

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1996 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Low to moderate initial attack activity was reported yesterday. Good progress continued on several large fires with many achieving containment objectives. The Great Basin experienced control problems on a few fires due to strong winds associated with a passing frontal system. A Type II Incident Management Team was committed in the Eastern Great Basin and a State Team was committed in the Northwest. Two battalions will be arriving today on the Umatilla National Forest for the Summit and Tower fires. Resource mobilization through NICC remained steady.

Northwest Large Fires:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) is committed to the Umatilla National Forest.

SUMMIT, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. Strong winds caused spotting and slopovers on the south and east flanks. Helicopter bucket drops aided in stopping fire spread. Flashy fuels are causing control problems. Structures in the vicinity are threatened. Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander) will be arriving today.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. High winds and dry fuels increased fire activity. The fire spotted across the line on the north flank. Private property is threatened. Current concerns include salmon streams, historic structures, an electronic site, and Lehman Hot Springs resort. The 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Lt. Col. Seal, Commander) will be arriving today.

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. Steady progress was made toward containment objectives. Current concerns are unburned islands of flashy fuel within the perimeter.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. This incident is being managed under a Unified Command with the Douglas Forest Protective Association. Burnout operations were conducted to protect major powerlines and three communities. Residences in Dry Creek are threatened to the northwest of the fire. Pacific Power and Light structures are in danger. Steep terrain has hampered control efforts.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is transitioning with another Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson). The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Initial attack resources worked on a new fire within the complex. Demobilization

of resources continued.

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The BULL, ROCKY, and #104 fires comprise this complex. Numerous spot fires have challenged suppression efforts. Burnout operations planned for the southern perimeter were postponed due to increased winds and dry conditions. Demobilization of resources has begun.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The complex consists of the MOOLACK and CHARLETON fires. Crews on the Charleton fire continued to work in heavy blowdown timber. Fireline Explosives were used on the Moolack fire.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Macdonald) 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. Extreme fire behavior through grass and timber was observed yesterday. The Dam fire made a run toward Oxbow Creek. Crews kept the Sheep fire within containment lines. Inaccessibility has hindered control efforts. Wildlife winter range, historical structures and electronic sites are threatened.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. The complex includes the BLACK GORGE, WARRIOR and BEAR BONES fires. Crews made progress toward containment objectives. Steep slopes, heavy fuel loading and spotting continue to impede suppression efforts.

PHOENIX, Washington State. A State Type II Incident Management Team (Poch) is assigned. The fire is located 10 miles east of Goldendale, WA. No other information available.

WILDCAT COMPLEX, Malheur NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bullis) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. It is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. The complex includes the WILDCAT, CANYON CREEK and GRAHAM fires. All control lines held, despite high winds. Crews worked on a lightning holdover fire yesterday. Resource demobilization has begun.

One fire is in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 3,000 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SUMMIT	UMF	OR	35,000	45	UNK	1,466	49	118	0	0	NR	1.3M
TOWER	UMF	OR	44,860	45	9/9	941	30	29	6	8	2.1M	10M
TIMBERLINE CX	COA	WA	15,000	90	8/31	892	26	60	4	0	NR	2.1M
SPRING	UPF	OR	11,600	30	UNK	1,078	26	19	6	0	NR	6.2M
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,400	90	9/2	1,463	41	42	5	0	NR	11.7M
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	7,500	60	9/1	1,110	35	10	4	0	NR	13M
MOOLACK CPX	WIF	OR	11,700	50	9/5	847	27	14	3	0	5.4M	2.1M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	68,925	75	9/4	441	9	3	9	0	NR	6M
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	1,178	80	UNK	762	23	29	2	0	1.5M	2.2M
PHOENIX	WAS	WA	500	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	11,007	90	8/31	864	28	18	9	0	932K	8.7M

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

EIGHTH STREET, Boise District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. The fire is burning 1 mile northeast of Boise, ID. Most of the work is concentrated on the northern portion of the fire. A portable retardant plant has allowed more helicopter bucket drops to hold the fire in heavy fuels. An electronic site and structures remain threatened.

MORMON TRAIL, Utah State. This fire is located 15 miles east of Salt Lake City, UT. Good progress was made on the fire yesterday, allowing many resources ordered to be cancelled. There are currently no threats.

FALL GOOSE COMPLEX. Payette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The fires in the complex are located 5-10 miles north, northeast and northwest of McCall, ID. The complex is comprised of the FALL, FROG, HARTLEY, BRUNDAGE, KNOB, GOOSE NORTH, GOOSE SOUTH and miscellaneous spot fires. Airtankers were utilized to contain torching and spotting on the fire yesterday. Private homes and recreational sites are threatened.

COX'S WELL, Idaho Falls District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) has been ordered. This fire is located 44 miles northwest of Pocatello, ID, and is 3-4 miles south of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. The fire made major runs to the south burning onto private land. Some outbuildings have been destroyed. Shifting winds are causing control problems. Threats are to homes, farms, grain fields and powerlines.

ELBA, Sawtooth NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. The fire is located 20 miles southwest of Burley, ID. Good progress was made on line construction as expected high winds did not materialize. This along with cooler temperatures has allowed the expected containment date to be moved up to today. A ski area and USFS recreation site remain threatened.

BRIDGE, Salmon-Challis NF. This fire is now being suppressed under a confinement strategy. The fire is 2,500 acres and is included below under confinement fires. It will no longer be reported individually.

Four fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 8,012 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
EIGHTH STREET	BOD	ID	14,216	70	9/01	830	21	41	6	1	NR	1.4M
MORMON TRAIL	UTS	UT	800	90	9/02	145	5	9	1	0	NR	100K
FALL GOOSE CPX	PAF	ID	340	60	9/02	174	6	6	4	0	NR	325K
COX'S WELL	IFD	ID	200,000	50	UNK	124	1	25	0	0	NR	40K
ELBA	STF	ID	11,320	80	8/31	260	7	17	1	0	135K	375K

Southern California Large Fires:

MARPLE, Los Angeles County, California State. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is located near Lake Castatic. Fire spread slowed and acreage did not increase. Line construction was completed on the southern flank, and all completed lines

are holding. A secondary line was constructed and backfired to protect communities to the north. Structures at the Paradise Ranch are still threatened. Extreme temperatures and low humidities continue to hamper suppression efforts. ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. Handlines from Frog Creek to Hetch Hetchy were completed and fired yesterday. Spots were controlled and all lines held. About 1,200 additional acres remain to burnout.

FOOTHILL, Los Angeles County, California State. The fire is located in the foothills of San Dimas. Fire behavior was unpredictable and the fire spread rapidly. Numerous structures were threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
MARPLE	LAC	CA	21,302	55	9/3	1,869	57	107	11	0	NR	3.0M
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	57,120	95	8/31	1,609	55	43	12	1	34M	17.9M
FOOTHILL	LAC	CA	125	80	8/31	280	10	30	5	0	NR	NR

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

CHERRY WOLF, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located just outside of Cherry Creek, NV, north of Ely. Extreme fire behavior was exhibited yesterday as the fire spread in several directions. Airtanker support and a wind shift helped firefighters to keep the fire within retardant lines and a road. Threats are to the community of Cherry Creek, archaeological sites and wildlife habitat.

OREGON, Elko District, BLM. The fire is burning 4 miles from the town of Midas, NV. Strong winds caused the fire to make several runs to the east yesterday. The fire jumped the south fork of the Little Humboldt River. Retardant drops were effective on the northern flanks. The fire has burned into the Wilderness Study Area again. Steep, rough terrain, extreme fire behavior and the remote location are hampering control efforts.

UPPER HUMBOLDT COMPLEX, Battle Mountain District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. The complex consists of the SLAVEN 2 fire and three Winnemucca District fires, GETCHELL, NORTH CHIMNEY and DUTCH FLAT. The Slaven 2 fire is contained. The North Chimney fire burned within 100 feet of a ranch late Thursday night, but the structure was protected and the perimeter has been secured. Mop-up continued on the Getchell. The northeast flank of the Dutch Flat fire jumped the line and burned toward a ranch, but airtanker support slowed its progress until crews could secure the perimeter. This ranch and 3 mines remain threatened by this slopover. Gusty winds from a frontal passage were responsible for much of yesterdays activity.

QUINN/ODELL, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shive) is assigned. The fire is located east of McDermitt, NV. Strong winds, dry fuels and low humidities caused extreme fire behavior yesterday. The fire nearly doubled in size as it spread to the north. A line cabin to the northeast of the fire is currently threatened.

DEER CREEK, Humboldt NF. Steep cliffs, rock slides, rolling materials, and aspen/mahogany fuels are slowing progress on this incident. Current threats are to the town of Jarbidge and wildlife habitat.

BOB'S FLAT, Northern Nevada State. Good progress was again reported yesterday as burnout procedures continued.

RUBY COMPLEX, Humboldt NF. The complex consists of the SMILEY and ROAD CANYON fires. Hotspots in the fire interior continued to actively burn yesterday, but the perimeter held.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
CHERRY WOLF	ELD	NV	50	5	9/02	25	0	2	1	0	NR	NR
OREGON	EKD	NV	17,000	5	9/01	130	2	16	1	0	NR	NR
UPPER HUMBOLDT	BMD	NV	119,000	85	8/31	250	4	18	3	0	NR	356K
QUINN/ODELL	WID	NV	23,000	5	UNK	251	5	21	3	0	NR	88K
DEER CREEK	HUF	NV	630	87	8/31	50	2	0	1	0	NR	NR
BOB'S FLAT	DFN	NV	30,000	85	8/30	35	0	11	1	0	NR	NR
RUBY COMPLEX	HUF	NV	5,336	80	UNK	73	3	1	1	0	NR	424K
KING'S RIVER CX	WID	NV	8,100	100	----	34	0	7	1	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

SUNDAY POET/GREEN, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is located 39 miles southeast of Grangeville, ID. Due to the weather and wind events, no line construction was made on the Sunday Poet fire. Resources were utilized to attack spot fires and maintain existing fireline. The Green fire increased by 20 acres. Erratic winds and fire behavior required crews to be pulled off the fire. This fire is burning in the head waters for Chinook, bull trout and steelhead habitat. Increased acreage and fire behavior is expected with forecasted high winds.

SWET/WARRIOR, Bitterroot NF & Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. Fire activity remained low due to the recent rain. Some increase in fire activity is possible with predicted drier weather and windy conditions.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SUNDAY/GREEN	NPF	ID	230	60	9/02	274	8	0	2	0	NR	522K
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	38,080	0	9/15	76	4	2	3	1	NR	632K
HAY COULEE	LED	MT	350	100	----	57	2	3	0	0	NR	25K

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

STOCKWELL, Big Horn NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. Crews made good progress on lines on the north and east flanks. Threats are low to moderate to a communications tower, work center and recreational cabins.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
STOCKWELL	BHF	WY	1,000	75	UNK	275	6	3	3	0	NR	NR
BATES CREEK	WOD	WY	59,450	100	----	62	1	14	2	0	NR	280K
N BROKENBACK	WOD	WY	4,862	100	----	173	5	11	1	0	NR	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
AMBROSE CPX	MDF	CA	24,612	100	----	1,771	39	67	10	0	4M	2.7M

Southwest Large Fires:

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 870 acres.

Alaska Large Fires:

Twelve fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 345,013 acres.

OUTLOOK

*** RED FLAG WARNINGS ARE POSTED ***

*** FOR STRONG WEST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ***

*** THROUGH TONIGHT IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN IDAHO AND SOUTHEAST OREGON ***

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED FOR WINDS ***

*** COMBINED WITH LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES IN WESTERN ***

*** AND CENTRAL MONTANA, WESTERN WYOMING AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ***

A strong, dry upper level disturbance will be over the Northern Rockies this afternoon. This system will produce high winds in the Northern Rockies and northern Great Basin. Northerly pressure gradients will develop for northern California producing dry north winds into the Sacramento valley. Winds will decrease in the Pacific Northwest. A few dry thunderstorms are possible along the Canadian border. A few wet thunderstorms will develop in Colorado and New Mexico. High temperatures will range from the 60's and 70's along the Canadian border to the 80's and 90's in the Great Basin. The interior valley of California and the desert Southwest will see highs over 100 degrees. Increased fire activity is anticipated due to the holiday weekend coupled with red flag conditions.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					2		2
NORTHWEST	2	2			8	7	19
CA-NORTH					11	3	14
CA-SOUTH				1	24	5	30
NORTHERN		12			10	41	63
GB-EAST		1			2	24	27
GB-WEST		3			0	1	4
SOUTHWEST						7	7
ROCKY MTN		2			1	8	11

EASTERN						1	1
SOUTHERN							0
USA	2	20	0	1	58	97	178

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					2		2
NORTHWEST	46	6			1	1,201	1,254
CA-NORTH					31	569	600
CA-SOUTH				7,345	34	125	7,504
NORTHERN		438			6	48	492
GB-EAST		390			1,712	272	2,374
GB-WEST		25,460			4,000	11,095	40,555
SOUTHWEST						21	21
ROCKY MTN		21			0	0	21
EASTERN						6	6
SOUTHERN							0
USA	46	26,315	0	7,345	5,786	13,337	52,829

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	184	64	166	56	72		3		1,175	272
CA-NORTH	41	42	33	50	7		2	1	287	68
CA-SOUTH	147	10	189	30	32	5	14	4	219	
NORTHERN	40	1	32	24	15				254	46
GB-EAST	37	4	94	4	16		1		288	7
GB-WEST	6	11	61	27	11	1			226	19
SOUTHWEST			11		1				2	
ROCKY MTN	14	1	9	19	7				170	58
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	469	133	595	210	161	6	20	5	2,621	470

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	547	19	656

NORTHWEST	207	419	14	35	1,416	1,341	3,432
CA-NORTH	43	60	2	19	1,973	821	2,918
CA-SOUTH	10	302	2	236	3,474	891	4,915
NORTHERN	712	80	46	25	485	1,150	2,498
GB-EAST	51	783		24	396	683	1,937
GB-WEST		690	3	55	96	204	1,048
SOUTHWEST	1,187	322	13	91	1,443	2,113	5,169
ROCKY MTN	813	885		67	789	635	3,189
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	343	12,353
SOUTHERN	77		105	93	45,780	1,143	47,198
USA	3,350	3,587	217	712	68,104	9,343	85,313
5 YEAR AVERAGE							65,341

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	205,422	138,902	4,379	237,226	178	86,123
NORTHWEST	131,423	209,809	1,556	5	27,020	258,734	628,547
CA-NORTH	236	7,539	500	367	14,374	121,900	144,916
CA-SOUTH	2,032	40,671	30	53,958	159,815	143,943	400,449
NORTHERN	15,935	6,854	3,054	501	95,347	70,936	192,627
GB-EAST	395	829,632		7,930	74,957	94,662	1,007,576
GB-WEST		392,600	602	284	59,354	38,207	491,047
SOUTHWEST	36,845	10,617	3,155	5,319	73,244	208,929	338,109
ROCKY MTN	26,104	193,286		10,639	31,496	42,069	303,594
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,429	173,504
SOUTHERN	1,781		29,984	12,770	1,027,165	42,206	1,113,906
USA	215,333	1,896,430	177,783	96,685	1,953,974	1,040,193	5,380,398
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,963,864

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES				
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	4,001	1,190	22,005
YUKON TERRITORY	1		145	93,351
ALBERTA	1		331	1,973
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			349	343,889
SASKATCHEWAN	2		399	12,886
MANITOBA	1		392	90,211
ONTARIO	6	2	1,142	454,624
QUEBEC	4		1,121	630,421
NEWFOUNDLAND			131	27,544
NEW BRUNSWICK	5		310	1,763
NOVA SCOTIA			249	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			23	195
NATIONAL PARKS			71	16,409
TOTALS	26	4003	5,853	1,695,901

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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