

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1996 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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CURRENT SITUATION: Moderate initial attack activity was reported throughout the western United States. Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized within the Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Southern California Areas. An Area Command Team was ordered for the Northern California Area. Training for the 4th Engineer Battalion begins today at Fort Carson, CO. Deployment to the Fork fire in Northern California is scheduled for tomorrow.

Southern California Large Fires:

ROGGE, Stanislaus NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with California State. The fire is burning in the Tuolumne River drainage south of Highway 108. A 100-200 acre spot fire on the north flank jumped the Tuolumne River yesterday. A potential threat to structures in Tuolumne City, Apple Colony, Miwuk, and Groveland exists. Crews made excellent progress on line construction along the south perimeter.

HWY. FIFTY-EIGHT, San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Bates) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) are assigned. The incident is being suppressed under Unified Command. This fire is 5 miles east of Santa Margarita, CA. Rapid rate of spread through 70 year old brush made suppression efforts difficult. Current size estimate is 50,000+ acres. Accurate mapping was difficult due to intense fire activity. The blaze has moved south of the Machesna Mountain Wilderness.

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. A Type I (Dague) and Type II (Byrd) Incident Management Teams are assigned. The complex consists of the ACKERSON, POOP/NAUT, BIG CREEK, and MIGUEL fires. All fires burned actively yesterday. A closure of the Camp Mather recreational site is still in effect.

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. Steep terrain and limited access are hindering control efforts.

TRIMMER, Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is east of Pine Flat Lake. Burnout operations were conducted yesterday. Two major powerlines are threatened.

CHALOLO, Sequoia NF. The fire is burning on the Tule Indian Reservation, east of Springville, CA. Five starts in this area were reported. Three fires are actively burning two were contained.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ROGGE	STF	CA	15,500	43	UNK	489	15	36	9	0	NR	NR
HWY FIFTY-EIGHT	SLU	CA	50,000	35	UNK	1,635	63	85	7	2	NR	NR

ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	9,840	10	UNK	881	35	44	7	0	NR	NR
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	4,116	65	UNK	1,201	41	86	0	1	100K	449K
TRIMMER	FKU	CA	2,500	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CHALOLO	SQF	CA	300	40	8/19	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CABAZON	RRU	CA	802	100	---	596	25	38	1	0	NR	720K
WOLFSKILL	RRU	CA	12,395	100	---	504	12	34	1	0	NR	2.6M
PARK	TUU	CA	610	100	---	109	3	24	5	0	NR	NR
BEAR	TCU	CA	1,450	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

#### Northwest Large Fires:

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The BULL, SUMMIT, ROCKY, and #104 fires comprise this complex. The Rocky and Summit fires have burned together. A recreation site at Ben Harrison Peak, Desolation Butte lookout and repeater, Donaldson mine structures and the Wooden pipeline remain threatened.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. The Tower fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. Burnout operations on the northeast portion of the fire were successful. Crews continue constructing control lines. Current threats are to the Tower Mtn. lookout and private land.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The 40 fires in this complex are burning 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Steep terrain and inaccessibility have hindered containment objectives. Seven thousand acres of Seneca timber lands and endangered species are threatened.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is committed. The fire is burning in the Boulder Creek Wilderness, near Toketee Falls, OR. Fire activity moderated yesterday, allowing crews to make good progress on line construction. Steep terrain and heavy fuels are slowing control efforts. Powerlines, private property, and endangered species habitat are threatened.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. Firefighters made good progress toward containment objectives. Watershed and endangered species habitat are threatened.

WILDCAT COMPLEX, 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. The Wildcat and Graham fires are included in this complex.

SIMNASHO, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, brush and timber 10 miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Burnout operations on the northeast flank were completed. Another burnout is planned for islands of unburned fuels within the control lines.

ALDER RIDGE, Fremont NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Duke) is assigned. The fire is burning 15 miles south of Silver Lake, OR. Additional resources have aided in control efforts. Private land, recreational structures, a power relay station, wildlife habitat, and commercial forest remain threatened.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is assigned. The complex includes the SALT CREEK, DAM, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. Favorable weather conditions moderated fire activity on all portions of the Sheep Creek fire, except the south flank. The Salt Creek and Heaven's Gate fires are contained.

OCHOCO COMPLEX, Ochoco NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. The COYLE, GREEN MTN, HAMILTON, CHAPMAN SPRINGS, CORNER CREEK, and LOOKOUT fires are included in this complex. The fires will be turned over to the Districts today. INDIAN POINT, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McDonald) is assigned. Favorable weather conditions moderated fire activity. Firefighters continue to achieve containment goals.

HOG VALLEY, Oregon State. The fire is near the community of Union, OR. No new information available.

DONNEYBROOK, Oregon State. The fire is burning around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. No new information has been received for several days. This will be the last report unless new information becomes available.

One fire is in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 1,500 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	4,750	15	UNK	561	21	15	1	0	NR	500K
TOWER	UMF	OR	2,400	10	UNK	523	18	26	3	0	NR	290K
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	2,700	20	8/25	909	24	45	3	0	0	2.0M
SPRING	UPF	OR	2,030	49	8/30	356	9	10	0	0	NR	585K
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	358	85	8/21	377	14	12	1	0	750	430K
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,260	45	8/25	1,054	32	72	5	0	NR	3.3M
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	120,000	90	8/20	1,312	35	94	7	10	NR	3.2M
ALDER RIDGE	FRF	OR	3,547	50	8/20	107	11	21	3	NR	NR	1M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	56,125	0	8/22	679	21	11	7	0	NR	2.7M
OCHOCO COMPLEX	UMF	OR	1,170	99	8/18	341	13	0	2	0	NR	759K
INDIAN POINT	WWF	OR	60	90	8/19	223	7	0	0	0	NR	100K
HOG VALLEY	ODF	OR	350	20	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
DONNEYBROOK	ORS	OR	94,000	0	10/31	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SLOAN'S RIDGE	WWF	OR	10,556	100	---	559	15	5	5	0	NR	5.8M
BARTLETT MTN	BUD	OR	2,050	100	---	20	0	4	1	0	NR	NR
JONES FLAT	BUD	OR	1,050	100	---	22	0	5	1	0	NR	NR

#### Northern California Large Fires:

FORK, Mendocino NF. An Area Command Team (Mann) has been ordered. Two Type I Incident Management Teams (Kohut & Loving) are assigned. The fire is located north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Strong winds continued to cause control problems. Some progress was accomplished with dozer lines. The potential exists for the fire to reach 100,000 acres. A mandatory evacuation is still in effect for 40 homes near this fire.

BUTCHER, Shasta-Trinity NF. This fire is burning near McCloud, CA. Major powerlines less than 2 miles from the fire and private land within a

mile are currently threatened. Good efforts by suppression forces have been encouraging, allowing a containment date to be projected.

DIXIE, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit. The fire is about 36 miles northeast of Susanville, CA. It is burning on State, UFSF, BLM and private land. Dozers continue to make good progress on line construction.

ROCK, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. The fire is located 40 miles southwest of Redding, CA. Fire activity moderated allowing suppression forces to make good progress towards containment objectives. Use of a heavy helicopter has significantly contributed to containment efforts. Spike camps have been established.

EAST FORK, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is near Weed, CA. Some progress was made but rolling material and winds continue to hamper containment efforts.

MORRIS, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is located in an inaccessible area. Rolling material is hindering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORK	MNF	CA	69,000	15	UNK	2,544	55	161	8	3	NR	NR
BUTCHER	SHF	CA	380	60	8/20	783	25	27	3	0	2M	NR
DIXIE	LMU	CA	1,450	75	8/20	410	16	18	0	0	NR	268K
ROCK	SHF	CA	1,408	50	8/21	525	22	2	5	0	NR	788K
CORRAL	SUD	CA	6,000	100	----	108	2	3	0	0	NR	20K
EAST FORK	SHF	CA	135	5	UNK	13	0	0	0	0	25K	NR
MORRIS	SHF	CA	125	5	UNK	13	0	0	1	0	25K	NR

#### Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

CHAPIN #5, Mesa Verde NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is burning 8 miles southeast of Cortez, CO. The park has been evacuated and there is an immediate threat to the Far View Visitors Center, powerlines and cultural and historic resources. The fire is burning through heavy fuels on steep, rugged terrain.

SINK CREEK, Grand Junction District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Summerfeldt) is assigned. The fire is located 15 miles east of Grand Junction, CO. The fire continues to threaten the watershed for Palisade and Grand Junction. Fuels are extremely explosive and have the potential for reburn. Higher relative humidities kept the fire from spreading, but containment will take some time due to heavy fuels and steep, rugged terrain. Better progress is expected now that crews have been spiked out.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
CHAPIN #5	MVP	CA	650	0	UNK	64	1	8	1	0	NR	NR
SINK CREEK	GJD	CO	340	50	8/21	171	7	0	2	0	NR	1.6M
NORTH CREEK	GMF	CO	120	100	----	78	3	3	1	0	NR	NR
ARBOLES	SUA	CO	70	100	----	66	3	2	0	0	NR	NR

#### Northern Rockies Large Fires:

POWDERVILLE COMPLEX, Eastern Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. The fires in this complex are burning in grass and sage northeast of Broadus, Mt. The complex consists of the 3 large fires and several small fires. Approximately 8 farms and ranches have been evacuated in Custer and Powder River counties. Precipitation was received on some of the fires last night.

WILLOW CREEK COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. Cooler temperatures and some precipitation have aided suppression efforts. A few smokes are still being found on the Lower Willow fire. Rehabilitation is progressing with some demobilization of crews and engines planned for today. The east flank of the Upper Willow fire continues to be difficult due to spotting, unburned fuels, steep slopes, rocks and concern for firefighter safety. SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. Some suppression action is taking place on portions outside of the Wilderness. No additional fireline was constructed but crews continue to cold trail and mop-up the slopover on the Old Warrior fire. Due to precipitation, fire activity has been minimal.

DOVETAIL, Lewistown District, BLM. This fire is burning near Brusett, MT. No new 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
POWDERVILLE	EAS	MT	52,000	0	UNK	71	0	12	0	0	NR	24K
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	398	90	8/19	579	12	12	2	0	NR	1.2M
COYOTE	LCF	MT	3,500	100	----	551	17	10	2	0	1M	1.8M
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	0	UNK	107	3	6	1	1	NR	73K
DOVETAIL	LED	MT	700	90	8/19	51	2	5	0	0	NR	42K
ROBINSON	MCD	MT	3,500	100	----	25	0	5	0	0	NR	30K
SMILEY	BFA	MT	148	100	----	4	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
SIX MILE	EAS	MT	400	100	----	26	0	9	0	0	NR	25K

#### Western Great Basin Large Fires:

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. Fifty acres were burned on the fire yesterday, the other 450 additional acres are due to remapping.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	18,500	85	8/21	6	0	0	1	0	NR	5K
GOLD QUARRY CPX	EKD	NV	23,200	100	----	261	9	7	1	0	NR	630K

#### Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

PAIUTE, Cedar City District, BLM. The fire is burning in grass and pinyon-juniper in a remote area 14 miles northwest of St. George, Utah. High winds hampered air operations on the fire yesterday. Flare-ups occurred on the north end of the fire. The Paiute also includes the

Pahcoon fire.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
PAIUTE	CCD	UT	1,050	80	8/20	100	4	4	2	NR	NR	NR
ONE EYE	UTS	UT	424	100	----	100	4	3	1	0	10K	45K
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	630	100	----	59	2	1	1	0	15K	455K
DIAMOND RIM	VLD	UT	278	100	----	37	1	4	0	0	NR	NR

Southwest Large Fires:

SADDLE, Kaibab NF. This fire is burning in mixed conifer and Ponderosa Pine 35 miles northeast of the North Rim developed area. No new information received.

Six fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,968 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SADDLE	KNF	AZ	470	40	8/19	35	1	2	0	0	NR	NR

Alaska Large Fires: Seventeen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 419,659 acres.

#### OUTLOOK:

An upper level trough will drop southward along the British Columbia coast with an associated cold front developing from Washington to northern California. Dry weather will prevail over most of the West, except for widely scattered showers and thunderstorms in Arizona and New Mexico. California and Nevada will be locally breezy. High temperatures will range from the 70's and 80's for most of the west. Southern Nevada, southeastern California, and most of Arizona and New Mexico will have highs in the 90's to 112 in the hottest deserts.

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FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							
NORTHWEST		1				6	7
CA-NORTHERN	1				17	3	21
CA-SOUTHERN				1		5	6
NORTHERN	2	5			6	23	36
GB-EASTERN	2	4		1	0	6	13
GB-WESTERN		5				5	10
SOUTHWEST	3			1		9	13
ROCKY MTN		18		1		6	25
EASTERN						1	1
SOUTHERN							
USA	8	33		4	23	64	132

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ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							
NORTHWEST		0				1,734	1,734
CA-NORTHERN	0				177	0	177
CA-SOUTHERN				1		2,500	2,501
NORTHERN	2	1,991			52,003	33	54,029
GB-EASTERN	0	11		0	50	5	66
GB-WESTERN		451				101	552
SOUTHWEST	2			1		20	23
ROCKY MTN		2,437		650		29	3,116
EASTERN						0	0
SOUTHERN							
USA	4	4,890		652	52,230	4,422	62,198

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RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	158	44	208	100	42	5	2		757	211
CA-NORTHERN	55	47	67	47	12	4	5	4	407	75
CA-SOUTHERN	86	112	87	160	29	15	12	9	487	326
NORTHERN	72		74	15	17	2			470	11
GB-EASTERN	27	1	23	3	7	5	3		385	76
GB-WESTERN	13	3	8	2	8				57	12
SOUTHWEST	13	1	15	2	3				44	
ROCKY MTN	15		31		10				114	4
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	439	208	513	329	128	31	22	13	2,721	715

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

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FIRES: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	6	46	31	6	535	18	642
NORTHWEST	155	317	13	22	967	1,011	2,485
CA-NORTHERN	39	50	1	16	1,867	755	2,728
CA-SOUTHERN	7	293	2	246	3,217	841	4,606
NORTHERN	680	56	46	17	363	806	1,968
GB-EASTERN	50	703		19	359	521	1,652
GB-WESTERN		625	3	55	87	189	959

SOUTHWEST	1,116	301	14	78	1,405	1,985	4,899
ROCKY MTN	739	787		49	735	550	2,860
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	340	12,350
SOUTHERN	77		106	73	45,926	1,129	47,311
USA	3,113	3,178	216	642	67,166	8,145	82,460
5 YEAR AVERAGE							56,547

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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	114,322	160,289	1,556	3	26,365	110,380	412,915
CA-NORTHERN	126	1,459	0	366	14,009	57,573	73,533
CA-SOUTHERN	997	36,980	30	13,789	131,567	64,460	247,823
NORTHERN	12,775	5,652	3,054	162	83,658	60,190	165,491
GB-EASTERN	395	670,427		8,118	61,538	81,759	822,237
GB-WESTERN		188,762	602	284	2,579	11,214	203,441
SOUTHWEST	36,741	10,065	3,157	5,317	72,557	208,116	335,953
ROCKY MTN	24,102	35,773		6,552	31,191	41,572	139,190
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,423	173,498
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,027,923	41,878	1,114,436
USA	191,821	1,314,829	172,044	52,273	1,862,467	695,733	4,289,167
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,739,417

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES			
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1,076
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144
ALBERTA	2	0	320
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	347
SASKATCHEWAN	1	50	377
MANITOBA	0	0	371
ONTARIO	1	1	1,089
QUEBEC	1	235	1,076
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	0	121
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	280
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	246
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	63
TOTALS	8	286	5,533

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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