

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1996 - 0530 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Dry lightning resulted in increased fire activity in the Great Basin, Northwest, Northern California and Rocky Mountain Areas. A Type II Incident Management Team was mobilized from the Northern Rockies to the Rocky Mountain Area. Resource mobilization through NICC remained constant.

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

TELEPHONE, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison NF. This fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine, Pinyon/Juniper and oak 35 miles southwest of Montrose, Co. Erratic fire behavior due to low fuel moistures and low humidities were reported. High winds caused the fire to crown from Pinyon/ Juniper into Ponderosa Pine and oak. The fire is in a remote area and inaccessibility is a major problem.

TWIN BUTTES INCIDENT, Craig District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The TWIN BUTTES and HATCHET fires are being managed together as the Twin Buttes Incident. The Twin Buttes fire is 1,400 acres. Significant progress was made on line construction. Threats continue to oil and gas improvements and ranches. The Hatchet fire is 2,195 acres and threats are to oil and gas improvements and private land. Erratic fire behavior was experienced from 1100 to 1800. Four airtankers flew over 16 hours dropping 94,000 gallons of retardant.

DISAPPOINTMENT, San Juan NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine, Pinyon/Juniper, scrub oak and sage brush 20 miles northwest of Delores, CO. Crews and dozers made good progress on the west and east sides. The fire was active in oak brush fuels, making short runs to the south and west. Airtankers were crucial in holding line and keeping the fire from burning into heavier fuels. Major problems are extreme fire behavior and the potential for reburn of unburned fuels. Ranch structures and Benchmark Lookout remain threatened.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$	C-T-D
NAME					CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS		
TELEPHONE	GMF	CO	970	0	UNK	105	3	3	2	0	NR	NR	
TWIN BUTTES	CRD	CO	1,400	80	7/25	142	6	5	2	0	NR	NR	
HATCHET	GJD	CO	2,195	0	7/28	233	9	0	0	0	NR	140K	
DISAPPOINTMENT	SJF	CO	3,600	75	7/26	335	12	8	4	0	NR	490K	

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

CURTIS CREEK, Boise NF. This prescribed natural fire 16 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. has been declared a wildfire. The total area is 833 acres of which 414 are outside of the prescription and are being suppressed. Good progress was made in burnout operations and line holding. The main

threat is spotting in heavy fuels outside the fire perimeter. Torching in pockets of sub alpine fir is a concern. One hundred and forty chains of line remain to be burned out.

Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 1,446 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
CURTIS CREEK	BOF	ID	414	48	7/29	26	1	1	0	0	NR	1K
WILDCAT	ZIP	UT	6,700	100	---	244	9	0	2	0	NR	NR
SIMPSON	SLD	UT	3,300	100	---	95	3	6	1	0	NR	NR
ZIP = Zion NP	SLD = Salt Lake District, BLM											

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

ROCK HILL, Winnemucca District, BLM. This fire is burning 30 miles southwest of Winnemucca, NV. Current threats are to 3 occupied dwellings, 2 mines and unoccupied cow camps. Control problems include erratic winds, high rate of spread and flashy fuels.

FLAT CREEK, Winnemucca District, BLM. This fire is located 60 miles north of Winnemucca, NV. High winds are hindering control efforts.

IZZEN, Elko District, BLM. This fire is 15 miles north of Battle Mountain, NV. and is being managed by Battle Mountain District, BLM under an initial attack agreement. The current threat is to a ranch 1.5 miles away. Erratic winds and spotting are causing control problems.

One fire (Gass Peak) is being monitored by air in non-suppression status at 600 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ROCK HILL	WID	NV	2,000	0	7/25	24	1	2	0	0	NR	NR
FLAT CREEK	WID	NV	2,500	0	7/25	15	1	5	0	0	NR	NR
SOD HOUSE	WID	NV	2,000	100	----	21	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
IZZEN	EKD	NV	600	25	7/25	9	0	3	0	0	NR	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

CRATER BUTTE, Lassen Volcanic NP. This prescribed natural fire exceeded the prescription yesterday, and has been declared a wildfire. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) was ordered last night and will assume suppression responsibilities today. No further information available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
CRATER BUTTE	LNP	CA	100	0	UNK	170	6	0	2	0	NR	NR

Northwest Large Fires:

JACKSON, Vale District, BLM. This fire is burning in brush and grass 15 miles north of McDermitt, OR. The fire was burning actively at 2000 last night. High temperatures, low humidities, dry flashy fuels and winds are

hampering control efforts.

SIMMONS GULCH, Vale District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and brush 30 miles west of Vale near Highway 20.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
JACKSON RANCH	VAD	OR	800	10	UNK	65	2	6	1	0	NR	NR	
SIMMONS GULCH	VAD	OR	250	90	UNK	18	0	4	1	0	NR	NR	

Southern California Large Fires:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WHITE OAK	KRN	CA	4,800	100	---	348	18	31	3	2	NR	100K	

KRN = Kern County, California State

Alaska Large Fires: Twenty-nine fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 432,407 acres.

Southwest Large Fires: Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 19,736 acres.

OUTLOOK:

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED IN EXTREME SOUTHEAST ***
*** OREGON, WESTERN IDAHO, NORTHEAST NEVADA AND THE MOUNTAINS ***
*** AND EASTERN DESERTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR DRY LIGHTNING ***

Strong high pressure remains over the West with persistent hot and dry conditions. The combination of unstable air and mid-level moisture will be isolated to widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms from the Oregon Cascades and California Sierras eastward into the Rockies. Some of these thunderstorms will be dry in southeast Oregon, western Idaho, northeast Nevada and the mountains and eastern deserts of southern California. Precipitation is expected to increase with thunderstorms in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. A little cooler air will filter into the coastal valleys of Washington and Oregon, but the interior areas will remain abnormally hot. High temperatures in the West will range from the 70's along the coasts, with most areas in the 90's and 100's and up to 115 in the Southwest deserts. Fire activity is expected to increase in the areas where dry lightning is forecasted.

FIRE: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					2		2
NORTHWEST	2	4		1	5	19	31
CA-NORTHERN	3				28	3	34
CA-SOUTHERN		3		1	49	4	57
NORTHERN					4	4	8
GB-EASTERN		4			3	4	11

GB-WESTERN		34			1	4	39
SOUTHWEST	11			1		7	18
ROCKY MTN					1	4	6
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN					17	1	18
USA	16	45	0	3	110	50	224

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					71		71
NORTHWEST	2	900		1	5	1	909
CA-NORTHERN	1				60	1	62
CA-SOUTHERN		2,015		0	2,093	13	4,121
NORTHERN					10	20	30
GB-EASTERN		3,315			15	439	3,769
GB-WESTERN		7,531			1	1	7,533
SOUTHWEST	78					40	118
ROCKY MTN				1	0	3,101	3,102
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN					121	1	122
USA	81	13,761	0	2	2,376	3,617	19,837

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA	1	2								9
NORTHWEST			25		3		1		12	
CA-NORTHERN	6	6	21	6	3		1			
CA-SOUTHERN	2	15	1	27	2				6	29
NORTHERN	4		5	6	1	1				
GB-EASTERN	10	2	26	8	10				32	7
GB-WESTERN	10	7	29	7	6				15	4
SOUTHWEST	10		33		4				1	
ROCKY MTN	32	1	11	9	13		7		157	16
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	75	33	149	63	42	1	9	0	223	65

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	5	43	29	5	523	8	613
NORTHWEST	121	91	7	7	637	243	1,106

CA-NORTHERN	43	25	1	14	1,211	337	1,631
CA-SOUTHERN	7	256	1	51	2,624	562	3,501
NORTHERN	559	15	42	10	201	274	1,101
GB-EASTERN	37	422		14	212	257	942
GB-WESTERN		409		40	68	106	623
SOUTHWEST	963	204	10	59	1,220	1,483	3,941
ROCKY MTN	605	449		32	583	319	1,988
EASTERN	244			50	11,709	331	12,334
SOUTHERN	77		103	78	45,684	1,110	47,052
USA	2,661	1,914		360	64,672	5,032	74,832
5 YEAR AVERAGE							47,614

AREA	BIA	ACRES BURNED: Year to date					
		BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	15	204,122	131,447	4,374	253,706	141	593,805
NORTHWEST	2,659	22,215	1,547	2	2,788	2,280	31,491
CA-NORTHERN	67	881	0	125	7,756	418	9,247
CA-SOUTHERN	997	33,072	25	565	90,259	28,391	153,309
NORTHERN	4,661	833	2,921	2	4,358	629	13,404
GB-EASTERN	310	417,095		5,006	51,753	13,855	488,019
GB-WESTERN		76,828		32	2,455	3,507	82,822
SOUTHWEST	36,199	7,799	3,053	5,027	71,023	204,986	328,087
ROCKY MTN	23,582	9,868		4,359	16,664	27,724	82,197
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,411	173,486
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,076	10,632	1,021,205	41,503	1,105,197
USA	70,837	772,713	169,069	30,657	1,675,943	341,845	3,061,064
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,261,448

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1	0	488	15,440
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	125	90,087
ALBERTA	3	2	252	1,426
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	5	104	265	183,084
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	330	6,015
MANITOBA	1	41	299	53,057
ONTARIO	1	0	1,006	417,230
QUEBEC	2	216	899	464,425
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	60	4,346
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	241	1,596
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	231	628
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	22	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	46	14,649
TOTALS	14	363	4,264	1,252,178

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

NR = No Report

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