	520	2,792
EASTERN	244			61	11,707	334	12,346
SOUTHERN	77		106	73	45,926	1,129	48,091
USA	3,064	2,991	211	616	67,273	7,485	81,640
5 YEAR AVERAGE							55,702

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	1,449		366	12,698	9,496	39,168
CA-SOUTHERN	997	33,960	30	6,248	119,767	42,206	203,208
NORTHERN	12,278	2,961	3,054	132	31,550	48,565	98,540
GB-EASTERN	395	665,521		8,118	61,134	81,359	816,527
GB-WESTERN		161,611	602	209	2,579	11,098	176,099
SOUTHWEST	36,706	8,903	3,157	5,239	72,547	207,706	334,258
ROCKY MTN	24,102	31,068		5,898	31,150	41,369	133,587
EASTERN	566			533	153,989	18,420	173,508
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,027,923	41,878	1,114,436
USA	157,229	1,220,831	172,036	43,895	1,797,411	605,605	3,997,007
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,762,033

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	32	21	1,008	17,713
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	15	6	316	1,968
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	0	344	342,844
SASKATCHEWAN	1	159	375	12,736
MANITOBA	6	24	370	75,762
ONTARIO	4	1	1,079	453,470
QUEBEC	6	15	1,062	509,842
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	3	124	27,540
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	1	269	1,574
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	242	629
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195

NATIONAL PARKS		12	0	66	15,045
TOTALS		82	230	5,422	1,552,669

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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