

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Increased fire activity continued in many areas of the West. Type II Incident Management Teams were committed to fires in the Northern Rockies, Northern California, Southwest and Great Basin Areas. Resource mobilization through NICC has increased.

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

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 100% contained. The Hatchet fire continues to be a threat to oil and gas improvements and private land. Significant activity occurred on the fire yesterday. The outlook for today is for continued extreme fire behavior based on low humidities and dry, dense continuous fuels.

TELEPHONE, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Stone) is assigned. This fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine, Pinyon-Juniper and oak 35 miles southwest of Montrose, Co. Threats are to private land and a proposed timber sale. Control problems include low humidities, strong erratic winds (up to 40 MPH), steep terrain and low fuel moistures. Extreme fire behavior is expected again today.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
TWIN BUTTES	CRD	CO	1,400	100	----	98	4	2	2	0	NR	500K
HATCHET	GJD	CO	3,987	10	7/28	321	11	4	5	0	NR	1.5M
TELEPHONE	GMF	CO	1,075	30	7/27	219	7	3	2	0	NR	NR
DISAPPOINTMENT	SJF	CO	3,840	100	----	325	12	6	3	0	NR	673K

SJF = San Juan NF

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

EAST CARBON, Moab District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) was ordered this morning. This fire is burning near the community of Carbon, UT. No further information was available.

WILDCAT, Zion NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The fire is 8 miles north of Park Headquarters, 27 miles south of Cedar City, UT. The fire escaped containment lines yesterday. The north flank completed mop-up and accomplished rehabilitation of the fire lines. Burnout operations are continuing in heavy fuels and isolated pockets.

DAVIS MOUNTAIN, Shoshone District, BLM. This fire is burning in steep, rugged, inaccessible terrain 43 miles east of Mountain Home, ID. Plans are to use airtankers first thing this morning to support crews and engines. The current threat is to wildlife habitat and a Wilderness Study

Area.

CURTIS CREEK, Boise NF. This fire is 16 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Torching, spotting and access are causing control problems. The current threat is to anadromous fisheries. Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 1,620 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
EAST CARBON	MOD	UT	800	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
WILDCAT	ZIP	UT	6,765	70	7/26	160	5	0	2	0	NR	NR
DAVIS MOUNTAIN	SID	ID	2,200	5	7/26	143	4	18	1	0	NR	NR
CURTIS CREEK	BOF	ID	414	49	7/29	26	1	1	0	0	NR	6K
QUEENS CROWN	SID	ID	250	60	7/26	69	0	12	1	0	NR	NR
GLENDALE	SID	ID	150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

FLAT CREEK, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) has been ordered. This fire is located 2 miles south of McDermitt, NV. Current threats are to fish and Bighorn Sheep habitat. Control problems include steep terrain, poor access and erratic fire behavior.

DRY, Battle Mountain District, BLM. The fire is threatening livestock 45 miles south of Battle Mountain, NV. Steep terrain, poor access and winds are hampering control efforts.

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FLAT CREEK	WID	NV	11,300	20	7/27	215	9	9	0	0	NR	NR
DRY	BMD	NV	800	30	7/26	13	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
IZZEN	EKD	NV	800	100	----	12	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
GASS PEAK	LVD	NV	600	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
ROCK HILL	WID	NV	6,000	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
SOD HOUSE	WID	NV	2,000	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

EKD = Elko District, BLM

LVD = Las Vegas District, BLM

Northern California Large Fires:

MADALANNA, Plumas NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Woods) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, juniper and scattered timber 5 miles east of Beckwourth, CA. The fire started at 1530 yesterday afternoon and spread very rapidly. Numerous resources were on order at the time of the report. Current threat is to a farm house and outbuildings.

CRATER BUTTE, Lassen Volcanic NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. Torching has caused spotting problems in two divisions.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
MADALANNA	PNF	CA	3,000	10	UNK	150	4	7	1	0	NR	NR
CRATER BUTTE	LNP	CA	270	25	7/27	350	16	0	5	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

LOWER COXCY, Helena NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hancock) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, sage and timber northeast of Canyon Ferry Lake, northeast of Helena. High winds and dry conditions are impeding control efforts. Structure protection is in place for cabins in the area. An escaped camp fire was determined to be the cause of this fire.

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LOWER COXCY	HNF	MT	150	0	7/27	152	5	7	2	0	NR	65K

Southwest Large Fires:

MAGOTSU, Arizona Strip District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) was ordered. 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
MAGOTSU	ASD	AZ	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
SOUTH SUMMIT	SCA	AZ	209	100	---	78	3	3	1	0	NR	4K

SCA = San Carlos Agency, BIA

Northwest Large Fires:

SKULL CREEK, Burns District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and sage approximately 15 miles northwest of Fields, OR. Winds associated with thunderstorms, limited access, low humidities and low fuel moistures are hampering control efforts. Threats are to private land, powerlines and winter range.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SKULL CREEK	BUD	OR	800	0	UNK	35	1	7	2	0	NR	NR
SPRAGUE #2	SPD	WA	1,920	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
JACKSON RANCH	VAD	OR	700	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
SIMMONS GULCH	VAD	OR	250	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

VAD = Vale District, BLM

SPD = Spokane District, BLM

Alaska Large Fires: Thirty fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 435,355 acres.

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

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR DRY LIGHTNING IN CENTRAL OREGON ***

Strong high pressure aloft will continue to bring hot and dry weather over the western U.S. The combination of unstable air and mid-level moisture will produce isolated to widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms from the Oregon Cascades and California Sierras eastward through the Great Basin and into the Rockies. Some of these thunderstorms will be dry, especially in central Oregon where a fire weather watch is posted. Thunderstorms in the desert Southwest and the Rockies will generally be accompanied with rain. The Pacific Northwest will continue to be unusually 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 up to 115 in the Southwest deserts. Fire activity is expected to continue with forecasted dry lightning and holdover fires from the past few days.

FIRES: Yesterday								
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA		3			3		6	
NORTHWEST	5	7	2	2	4	17	37	
CA-NORTHERN					20	12	32	
CA-SOUTHERN				3		4	7	
NORTHERN	4			1	4	6	5	
GB-EASTERN		21			13	6	306	
GB-WESTERN		13				1	14	
SOUTHWEST	8				15	30	53	
ROCKY MTN		2		2		2	6	
EASTERN							NR	
SOUTHERN							0	
USA	17	46	2	8	59	78	210	

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		700			2,601		3,301
NORTHWEST	15	1,761	0	1	0	4	1,781
CA-NORTHERN					22	410	432
CA-SOUTHERN				1		11	12
NORTHERN	10			0	15	151	176
GB-EASTERN		2,741			75	306	3,122
GB-WESTERN		9,827				0	9,827
SOUTHWEST	137				140	69	346
ROCKY MTN		1		2		3,601	3,604
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							0
USA	162	15,030	0	4	2,853	4,552	22,601

RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA	1	2								12
NORTHWEST	3		37		6		3		1	
CA-NORTHERN	15	10	28	12	3	3	1	6	97	15
CA-SOUTHERN	1		1							
NORTHERN	7		10	6	2	3			29	4
GB-EASTERN	10	1	44	10	13				68	6
GB-WESTERN	14	6	16	1	3		1		24	1
SOUTHWEST	10		26		3					
ROCKY MTN	33	1	14	8	12		6		146	23
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	94	20	176	37	42	6	11	6	365	61

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	46	29	5	526	8	619
NORTHWEST	127	97	8	9	647	242	1,130
CA-NORTHERN	43	25	1	14	1,231	349	1,663
CA-SOUTHERN	7	256	1	59	2,624	572	3,519
NORTHERN	604	15	42	10	207	274	1,152
GB-EASTERN	37	433		14	215	265	964
GB-WESTERN		421		40	68	103	632
SOUTHWEST	974	204	11	61	1,235	1,514	3,999
ROCKY MTN	605	449		33	583	321	1,991
EASTERN	244			50	11,709	331	12,334
SOUTHERN	77		103	78	45,684	1,110	47,052
USA	2,723	1,946	195	373	64,729	5,089	75,055
5 YEAR AVERAGE							47,849

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	15	204,822	131,447	4,374	256,307	141	597,106
NORTHWEST	3,676	24,616	1,548	3	2,792	2,284	34,919
CA-NORTHERN	67	881	0	331	7,778	823	9,880
CA-SOUTHERN	997	33,072	25	865	90,259	28,391	153,609
NORTHERN	8,140	833	2,921	2	4,373	777	17,046
GB-EASTERN	310	417,095		5,006	51,818	14,161	488,390
GB-WESTERN		90,886		32	2,455	3,507	96,880
SOUTHWEST	36,280	7,799	3,054	5,030	71,163	205,055	328,381
ROCKY MTN	23,582	10,656		4,361	16,664	27,950	83,213
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	75,414	790,660	169,071	31,169	1,678,790	343,003	3,088,107

5 YEAR AVERAGE

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	11	1	499	15,441
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	125	90,092
ALBERTA	1	2	253	1,426
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	0	267	183,090
SASKATCHEWAN	3	3	335	6,018
MANITOBA	0	0	299	53,057
ONTARIO	1	3,971	1,007	421,201
QUEBEC	3	0	902	464,425
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	60	4,346
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	241	1,596
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	231	628
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	22	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	48	14,649
TOTALS	22	3,984	4,290	1,256,162

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

NR = No Report

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