

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack activity remained steady throughout the western states. Fire intensity on several large fires decreased, allowing firefighters to make good progress toward containment objectives. Four firefighters were injured by a falling snag while working on the Spring fire, Umpqua NF yesterday. All were treated at a local hospital and released. Resource mobilization through NICC moderated.

Southern California Large Fires:

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. Crews made excellent progress on the northeast flank. Line construction and burnout operations in the Clavey River drainage continues.

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. Type I (Dague) and Type II (Byrd) Incident Management Teams are assigned. The fires include in this complex are the ACKERSON, POOP/NAUT, BIG CREEK, and MIGUEL. All fires continued to burn actively along the Yosemite NP/Stanislaus NF border. The current threat is to Aspen Valley which is one quarter mile from the fire. Structure protection for 22 historic cabins in the area is in place.

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. Firing operations conducted yesterday were successful. Firefighters made good progress on line construction.

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. Crews continued to mop-up hotspots. Helicopter bucket drops assisted in the containment of inaccessible areas.

CHOLOLLO, Sequoia NF. The fire is burning on the Tule Indian Reservation, east of Springville, CA. Two divisions of this fire burned actively. Immediate threats include a Giant Sequoia grove and a stand of commercial timber within a mile of the fire. Burnout operations were conducted yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ROGGE	STF	CA	23,200	92	8/22	1,363	45	54	15	0	3.7M	37.5M
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	19,482	10	9/1	1,138	90	185	14	0	17M	15M
HWY FIFTY-EIGHT	SLU	CA	104,000	75	8/22	2,111	67	128	6	9	500K	7.5M
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	4,479	70	8/24	530	15	18	0	1	100K	2.2M
CHOLOLLO	SQF	CA	2,850	65	9/3	551	12	19	2	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 Bull and Summit fires experienced growth yesterday due to warmer, drier weather. Suppression forces directly attacked the north and south flanks of the fires. Current threats are to the Donaldson Mine structure, a wooden pipeline, Desolation Lookout, recreation structures, and residences.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. The Tower fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. A team transition is planned for Friday or Saturday. Private land, cabins, and an electronic site are still concerns.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Type I crews and helicopters have been instrumental in containment efforts.

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. Good progress was made on the upper portions of both the north and south flanks. The two bottom corners are still posing containment problems due to steep slopes. Private property, powerlines, and the Wilderness remain threatened.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. Suppression forces continue to meet containment goals. No new information was received.

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 complex includes the WILDCAT and GRAHAM fires. Burnout operations on the Graham Fire successfully reinforced handlines. Some torching was observed in the interior of the fire, along with some new smokes. Private and industrial lands, structures, and the Wilderness 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. The Sheep Creek Fire made a run at McCatron Ridge yesterday. Air support and helicopter water drops kept the ridge from burning. Line was constructed along the wilderness boundary in preparation for burnout operations.

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	7,340	43	UNK	1,372	45	35	8	0	NR	2.8M
TOWER	UMF	OR	5,250	40	UNK	642	24	23	4	0	NR	1.0M
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,029	80	8/25	1,331	42	42	5	0	0	4.3M
SPRING	UPF	OR	3,100	70	8/26	702	14	8	6	0	0	1.2M
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	454	77	8/21	312	13	8	1	0	750K	900K
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,655	68	8/25	993	32	29	6	0	0	4.6M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	58,090	75	8/25	424	10	2	8	0	0	3.4M

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), continues field training today. The Battalion's first line assignment is scheduled for Friday, August 22. The fire is located north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Direct line construction continued yesterday with good progress reported in several areas. Burnout operations continued, but were restricted by mid-afternoon wind shifts. Fifteen strike teams of structure protection engines along with dozers and miscellaneous overhead were demobilized from the fire. MORRIS, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is located in an inaccessible area about 12 miles northwest of Weaverville, Ca. No new information was received.

EAST FORK, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is located about 25 miles north of Weaverville, Ca. No new information was received.

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FORK	MNF	CA	73,600	30	UNK	4,095	102	249	20	3	NR	NR
MORRIS	SHF	CA	400	50	8/23	98	3	0	2	0	25K	180K
EAST FORK	SHF	CA	155	50	8/23	69	3	0	2	0	NR	289K
ROCK	SHF	CA	2,523	100	----	433	17	0	5	0	NR	2.4M
BUTCHER	SHF	CA	446	100	----	423	17	3	4	0	2M	2.4M

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. Burnout operations on the fire's northwest corner resulted in containment of the entire west half of the incident. Portions of the fire received beneficial rain early yesterday afternoon. Air operations were temporarily halted because of heavy rain and lightning. The threat to park headquarters is now diminished.

DANO, Shoshone NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) will take charge of the fire today at 0600. The fire was relatively quiet yesterday due to low temperatures and high humidity levels. It made some late day runs in steep chutes on the west flank. Suppression forces were attempting to stop the fire from spreading into adjacent timberland.

LOGAN CREEK, Casper District, BLM. This fire is located north of Weston, Wy. It is burning in Ponderosa pine, pinyon-juniper, grass, and sage. Excellent progress was made in containment. Difficult terrain is the main control problem.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
CHAPIN #5	MVP	CO	4,700	60	NR	649	23	12	5	0	NR	800K
SINK CREEK	GJD	CO	340	100	----	160	5	0	2	0	NR	487K
DANO	SHF	WY	1,000	10	NR	200	5	8	2	0	NR	NR
LOGAN CREEK	CAD	WY	1,400	10	UNK	200	5	8	2	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. Suppression action continued on portions of the fire outside of the two wilderness areas. The MacGruder Road still remains closed to the public.

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
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	0	UNK	108	6	0	3	1	NR	192K
SCARFACE II	NCA	MT	800	100	----	163	0	10	0	0	NR	45K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

HORSETHIEF, Ely District, BLM. The fire is located about 20 miles northeast of Pioche, Nv. Fire behavior was moderate yesterday. Current threats are to a wilderness study area and deer winter range. Better mapping of the fire area resulted in a 50 acre decrease in size.

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. There was a 1,500 acre increase in fire size due to interior burns. Current threats include high value timber and deer winter range. Control problems include road access and resource availability.

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HORSETHIEF	ELD	NV	450	80	8/22	179	7	6	2	0	NR	150K
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	20,000	85	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	5K

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 was very active yesterday afternoon, with multiple cloud forming columns. A residence, major transmission lines, a sulfate factory, Interstate Highway 15, and 500 to 600 head of cattle are threatened. Control problems include shifting winds, low humidity levels, dry fuels, poor access in some areas, and lack of adequate water.

3 CREEK WELL, Boise District, BLM. This fire is located about 20 miles south of Glenns Ferry, Id. No new information was received.

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. The fire burned an additional 50 acres. No other new information was received.

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

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CUNNINGHAM	CCD	UT	10,000	NR	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SARAH	SCS	UT	500	100	----	87	3	7	0	0	0	49K
3 CREEK WELL	BOD	ID	26,600	50	8/22	35	0	11	1	0	0	NR
STODDARD	SCF	ID	800	15	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR

Southwest Large Fires:

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	----	60	2	2	1	0	NR	NR

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

OUTLOOK:

Upper level high pressure near the Four Corners will strengthen and build northward bringing warmer weather. Monsoon moisture will begin spreading out of Arizona and New Mexico bringing widely scattered thunderstorms from southeast Utah to northeast Nevada and isolated storms along the Sierras. Some of these storms will be dry. Wet thunderstorms will continue in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. High temperatures will range from the 80's in the Northern Rockies to 113 in the desert Southwest.

FIRES: Yesterday								
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA					2		2	
NORTHWEST	3				15	2	20	
CA-NORTHERN					7	2	9	
CA-SOUTHERN				1			1	
NORTHERN	3				4	2	9	
GB-EASTERN		2			4	4	10	
GB-WESTERN		3					3	
SOUTHWEST	4	1				2	7	
ROCKY MTN	5	4		6		3	18	
EASTERN							0	
SOUTHERN					9		9	
USA	15	10	0	7	41	15	88	

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					1		1
NORTHWEST	552				111	0	663
CA-NORTHERN					30	0	30
CA-SOUTHERN				7,734			7,734

NORTHERN	3				0	2	5
GB-EASTERN		16,600		10	20		16,630
GB-WESTERN		1,956					1,956
SOUTHWEST	2	0				2	4
ROCKY MTN	1	7		1		601	610
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					55		55
USA	558	18,563	0	7,745	217	605	27,688

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	124	151	128	27	52		5		996	196
CA-NORTHERN	139	25	262	17	34	3	9	1	1,182	51
CA-SOUTHERN					28	6	12	7		
NORTHERN	27		40	7	12	4			127	6
GB-EASTERN	11	2	43	2	12		1		34	
GB-WESTERN	6	3	7		3		2		8	1
SOUTHWEST	2		8		1				12	
ROCKY MTN	14		16		10		2		82	4
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	323	181	504	53	152	13	31	8	2,441	258

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	539	18	644
NORTHWEST	161	329	13	22	882	1,051	2,458
CA-NORTHERN	40	50	1	16	1,843	743	2,693
CA-SOUTHERN	7	298	2	247	3,257	846	4,657
NORTHERN	683	60	46	17	374	845	2,025
GB-EASTERN	50	721		19	369	552	1,711
GB-WESTERN		627	3	55	87	192	964
SOUTHWEST	1,132	306	13	79	1,420	2,005	4,955
ROCKY MTN	773	802		49	741	582	2,947
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	334	12,346
SOUTHERN	77		106	93	46,115	1,135	47,526
USA	3,161	3,225	215	664	66,540	8,272	82,077
5 YEAR AVERAGE							57,770

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	114,936	160,523	1,556	3	23,601	118,891	419,510
CA-NORTHERN	126	7,459	0	366	13,655	87,145	108,751
CA-SOUTHERN	997	37,388	30	15,229	131,642	78,609	264,413
NORTHERN	14,783	5,371	3,054	162	88,738	59,704	171,812
GB-EASTERN	395	707,807		8,118	62,501	81,881	860,702
GB-WESTERN		189,215	602	284	2,579	11,444	204,124
SOUTHWEST	36,787	10,432	3,155	5,317	73,112	208,123	336,926
ROCKY MTN	24,806	36,208		6,555	31,194	42,621	141,384
EASTERN	566			533	153,989	18,423	173,508
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,039,175	42,118	1,125,917
USA	195,193	1,359,825	177,382	53,716	1,857,410	749,685	4,393,211
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,835,438

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8	2	1,117	17,957
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	1	0	321	1,968
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	350	343,893
SASKATCHEWAN	1	7	378	12,822
MANITOBA	2	4	373	83,491
ONTARIO	1	2,866	1,098	452,820
QUEBEC	5	92,499	1,086	626,178
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	121	27,542
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	288	1,576
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	246	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	64	16,368
TOTALS	20	95,378	5,609	1,678,791

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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