

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 most areas. Extreme fire behavior occurred on many existing and new large fires throughout the west. The Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division is committed to the Park Meadows fire in Oregon. An Area Command, seven Type I and five Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized yesterday. Resource mobilization through NICC remained high.

Northwest Large Fires:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) has been ordered to manage all incidents on the Umatilla National Forest.

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) 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 major runs on Sunday evening, which threatened the small towns of Galena and Susanville. Air operations were limited by an inversion layer yesterday. The Base Camp was relocated to Howard Meadows. Threats remain to the towns of Galena and Susanville, three agency structures, historic resources, threatened and endangered species habitat, and private lands.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. Sunday evening, the fire made a major run in a plume-dominated event which threatened the Pearson Guard Station, destroyed three summer residences and one outbuilding, and initiated an orderly move of the Bull/Summit Base Camp, which was in the fire's path. The Guard Station and nearby Pearson Summer Home Tract were saved. Many Forest roads and trails were temporarily closed. Threats remain to a lookout tower, campgrounds, private lands, a cabin, and an electronic site.

TIMBERLINE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. The fire is located 8 miles east of Omak, WA. The TIMBERLINE and the WANNACUT fires make up this complex. There is no current threat to structures. Control problems include logging slash.

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. Current threats are to private property, residences, and a power transmission line. Exceptionally heavy fuels and steep inaccessible terrain continue to present control problems.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team

(Gardner) is assigned. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Suppression forces provided initial attack support for more than 30 new fires after intense lightning activity. Control problems include heavy fuels, steep slopes and expected dry lightning. The Wolf Mountain communication and electronics site, private land, and high value timber remain vulnerable.

PARK MEADOWS, Deschutes NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Payne) is assigned. The advance team for Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander) arrived at camp yesterday. Battalion personnel are expected to be working on the fire line today. There were some rain showers on the fire yesterday, which slowed fire activity. Threats include the municipal watershed for the town of Sisters and private lands.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The complex consists of the MOOLACK and CHARLETON fires. Wet thunderstorms Sunday night slowed fire activity yesterday. Crews made good progress on line construction. Trail and road closures have been initiated. Campgrounds are still threatened.

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 is located 6 miles southeast of Bend, OR. Both fires were completely lined yesterday. Numerous hot spots exist near the Conestoga Subdivision.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. Suppression priorities include the BLACK GORGE and BEAR BONES fires. The Black Gorge fire is active near an important steelhead fishery.

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. Demobilization is progressing. Fire activity was light yesterday. Lightning strikes resulted in new starts south of Wildcat, outside of the fire perimeter. Some rain was associated with the lightning and the new starts do not appear to pose a problem.

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 of 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	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	30,044	30	UNK	1,513	51	32	9	0	NR	6.9M
TOWER	UMF	OR	32,000	25	9/9	1,148	41	23	6	3	NR	2.8M

TIMBERLINE CX	COA	WA	12,000	50	UNK	34	1	52	7	4	NR	31K
SPRING	UPF	OR	10,000	5	UNK	1,093	28	15	5	0	NR	3.5M
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,369	60	9/2	1,437	38	50	5	0	NR	8.4M
PARK MEADOWS	DEF	OR	590	0	8/28	103	2	0	3	0	13K	491K
MOOLACK CPX	WIF	OR	11,475	5	9/5	504	17	5	0	0	5.4M	NR
SKELETON/EVANS	DEF	OR	20,200	80	8/27	1,081	32	84	1	19	2.0M	1.0M
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	994	20	UNK	665	23	33	1	0	1.4M	8.9M
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,655	90	8/28	972	30	22	9	0	932K	7.9M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	64,625	75	8/31	435	12	4	7	0	NR	4.7M

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

EIGHTH STREET, Boise District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) has been ordered. The fire is located near Boise, ID. Extreme fire behavior and high winds hindered suppression efforts. Mandatory evacuations of 500-600 homes on the Boise NF are in progress. One home was confirmed as destroyed. The Butte Antennae Site is also threatened.

BRUNO COMPLEX, Boise District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (O'Banno n) has been ordered. Multiple fires are located 10-15 miles south of Mountain Home, ID. The complex consists of the CANYON CREEK, BLACK SANDS, COVE, CJ and GRANDVIEW fires. High winds and dry fuels created extreme burning conditions.

ELBA, Sawtooth NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) has been ordered. The fire is located 20 miles southwest of Burley, ID. Fire fuels include grass, sage and timber. Structures, cabins, a ski area, a lookout and mining establishments are threatened.

FALL CREEK, Payette NF. The fire is 7 miles northwest of McCall, ID. Rugged terrain and limited access are creating control problems.

IRON BOG, Salmon-Challis NF. The fire is burning in heavy brush and timber, 40 miles east of Ketchum, ID. No other information available.

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

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
EIGHTH STREET	BOD	ID	6,000	10	UNK	110	4	32	2	1	UNK	UNK
BRUNO COMPLEX	BOD	ID	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
ELBA	STF	ID	1,000	0	UNK	25	0	7	2	UNK	UNK	UNK
FALL CREEK	PAF	ID	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
IRON BOG	SCF	ID	310	0	UNK	100	3	2	3	UNK	UNK	UNK
CUNNINGHAM	CCD	UT	14,744	100	----	45	2	5	1	0	0	UNK

Southern California Large Fires:

MARPLE, Los Angeles County, California State. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) has been ordered. The fire is located near Lake Castatic. The fire was extremely active yesterday, consuming 4,000 acres in four hours. Interstate 5 was closed due to visibility problems.

LADDER, San Bernardino NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) has been ordered. No other information available.

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. Strong winds from a passing thunderstorm caused control problems.

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 fire continued to make runs in the Cherry Creek area toward Hetch Hetchy. Crews made progress on line construction. Burnout operations conducted yesterday were successful.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MARPLE	LAC	CA	8,000	0	UNK	450	15	25	3	UNK	UNK	UNK
LADDER	BDF	CA	750	20	UNK	300	9	10	1	UNK	UNK	UNK
RESERVOIR	ANF	CA	1,500	75	UNK	500	15	20	4	UNK	UNK	UNK
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	37,539	50	UNK	3,158	103	132	15	1	34K	12.6M
ROUSE	BDF	CA	100	50	UNK	388	13	8	2	0	0	NR
DELONEGHA	SQF	CA	593	100	----	5	0	0	0	UNK	UNK	UNK

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

WINNEMUCCA COMPLEX, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shive) has been ordered. Three fires burned together to form this complex, located on the edge of Winnemucca, NV. Current threats include 2 subdivisions and 31 other residences, a gas compressor/pumping station, and an 14 buildings at an oil plant. Highway 95 is closed due to smoky conditions.

SMILEY, Nevada State. The fire is located 40 miles east of Elko, NV. Current threats include ranches and 8 structures. Structure protection equipment is in place.

ROAD CANYON, Humboldt NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) has been ordered. The fire is located 45 miles southeast of Elko, NV. Rapid rates of spread through pinyon-juniper fuels was observed. Abandoned mining structures are threatened.

KING'S RIVER COMPLEX, Winnemucca District, BLM. The fire is near the Nevada/Oregon border. Current threats include 3 ranches, a communications site, a historic cabin and high value Big Horn sheep habitat.

QUINN/ODELL, Winnemucca District, BLM. The fire is threatening seasonal cabins and permanent residences at Fort McDermitt and Lahontan Cutthroat Trout habitat. FIRE CANYON, Battle Mountain District, BLM. Firefighters are working to contain the blaze between two roads. Private grazing land, outbuildings and wildlife habitat are at risk.

TWO FORKS, Winnemucca District BLM. Two ranches and permanent residences are threatened. No other information available.

GREELEY COMPLEX, Winnemucca District, BLM. The four fires in the complex are threatening a gas pipeline and ranch improvements.

SLAVEN 2, Battle Mountain District, BLM. Extreme winds and rugged terrain are impeding containment efforts. The fire is threatening private grazing land, livestock and wildlife habitat.

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

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WINNEMUCCA CPX	WID	NV	5,000	0	UNK	50	1	5	0	0	NR	NR
SMILEY	DFN	NV	300	0	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
ROAD CANYON	HUF	NV	1,800	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
KING'S RIVER C	WID	NV	5,000	0	UNK	42	1	4	0	0	NR	NR
QUINN/ODELL	WID	NV	400	0	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
FIRE CANYON	BMD	NV	1,300	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
TWO FORKS	WID	NV	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
GREELEY CPX	WID	NV	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
SLAVEN 2	WID	NV	300	UNK	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	13,800	98	9/1	5	0	0	1	0	NR	5K

Northern California Large Fires:

AMBROSE COMPLEX, Modoc NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) has been ordered. The fire is located 50 miles west of Alturas, CA. The complex consists of several fires between 20 and 1,000 acres. No other information available.

ROCK, Hoopa Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Edgely) is assigned. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
AMBROSE CPX	MDF	CA	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
ROCK	HIA	CA	219	95	8/27	320	12	11	0	0	100K	460K

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

TELEPHONE BUTTE 2, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. The fire is located 21 miles west of Missoula, MT. Air support aided firefighters in suppression efforts. Control problems include steep terrain, rolling material, high temperatures and low relative humidities.

COYOTE GULCH, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Stires) has been ordered. The fire is located 15 miles north of Reedpoint, MT. Extreme fire behavior was observed as the fire moved through grass, brush and timber. Current threats include ranches, residences and grazing areas.

SUNDAY POET, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is located 39 miles southeast of Grangeville, ID. Heavy timber and inaccessibility are hampering containment objectives.

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management

Team (Hodge) is assigned. Fire activity was reduced by higher relative humidities and lower temperatures. A structure protection plan for the Gatlin Ranch continues to be implemented.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TELEPHONE BUTTE	SWS	MT	140	10	8/28	241	8	7	1	0	NR	162K
SUNDAY POET	NPF	ID	150	5	UNK	161	3	0	1	0	NR	100K
COYOTE GULCH	SOS	MT	2,000	0	UNK	130	0	5	1	0	UNK	100k
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	34,842	0	UNK	105	5	5	3	1	0	442K
DRY CREEK	CRA	MT	100	90	8/24	9	0	3	0	0	0	NR

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

STOCKWELL, Big Horn NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gaugen) has been ordered. Heavy fuels, spotting and inaccessibility have hampered control efforts. Current threats include 4 structures and a repeater site, all within 1.5 miles of the fire.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN, Worland District, BLM. The fire is located 24 miles east of Thermopolis, WY. Extreme fire behavior was observed yesterday. Current losses include livestock forage, deer winter range and seismographic equipment.

BATES CREEK, Worland District, BLM. High winds created intense fire behavior. Current threats include livestock improvements and elk winter range.

NORTH BROKENBACK, Worland District, BLM and Wyoming State. The fire is located 9 miles north of Tensleep, WY. No containment or resource information was received.

LAKE BED, Wyoming State and Worland District, BLM. This fire is located 11 miles southeast of Tensleep, WY. No containment or resource information was received.

HARVARD FLATS, Worland District, BLM. No containment or resource information was received.

DELANEY RIDGE, Rock Springs District, BLM. No new information received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STOCKWELL	BHF	WY	300	0	UNK	4	0	0	1	0	UNK	UNK
E BLACK MTN	WOD	WY	4,500	35	8/27	12	0	3	0	0	UNK	UNK
BATES CREEK	WOD	WY	3,300	10	8/28	24	1	1	0	0	UNK	UNK
N BROKENBACK	WOD	WY	700	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
LAKE BED	WYS	WY	1,500	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
HARVARD FLATS	WOD	WY	100	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
DANO	SHF	WY	2,000	100	----	155	2	3	1	0	0	624K
DELANEY RIDGE	RSD	WY	300	99	8/25	3	0	1	0	0	0	NR

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 RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR SOUTHEAST OREGON AND THE CENTRAL ***
 *** MOUNTAINS OF IDAHO FOR DRY THUNDERSTORMS AND GUSTY THUNDERSTORM WINDS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR THUNDERSTORMS WITH LITTLE RAIN ***
 *** AND GUSTY THUNDERSTORM WINDS IN NORTHEASTERN WASHINGTON, ***
 *** IDAHO, WYOMING, AND PARTS OF MONTANA ***

An upper level disturbance moving through the Northwest will produce scattered thunderstorms with little rain in eastern Oregon, Idaho, northeast Washington, Wyoming, and parts of western Montana. Cooler and more humid weather is forecast for western Washington and Oregon. There is as light chance of thunderstorms in southern California. Scattered wet thunderstorms are forecast in Colorado, Utah, New Mexice, and Arizona. Temperatures will range from the 80s' in the Rockies to 112 in the Desert Southwest. Highs will be in the 60s' and 70s' along the Coast.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							
NORTHWEST	2	23		2		126	153
CA-NORTHERN						39	39
CA-SOUTHERN						4	4
NORTHERN	2				4	8	14
GB-EASTERN		8		4	2	13	27
GB-WESTERN		28			7	4	39
SOUTHWEST		1		1		7	9
ROCKY MTN	1	6				2	9
EASTERN					15	2	17
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	5	66		7	28	201	307

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							
NORTHWEST	2,000	3,902		1		38,394	44,297
CA-NORTHERN						104	104
CA-SOUTHERN						8,001	8,001
NORTHERN	2				2,142	146	2,290
GB-EASTERN		6,570		1	15	1,331	7,917
GB-WESTERN		10,500			280	4,000	14,780
SOUTHWEST		144					144
ROCKY MTN	112	1				1	114
EASTERN					9	1	10

SOUTHERN										NR
USA	2,114	21,117			2	2,446	51,978	77,657		

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	197	58	234	54	62	1	3		1,556	272
CA-NORTHERN	98	11	74	15	17	5	7		895	12
CA-SOUTHERN	169	9	193	12	28	2	13	4	623	124
NORTHERN	39	2	24	14	14	1			87	33
GB-EASTERN	7	2	57	5	14		3		20	
GB-WESTERN	1	9	17	17	5	1			22	6
SOUTHWEST	2	2	18						11	
ROCKY MTN	2		8		6				31	
EASTERN									0	
SOUTHERN										
USA	515	93	608	117	146	10	26	4	3,245	447

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	171	358	13	36	1,043	1,261	2,882
CA-NORTHERN	42	55	1	18	1,881	887	2,884
CA-SOUTHERN	7	299	2	249	3,397	874	4,828
NORTHERN	726	67	46	17	409	886	2,151
GB-EASTERN	50	741		24	374	584	1,773
GB-WESTERN		672	3	55	94	232	1,056
SOUTHWEST	1,174	309	13	93	1,422	2,068	5,079
ROCKY MTN	789	829		65	745	601	3,029
EASTERN	244			61	11,720	343	12,368
SOUTHERN	77		106	93	46,115	1,135	47,526
USA	3,286	3,376	216	717	67,744	8,889	84,225
5 YEAR AVERAGE							59,022

ACRES BURNED: Year to date						
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS
ALASKA	16	205,422	138,901	4,379	237,224	168
NORTHWEST	127,445	165,948	1,556	5	27,187	190,043
CA-NORTHERN	166	7,460		366	13,620	96,239

CA-SOUTHERN	997	37,382	30	35,428	159,684	113,061	346,582
NORTHERN	16,131	5,741	3,054	162	93,156	60,139	178,383
GB-EASTERN	395	710,537		8,119	63,041	83,308	865,400
GB-WESTERN		199,837	602	284	2,859	11,716	215,298
SOUTHWEST	36,841	10,636	3,155	5,319	73,112	208,557	337,620
ROCKY MTN	25,332	36,691		10,631	31,214	42,098	145,966
EASTERN	566			533	153,985	18,423	173,507
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,039,175	42,161	1,125,971
USA	209,670	1,379,654	177,382	77,996	1,894,257	865,913	4,730,843
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,923,070

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	29	24	1,160	17,980
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	0	0	326	1,970
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	349	343,889
SASKATCHEWAN	2	0	388	12,838
MANITOBA	0	0	386	89,207
ONTARIO	2	2	1,111	454,692
QUEBEC	14	77	1,101	629,931
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	130	27,542
NEW BRUNSWICK	9	211	300	1,787
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	249	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	2	0	69	16,369
TOTALS	58	312	5,736	1,690,381

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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