

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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CURRENT SITUATION: Several Areas reported moderate initial attack activity. Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized in the Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Firefighters made good progress on many large fires across the western United States. The Task Force Vanguard, Fort Carson, Colorado, completed deployment to the Fork Incident in Northern California yesterday. Resource mobilization through NICC was steady.

Southern California Large Fires:

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. Crews made good progress on line construction. Acreage is expected to increase due to additional burnout operations. Damage assessment confirmed six homes, three mobile homes, 15 outbuildings and three vehicles were destroyed by the fire.

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. Control efforts are hindered by steep terrain and inaccessibility. The fire continues to threatened Giant Sequoia Groves and the Giant Forest Development.

ROGGE, Stanislaus NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. The fire is burning in the Tuolumne River drainage south of Highway 108. Excellent progress toward containment objectives continues. Heavy fuel loading and steep terrain are hampering control efforts.

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. 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 were active yesterday. Line construction was slowed by dense fuels and rugged terrain.

CHALOLO, Sequoia NF. The fire is burning on the Tule Indian Reservation, east of Springville, CA. There were a total of 14 starts. Two continue to burn actively. Extreme fire behavior was observed yesterday. Burnout operations are in progress.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
HWY FIFTY-EIGHT	SLU	CA	69,500	45	8/22	2,096	67	148	6	5	NR	3.4M
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	4,179	70	8/21	530	15	18	0	1	100K	2.2M
ROGGE	STF	CA	23,200	81	8/22	1,062	38	63	10	0	3.7M	NR
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	13,700	5	UNK	2,551	104	59	11	0	3.2M	15M
CHALOLO	SQF	CA	300	40	NR	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. Crews made good progress in picking up slopovers. Control lines have been tied into road systems.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. The Tower fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. Fire activity was minimal due to higher humidity levels. Good progress was made on fuel reduction around the Tower Mountain electronic site and along the handline on the north end.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Private land, high value timber, and endangered species continue to be threatened. Anticipated warmer and drier conditions with easterly winds could threaten the containment on several of the fires.

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. The fire was actively burning on the south flank yesterday. Suppression forces attempted to keep the fire out of the Rattle Snake drainage.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. Suppression forces continue to meet containment goals. Current threats include a key watershed and endangered Cutthroat Trout habitat. Heavy downed fuels, blowdown, and steep terrain are hampering control efforts.

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. Hot and dry weather is expected with thunderstorm activity this weekend.

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. The Sheep Creek Fire made advances on the north and northeast flanks yesterday. Intense fire runs in timber and grass were observed on south aspects. Today's fire behavior is expected to be extreme. The Wilderness boundary on the Idaho side is threatened.

Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 5,148 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	6,903	40	UNK	1,140	38	34	8	0	NR	1.3M
TOWER	UMF	OR	4,800	10	UNK	653	23	22	4	0	NR	746K
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,029	70	8/25	1,343	42	44	5	0	0	3.6M
SPRING	UPF	OR	2,900	70	8/26	598	14	8	5	0	NR	1.0K
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	390	80	8/21	330	13	8	1	0	750K	702K
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,655	68	8/25	993	32	29	6	0	NR	4.6M
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	109,094	100	----	727	12	31	4	0	NR	4.8M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	56,125	0	8/22	429	10	2	7	0	NR	3.2M

BLUE CREEK	SPA WA	550 100	----	200	12	6	1	0	5K	65K
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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 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander), will establish camp and begin field training today. The fire is located north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Fire activity was moderate yesterday. Favorable weather allowed suppression forces to make progress on line construction. Some burnout operations were completed.

MORRIS, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is located in an inaccessible area about 12 miles northwest of Weaverville, Ca. Light winds and cooler temperatures aided firefighting efforts. Rolling material is hampering containment of the fire.

EAST FORK, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is located about 25 miles north of Weaverville, Ca. Some progress was made yesterday, but rolling material and winds continue to hamper containment efforts.

ROCK, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. The fire is located 40 miles southwest of Redding, CA. Preparations for a large burnout were completed yesterday. Mopup and rehabilitation efforts have begun on the north, west, and south flanks of the fire.

BUTCHER, Shasta-Trinity NF. This fire is burning near McCloud, CA. Open line remains on the incident. Line construction has been hampered by steep, inaccessible terrain along with numerous snags and rollouts.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORK	MNF	CA	75,000	20	UNK	3,196	70	247	20	3	NR	NR
MORRIS	SHF	CA	400	33	UNK	30	1	0	2	0	25K	144K
EAST FORK	SHF	CA	155	50	UNK	24	1	0	2	0	NR	289K
ROCK	SHF	CA	1,687	90	8/21	510	22	2	5	0	NR	1.9M
BUTCHER	SHF	CA	446	80	8/21	746	28	23	4	0	2M	1.7M

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 was very active yesterday, burning on the north and south ends. Fire line was constructed from the south end to north of the Far View Complex. The Park Point Lookout is threatened as the fire burns to the north. Lack of anchor points, good safety zones and escape routes, and poor access are making containment and control of the east flank difficult.

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. No smoke was spotted yesterday, but probe-eye operations indicated tremendous amounts of heat in oak brush litter. There is a possibility of reburn if humidity levels drop below about 20%.

DANO, Shoshone NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is burning in spruce-fire vegetation 25 miles northwest of Cody, Wy. No other information available.

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CHAPIN #5	MVP	CO	4,700	30	UNK	479	18	12	3	0	0	458K
SINK CREEK	GJD	CO	340	90	8/21	159	6	1	2	0	0	1.6M
DANO	SHF	WY	400	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

SCARFACE II, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. This fire is located about 5 miles northwest of Ashland, Mt. It is burning in grass and sage vegetation. Presently, the fire is burning at low spread rates. A potential problem is dry lightning that is forecast for the area.

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. Overcast skies and higher humidities have reduced fire activity and aided fire suppression efforts today.

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 226 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SCARFACE II	NCA	MT	800	70	8/21	157	5	11	0	0	NR	20K
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	0	UNK	123	7	0	3	1	NR	156K
POWDERVILLE	EAS	MT	66,000	100	----	87	0	19	0	0	300K	72K
HORSECAMP	LED	MT	300	100	----	15	0	5	0	0	NR	48K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

HORSETHIEF, Ely District, BLM. The fire is located about 20 miles northeast of Pioche, Nv. Extreme fire behavior was observed as pinyon-juniper fuels were burning in steep terrain. Current threats are to a wilderness study area and deer winter range.

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
HORSETHIEF	ELD	NV	500	0	8/22	152	6	2	2	0	NR	NR
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	18,500	85	8/21	4	0	0	1	0	NR	5K
SUN	TOF	NV	450	---	8/19	81	3	2	4	0	NR	NR

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

CUNNINGHAM, Cedar City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is assigned. The fire is located 10 miles northwest of Beaver,

UT. The fire spread rapidly yesterday due to strong constant winds. It jumped U.S. Interstate 15 and burned through a rest area. A semi-trailer truck was burned. The fire is currently threatening a house, transmission lines, and the Interstate. Control problems include high winds and high temperatures.

SARAH, Utah State. This fire is located about 20 miles northeast of Delta, Utah. It is burning on both private and public lands (BLM). A grazing allotment and wildlife range are threatened. Gusty winds caused control problems.

3 CREEK WELL, Boise District, BLM. This fire is located about 46 miles south of Glenns Ferry, Id. Seeded areas and a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) are threatened. The fire exhibited extreme behavior and rapid rates of spread. It is burning in a remote area.

STODDARD, Salmon/Challis NF. The fire is burning in a remote area of the Frank Church River-of-No-Return Wilderness above the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. It is surrounded on three sides by old burns. An outfitter camp is threatened. Low humidity levels and high winds are causing control problems.

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

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CUNNINGHAM	CCD	UT	10,000	0	UNK	169	5	16	0	0	NR	NR
SARAH	SCS	UT	500	UNK	UNK	85	3	7	1	0	NR	NR
3 CREEK WELL	BOD	ID	10,000	UNK	UNK	35	0	11	1	0	NR	NR
STODDARD	SCF	ID	750	50	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
PAIUTE	CCD	UT	1,345	100	----	3	0	2	0	0	NR	NR

Southwest Large Fires:

HOT SPOT, Arizona State. No new information received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

Five fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,449 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	100	----	80	3	2	0	0	NR	NR
HOT SPOT	AZS	AZ	305	80	8/19	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Southern Area Fires:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
CAR	ALF	AL	240	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	1K

ALF = Alabama National Forests

Alaska Large Fires: Sixteen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 419,109 acres.

OUTLOOK:

An upper level trough will move across the Northern Rockies while an upper ridge starts to rebuild over the desert Southwest. A weak cold front will move into southern Wyoming and northern Utah. High pressure at the surface will build into the Pacific Northwest. Montana and northern Wyoming will have scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the upper trough. Monsoon moisture will produce thunderstorms with rain in southern Colorado, New Mexico and eastern Arizona. Isolated and drier thunderstorms are forecast for western Arizona, southeast Utah and western Colorado. It will be sunny and a little warmer along the West coast from Washington to California. Very warm and dry air will cover Nevada and much of Utah. High temperatures will range from the 70's in Montana to 108 in the desert Southwest. Most areas will be in the 80's and 90's.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	4				6	1	11
CA-NORTHERN					18	6	24
CA-SOUTHERN		4			18	6	28
NORTHERN	4	4			8	12	28
GB-EASTERN		7			1	2	10
GB-WESTERN		1				2	3
SOUTHWEST	2	4				6	12
ROCKY MTN	2	2				7	11
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							0
USA	12	22	0	0	51	42	127

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	556				64	3	623
CA-NORTHERN					48	1	49
CA-SOUTHERN		308			9	0	317
NORTHERN	805	2			20	65	892
GB-EASTERN		17,581			426	91	18,098
GB-WESTERN		500				0	500
SOUTHWEST	1	0				0	1
ROCKY MTN	350	2				400	752
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							0
USA	1,712	18,393	0	0	567	560	21,232

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources											
RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD		
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	
ALASKA											
NORTHWEST	133	65	139	33	50	2	5		992	206	
CA-NORTHERN	100	53	90	241	36	5	11		1,110	138	
CA-SOUTHERN	147	69	148	188	32	1	9	11	528	428	
NORTHERN	34		61	20	12				340	35	
GB-EASTERN	18	2	67	4	14				25	5	
GB-WESTERN	10	1	6	3	6		2		24	4	
SOUTHWEST	5	1	11		1				28	1	
ROCKY MTN	12		12		5				90	4	
EASTERN											
SOUTHERN											
USA	459	191	534	489	156	8	27	11	3,137	821	

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	537	18	644	
NORTHWEST	159	327	13	22	771	1,036	2,328	
CA-NORTHERN	40	50	1	16	1,883	741	2,031	
CA-SOUTHERN	7	298	2	247	3,257	846	4,657	
NORTHERN	682	60	46	17	370	844	2,019	
GB-EASTERN	50	719		19	365	548	1,701	
GB-WESTERN		626	3	55	87	192	963	
SOUTHWEST	1,128	305	13	79	1,416	2,003	4,944	
ROCKY MTN	768	794		49	741	575	2,927	
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	334	12,346	
SOUTHERN	77		106	93	46,106	1,135	47,517	
USA	3,161	3,225	215	664	66,540	8,272	82,077	
5 YEAR AVERAGE							57,612	

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	30,081	117,198	424,698
CA-NORTHERN	126	7,459	0	366	13,625	82,824	109,601
CA-SOUTHERN	997	37,388	30	15,229	131,642	78,609	264,413
NORTHERN	12,783	5,371	3,054	162	87,978	59,691	169,046
GB-EASTERN	395	690,972		8,118	62,491	81,769	843,837
GB-WESTERN		189,214	602	284	2,579	11,444	204,123

SOUTHWEST	36,785	10,432	3,155	5,317	73,112	208,116	336,922
ROCKY MTN	24,805	36,201		6,552	31,194	41,580	140,772
EASTERN	566			533	153,989	18,423	173,508
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,039,120	42,118	1,125,916
USA	193,127	1,342,981	177,382	53,713	1,863,035	748,708	4,378,946
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,808,042

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8	2	1,109	17,955
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	0	0	320	1,968
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	350	343,893
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	377	12,815
MANITOBA	0	7,724	371	83,487
ONTARIO	3	0	1,097	449,954
QUEBEC	4	0	1,081	533,679
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	121	27,542
NEW BRUNSWICK	6	1	287	1,576
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	246	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	63	16,368
TOTALS	21	7,727	5,589	1,583,413

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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