

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Moderate initial attack activity was reported throughout the western United States. A Type II Incident Management Team was mobilized in the Northwest Area. The Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Battalion from Fort Carson, CO will be mobilized to the Fork fire in Northern California today. Resource mobilization through NICC remained constant.

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. The fire was contained on the west end yesterday, reducing the threat to Tuolumne City. Major spread continued to the northeast up the Clavey River drainage. Heavy fuel loading and steep terrain are limiting the options to stop the spread of the fire.

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. The Ackerson and Poop/Naut fires have burned together. The fire continues to burn actively towards Camp Mather. Fire camp is being moved from Camp Mather to Drew Meadows.

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. This fire is 5 miles east of Santa Margarita, CA. Coastal fog that moved inland yesterday slowed the spread of the fire. The fire has burned through and is now south of the Machesna Mountain Wilderness. Burnout operations were planned for the southeast flank last night. The head of the fire did not progress much yesterday.

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. The fire is threatening Giant Sequoia Groves and the Giant Forest Development which are estimated at \$140,000,000. Steep terrain and limited access are hindering control efforts.

CHALOLO, Sequoia NF. The fire is burning on the Tule Indian Reservation, east of Springville, CA. There have been a total of 14 starts, two continue to burn actively. Burnout operations were planned for last night.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ROGGE	STF	CA	22,000	50	UNK	782	29	31	12	0	NR	NR
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	14,382	10	UNK	1,389	61	82	8	0	NR	NR

TRIMMER	FKU	CA	5,607	100	8/20	670	21	65	2	0	NR	723K
HWY FIFTY-EIGHT	SLU	CA	69,500	45	8/22	2,025	65	153	6	3	NR	2.8M
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	4,179	70	8/21	530	15	18	0	1	100K	2.2M
CHALOLO	SQF	CA	300	40	8/19	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	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. High winds and low relative humidities increased fire activity. Periods of extreme behavior caused the fire to jump control lines.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. The Tower fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. The fire escaped containment lines on the northeast perimeter. Strong winds created torching and spotting up to 1/4 mile ahead of the fire, hindering control efforts. Current threats are to Tower Mountain lookout and private lands.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Increasing winds throughout the day created active fire behavior. Endangered species and 7,000 acres of private timber 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. Line construction on the south flank is progressing well. Helicopter support has been instrumental in meeting containment objectives.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. Suppression forces continue to meet containment goals. Current threats include a key watershed and endangered Cutthroat Trout habitat.

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. Gusty winds created spotting and significant fire activity on the Graham fire. The fire has burned approximately 150 acres of private timber.

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. Potential for flare-ups around subdivisions remains. Large unburned islands of fuel within the control lines are a concern.

BLUE CREEK, Spokane Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. Additional resources are enroute. No other information available.

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. Helicopter bucket drops have aided ground forces in line construction. Moderate fire behavior was observed yesterday. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

HOG VALLEY, Oregon State. The fire is near the community of Union, OR. No information received. 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	8,000	15	UNK	1,139	37	25	1	0	NR	798K
TOWER	UMF	OR	5,000	15	UNK	588	20	28	2	0	NR	472K
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,003	70	8/25	1,235	39	44	5	0	0	2.7M
SPRING	UPF	OR	2,700	49	8/30	586	11	5	5	0	NR	825K
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	358	85	8/21	377	14	12	0	0	750K	430K
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,530	60	8/25	931	32	29	6	0	NR	4.1M
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	109,094	90	8/20	827	11	69	4	10	NR	4.5M
BLUE CREEK	SPA	WA	550	90	UNK	200	12	6	1	0	5K	65K
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	56,125	0	8/22	452	10	5	7	0	NR	2.9M
OCHOCO COMPLEX	UMF	OR	1,170	99	8/18	22	1	0	1	0	NR	762K
ALDER RIDGE	FRF	OR	3,723	100	---	115	15	25	3	NR	NR	1M
INDIAN POINT	WWF	OR	80	100	---	126	7	0	1	0	NR	218K
HOG VALLEY	ODF	OR	350	20	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

FORK, Mendocino NF. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned. Two Type I Incident Management Teams (Kohut & Loving) are assigned. The fire is located north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Some line was lost yesterday due to winds. Good progress was made toward the completion of dozer lines around the communities of High Valley and Long Valley. Another control line above Upper Lake and Nice is almost complete.

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. There were a few small breaks in the fire line yesterday, but suppression forces made good progress. Containment is now projected for 8/20.

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. There were 10-15 mph winds on the fire today, but none of the constructed fires lines were breached.

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 was moderate again today.

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.

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FORK	MNF	CA	70,000	17	UNK	2,764	44	215	8	9	NR	NR
BUTCHER	SHF	CA	450	80	8/20	715	20	2	4	0	2M	NR
DIXIE	LMU	CA	1,400	100	----	364	16	34	3	0	NR	268K
ROCK	SHF	CA	1,687	75	8/21	525	22	2	4	0	NR	788K
EAST FORK	SHF	CA	150	50	UNK	13	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
MORRIS	SHF	CA	160	20	UNK	13	0	0	0	0	NR	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 fire blew out yesterday afternoon and ran to the northeast. The Far View Lodge and Visitor Center was spared even though the fire surrounded the building area. Communications is still a problem, as phone lines were burned yesterday. There is still a threat to structures, powerlines, and cultural and historic resources.

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. There are large pockets of unburned and underburned fuel inside of containment lines. Torching and a reburn through oakbrush was experienced. Crews were able to line most of the fire.

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CHAPIN #5	MVP	CA	2,500	UNK	UNK	350	9	8	1	0	NR	NR
SINK CREEK	GJD	CO	340	90	8/21	159	6	1	2	0	NR	1.6M

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

POWDERVILLE COMPLEX, Eastern Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hancock) is assigned. The fires in this complex are burning in grass and sage northeast of Broadus, Mt. The complex consists of 3 large fires and several small fires. Good progress was made today. An increase in activity along hot portions of line is expected with the predicted frontal passage tomorrow. Windy conditions continue to cause control problems.

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. Fire activity was minimal today.

COLBERT, Miles City District, BLM. This fire started on private land and burned onto State and BLM land. Four Type II crews have been ordered.

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	66,000	80	8/20	95	0	22	0	0	NR	50K
COLBERT	LCF	MT	1,250	60	8/20	47	0	8	0	0	NR	NR
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	0	UNK	118	7	0	1	1	NR	108K
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	398	100	----	428	13	4	3	0	NR	1.4M
DOVETAIL	LED	MT	700	100	----	15	0	5	0	0	NR	44K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

SUN, Toiyabe NF. This fire is located about 40 miles west of Las Vegas, Nevada. Significant progress was reported yesterday; retardant drops and helicopter bucket support aided handcrews in holding the perimeter. Current threats are to cultural resources and wildlife habitat.

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. Interior burning was reported yesterday, but no perimeter increases resulted.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SUN	TOF	NV	450	80	8/19	154	6	2	4	0	NR	NR
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	18,000	85	8/21	4	0	0	1	0	NR	5K

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

CUNNINGHAM, Cedar City District, BLM. The fire is located 10 miles northwest of Beaver, UT. It is burning in oak brush and Pinyon-Juniper in rugged, rolling terrain. Structures and two communications sites are currently threatened.

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. Rugged terrain and high temperatures are causing control problems. The Paiute also includes the Pahcoon fire.

Three fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 3,754 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
CUNNINGHAM	CCD	UT	3,000	0	8/22	49	1	9	0	0	NR	NR
PAIUTE	CCD	UT	1,345	90	8/19	87	3	4	2	0	NR	NR
HICKMAN	UTS	UT	400	60	8/19	59	2	6	0	0	NR	25K

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. Steep rocky terrain and poor access are causing difficulty in controlling the fire safely. Perimeters on the south, east, and west held well yesterday. Rolling material continues to cause problems on the north end of the fire.

HOT SPOT, Arizona State. Gusting winds are causing flare-ups which are impeding containment efforts.

Three fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 1,129 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	400	75	8/20	80	3	2	0	0	NR	NR
HOT SPOT	AZS	AZ	305	80	8/19	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ONE WAY PASS	ASD	AZ	1,289	100	----	109	3	2	0	0	NR	NR

|LOST | PHD|AZ| 120|100| ----| 60| 2| 4| 0| 0| NR| 50K|

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

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EASTERN MONTANA ***
*** FOR WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH A COLD FRONT AND SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS ***

An upper level trough is pushing east along the northwest U.S. and Canadian border. The associated surface cold front extends from western Montana through Idaho to northern California and will extend from eastern Montana to northwest Wyoming and northern Nevada late this afternoon. Windy conditions in eastern Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Winds shifting to the northwest behind the front will bring cooler temperatures and higher humidities. Eastern Montana will have scattered thunderstorms. Northern Idaho and western Montana will have a slight chance of showers. Arizona and New Mexico will have scattered thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from the 70's and 80's in the northern half of the West and from the 80's to 110 in the southern half of the West.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	4	3			4	6	17
CA-NORTHERN					14	2	16
CA-SOUTHERN		1		0	22	2	25
NORTHERN	1	6			5	11	23
GB-EASTERN		7			4	4	15
GB-WESTERN		2				1	3
SOUTHWEST				1		4	5
ROCKY MTN		6				9	15
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					1	1	2
USA	5	25	0	1	50	40	121

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	551	201			0	23	775
CA-NORTHERN					3	0	3
CA-SOUTHERN		100		1,000	66	3,107	4,273
NORTHERN	2	176			14,300	58	14,536
GB-EASTERN		162			525	1	688
GB-WESTERN							0
SOUTHWEST				1		211	212

ROCKY MTN		28				10	38
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					13	240	253
USA	553	667	0	1,001	14,907	4,010	21,138

RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	135	48	191	64	44		4		792	772
CA-NORTHERN	56	63	213	50	15	2	6		367	40
CA-SOUTHERN	134	91	135	283	30	10	9	10	504	545
NORTHERN	40		68	13	13	4			354	30
GB-EASTERN	16	2	39	13	15		1		25	4
GB-WESTERN										
SOUTHWEST	9	1	17		2				31	1
ROCKY MTN	12		15		10				114	4
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	410	206	684	426	137	16	20	10	2,223	1,401

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	159	327	13	22	654	1,036	2,206
CA-NORTHERN	40	50	1	16	1,881	737	2,725
CA-SOUTHERN	7	294	2	247	3,239	843	4,632
NORTHERN	680	60	46	17	367	824	1,994
GB-EASTERN	50	711		19	364	527	1,671
GB-WESTERN		625	3	55	87	190	960
SOUTHWEST	1,125	301	14	79	1,416	1,992	4,927
ROCKY MTN	766	791		49	741	562	2,909
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	340	12,350
SOUTHERN	77		106	73	45,927	1,130	47,313
USA	3,154	3,205	211	644	66,918	8,193	82,325
5 YEAR AVERAGE							57,035

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	205,422	138,901	4,379	237,224	168	586,110
NORTHWEST	114,873	160,522	1,556	3	26,692	117,198	420,844
CA-NORTHERN	126	7,459	0	366	14,012	82,824	104,787

CA-SOUTHERN	997	37,080	30	15,229	131,633	78,609	263,578
NORTHERN	12,775	5,371	3,054	162	87,958	59,691	169,011
GB-EASTERN	395	673,578		8,118	62,015	81,769	825,875
GB-WESTERN		188,714	602	284	2,579	11,444	203,623
SOUTHWEST	36,785	10,065	3,157	5,317	73,112	208,116	336,552
ROCKY MTN	24,455	36,199		6,552	31,194	41,580	139,980
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,423	173,498
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,027,936	42,118	1,114,689
USA	192,769	1,324,410	177,384	53,713	1,848,344	741,937	4,338,557
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,772,659

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	112	1,101	17,953
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	0	0	320	1,968
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	4	349	343,699
SASKATCHEWAN	0	20	377	12,815
MANITOBA	0	0	371	75,763
ONTARIO	5	2	1,094	452,944
QUEBEC	1	23,240	1,077	533,762
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	2	121	27,542
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	281	1,575
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	246	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	1,320	63	16,368
TOTALS	16	24,700	5,567	1,578,565

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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