

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

*** SAFETY COMES FIRST ON EVERY FIRE EVERY TIME ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack and large fire activity increased in the Northern Rockies, Southern California and the Northwest Areas. Extreme fire behavior was observed on some large fires in several western states. The Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division has been released from the Fork fire in Northern California. Remobilization to the Park Meadows fire in Oregon will begin today. Two engines were burned over on the Ackerson fire, Yosemite NP. No injuries to firefighters were reported. A Los Angeles County helicopter, assigned to the Ackerson fire, made an emergency landing after a rotor strike. The pilot was unharmed.

Northwest Large Fires:

SKELETON/EVANS WEST, Deschutes NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is being managed under a Unified Command with the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Bend Rural Fire Department. The Skeleton fire (15,000 acres) is located 6 miles southeast of Bend, OR. The fire burned into two subdivisions. The fire was less active near the subdivisions yesterday, but variable winds made all sides of the fire unstable. Evans West was active, more than doubling in size. The two fires have not burned together. Extreme fire behavior hindered control efforts. Concerns include structure protection, timber, range lands, and loss of about 25% of Oregon's habitat for the Townsend's Big Eared bat.

TIMBERLINE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. The fire is located 8 miles east of Omak, WA. It burned actively on all fronts yesterday, significantly increasing in size. Existing suppression forces were used for structure protection. A threat to structures along the Okanogan River and Highway 155 exists. The head of the fire is now burning in valuable timber and is expected to advance until it reaches a ridgeline on Omak Mountain.

PARK MEADOWS, Deschutes NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Payne) is assigned. The fire is in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area four miles northwest of Three Creeks Lake. The fire stayed within the Three Sisters Wilderness and did not substantially increase in size. Supplies were parachuted into the fire area to help establish a spike camp. Difficult access and heavy fuels are hampering control efforts. A municipal watershed, private lands, and structures are threatened. The Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander) is expected to arrive on the fire on Monday, August 26 to aid the firefighting effort.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. The fire is burning in the Boulder Creek Wilderness, near Toketee Falls, OR. Eleven fires have been identified in this area. It is highly probable that they will burn together. Control problems include steep, inaccessible terrain and severe burning conditions. The fires were very

active yesterday. Protection priorities for the suppression forces were the Toketee Ranger Station and the Dry Creek area.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. The fire area received dry lightning yesterday. One new fire start was staffed with smokejumpers. Fire behavior was less active than Saturday, with no major runs. The Wolf Mountain communication and electronics site, private land, and high value timber remain vulnerable.

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. This incident is being managed under a Unified Command with the Oregon Department of Forestry. The BULL, SUMMIT, ROCKY, and #104 fires comprise this complex. The Summit Fire made a major run Friday evening, pushing out of the Desolation drainage into the Wray, Badger, and Boulder Creek drainages. It is presently burning into the Malheur NF. Continued fire growth in this direction will threaten private structures in the Middle Fork of the John Day River drainage. Active fire behavior postponed burnouts on Saturday. It was extremely active again yesterday evening, forcing closure of Highway 395. The Incident Command Post had to be moved also.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (MacDonald) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) will transition and take over management of the fire today. Extreme fire behavior made all suppression efforts difficult. Firefighters had difficulty keeping the fire north of Road 52. A lookout tower, campgrounds, private lands, a cabin, and an electronics site remain threatened.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The complex consists of five fires. These lightning fires are burning in heavy fuels in the Waldo Wilderness Area. The Charleton Fire had little movement to the south and west yesterday, although fire behavior was still active. The "many lakes" area of the Three Sisters Wilderness, the Little cultus Lake Area, the big Cultus Lake Campground and Resort have all be evacuated.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. Fire behavior was extreme yesterday with spotting outside the lines of the Warrior Fires. Private lands, endangered species habitat and a watershed continue to be 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 complex includes the WILDCAT and GRAHAM fires. There was isolated torching in the interior of the Graham Fire yesterday. Access, steep terrain, and bug-killed vegetation are concerns. Some demobilization is in progress.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is assigned. Transition to a Type II Incident Management Team (Bullis) is scheduled for 8/28. The complex includes the SALT CREEK, DAM, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border in the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. Fire activity continued on the Dam and Sheep Creek fires. Historic structures and electronic sites remain threatened.

Four fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 125,579 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SKELETON/EVANS	DEF	OR	16,300	20	UNK	833	26	24	1	19	2.0M	635K
TIMBERLINE CX	COA	WA	10,000	10	UNK	70	13	1	1	0	NR	NR
PARK MEADOWS	DEF	OR	670	0	UNK	74	1	0	1	0	13K	48K
SPRING	UPF	OR	10,000	5	UNK	758	16	10	6	0	NR	3.0M
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,311	80	8/30	1,688	51	50	5	0	NR	7.6M
MOOLACK CPX	WIF	OR	11,000	0	9/5	384	15	1	1	0	NR	5K
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	13,385	40	UNK	1,513	51	32	9	0	NR	6.1M
TOWER	UMF	OR	10,500	40	UNK	1,032	40	23	5	0	NR	2.3M
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	585	60	UNK	449	12	25	1	0	9.3M	6.2M
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,655	90	UNK	1,063	33	22	9	0	932K	7.3M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	63,215	75	8/31	434	12	4	7	0	NR	4.4M

Southern California Large Fires:

RESERVOIR, Angeles NF. A Type II Team (Conrad) is assigned. The fire is burning on both sides of Highway 39 in the San Gabriel Canyon. Intense fire activity continued throughout the day. Shifting winds from thunderstorms and steep terrain hindered control efforts.

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. Type I (Dague) and Type II (Byrd) Incident Management Teams are assigned. The fires included in this complex are the ACKERSON, POOP/NAUT, BIG CREEK, POINT, and MIGUEL. The Poop/Naut and Ackerson fires have burned together. Extreme fire behavior continued as the fire moved through Cherry Creek drainage toward Hetch Hetchy. Burnout operations conducted yesterday were successful.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	26,625	21	UNK	2,744	73	102	20	1	25K	8.8M
ROUSE	BDF	CA	100	50	UNK	388	13	8	2	0	0	NR
RESERVOIR	ANF	CA	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
ROGGE	STF	CA	23,200	100	----	1,107	35	39	6	1	0	6.6M

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

TELEPHONE BUTTE 2, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) has been ordered. The fire is near Missoula, MT. Smokey conditions are affecting Missoula residents. No structures are threatened.

SUNDAY POET, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. This remote fire is burning in heavy timber. Retardant drops significantly reduced fire activity. Additional ground forces are enroute.

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. Hot and dry conditions increased fire activity yesterday. Suppression efforts were hindered by steep terrain and unburned islands of fuel within the perimeter. A structure protection plan has been implemented for a nearby ranch.

BEARWALLOW, Nez Perce NF. This prescribed natural fire is located 40 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Fire activity is minimal throughout the day, with a slight increase in the late afternoon. This will be the last report unless significant activity is reported.

OLD MAN LAKE, Nez Perce NF. This prescribed natural fire is located 30 miles northeast of Grangeville, ID. Fire activity is monitored by two lookout towers and aerial reconnaissance. Torching and short uphill runs have been observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity is reported.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
TELEPHONE BUTTE	SWS	MT	50	20	UNK	20	0	2	2	0	NR	391K
SUNDAY POET	NPF	ID	95	UNK	UNK	20	2	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	NR	UNK	80	4	1	3	1	0	341K
BEARWALLOW	NPF	ID	142	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	UNK	1K
OLD MAN LAKE	NPF	ID	200	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
DRY CREEK	CRA	MT	100	90	8/24	9	0	3	0	0	0	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

ROCK, Hoppa Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Edgely) is assigned. No structures are threatened. No other information available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ROCK	HIA	CA	219	25	8/26	320	17	18	3	0	NR	1.2M
FORK	MNF	CA	82,980	100	----	2,960	100	89	8	3	NR	NR
POCKET	SHF	CA	100	100	----	191	9	10	5	0	25K	340K

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

DANO, Shoshone NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is located about 24 miles northwest of Cody, WY. Cool temperatures and higher relative humidities aided suppression yesterday. Gusty winds from a passing thunder cell limited air operations. A minor threat to private land and Dead Indian Gulch remains.

DELANEY RIDGE, Rock Springs District, BLM. Good progress was made on line construction. No other information available.

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DANO	SHF	WY	2,000	60	8/26	267	6	5	3	0	0	672K
DELANEY RIDGE	RSD	WY	300	99	8/25	3	0	1	0	0	0	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. Burnout operations were cancelled due to heavy precipitation.

Demobilization of resources continues.

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

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
CUNNINGHAM	CCD	UT	14,854	75	8/26	507	13	27	4	0	0	1.0M

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

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

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	13,800	98	9/1	5	0	0	1	0	NR	5K

Southwest Large Fires: Five fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,449 acres.

Alaska Large Fires: Fourteen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 413,573 acres.

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR DRY LIGHTNING ***
*** IN THE WASHINGTON CASCADES, NORTHEAST CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN/CENTRAL ***
*** NEVADA, SOUTHERN IDAHO, AND SOUTHWEST WYOMING ***

An upper level disturbance will move across Oregon and Washington through tonight. This will help push the hot surface thermal trough eastward across the two states and bring a chance of dry thunderstorms to central Oregon and western Idaho. There will be isolated dry thunderstorms in the remainder of Idaho and western Wyoming. Widely scattered thunderstorms are expected in northeast Nevada. Thunderstorms in western Oregon and western Washington will have some rain with them and temperatures there will be turning cooler. Otherwise, there will be hot dry weather from eastern Washington and eastern Oregon to Montana and Wyoming. Breezy west winds are expected across the Cascades and locally breezy conditions in northern California. Scattered wet thunderstorms are forecast in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona. Temperatures will range from the 80s' in the Rockies to 112 in the Desert Southwest. Valley temperatures as high as 100 degrees will occur as far north as southern Washington and Montana.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	5	0		4	4	17	30
CA-NORTHERN						10	10

CA-SOUTHERN					24	2	26
NORTHERN	6				6	8	20
GB-EASTERN		1				4	5
GB-WESTERN						3	3
SOUTHWEST	6					2	8
ROCKY MTN		3			3	7	13
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	17	4	0	4	37	53	115

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	10,556	500			2	11,553	22,611
CA-NORTHERN						118	118
CA-SOUTHERN				4,700		103	4,803
NORTHERN	7				58	151	216
GB-EASTERN		1				81	82
GB-WESTERN							0
SOUTHWEST	0					0	0
ROCKY MTN		150				700	850
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	10,563	651	0	4,700	60	12,706	28,680

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	194	70	181	42	58		9		997	333
CA-NORTHERN	151		143	10	22		8		1,296	
CA-SOUTHERN	148	9	173	12	27	2	19	2	642	124
NORTHERN	10	2	34	7	10	1			33	5
GB-EASTERN	10	2	29		13		2		5	1
GB-WESTERN			1						5	1
SOUTHWEST			9							
ROCKY MTN	7		13		4					
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	520	83		71	134	3	38	2	2,978	464

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	32	6	544	18	652
NORTHWEST	169	335	13	34	1,043	1,135	2,729
CA-NORTHERN	42	55	1	18	1,881	783	2,780
CA-SOUTHERN	7	299	2	249	3,345	861	4,763
NORTHERN	724	67	46	17	405	878	2,137
GB-EASTERN	50	733		20	372	571	1,746
GB-WESTERN		644	3	55	87	193	982
SOUTHWEST	1,174	308	13	93	1,422	2,061	5,071
ROCKY MTN	788	829		65	745	601	3,028
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	341	12,351
SOUTHERN	77		106	93	46,115	1,135	47,526
USA	3,281	3,316	216	711	67,664	8,577	83,765
5 YEAR AVERAGE							58,614

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	125,445	162,046	1,556	4	27,187	151,649	467,887
CA-NORTHERN	166	7,460		366	13,620	96,239	117,851
CA-SOUTHERN	997	37,382	30	35,428	132,015	92,174	298,026
NORTHERN	16,129	5,741	3,054	162	91,014	59,933	176,033
GB-EASTERN	395	703,967		8,118	63,026	81,977	857,483
GB-WESTERN		189,337	602	284	2,579	11,436	204,238
SOUTHWEST	36,841	10,492	3,155	5,319	73,112	208,557	337,476
ROCKY MTN	25,220	36,690		10,631	31,214	42,097	145,852
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,423	173,498
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,039,175	42,161	1,125,971
USA	207,556	1,358,537	177,382	77,994	1,864,142	804,814	4,490,425
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,917,755

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	1,131
YUKON TERRITORY	0	144
ALBERTA	1	326
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	349
SASKATCHEWAN	3	386
MANITOBA	1	30
ONTARIO	2	2
QUEBEC	0	1,097
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	130
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	291
NOVA SCOTIA	0	249
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	23
NATIONAL PARKS	1	67
TOTALS	10	32

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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