

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1996 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Several Areas experienced increased fire activity yesterday. Type I Incident Management Teams were committed to fires in Northern California and the Northwest Areas. Type II Incident Management Teams were assigned in the Great Basin and Northwest Areas. Mobilization of equipment, crews, overhead and aircraft increased through NICC.

Northern California Large Fires:

MADALANNA, Plumas NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, juniper and scattered timber 5 miles east of Beckwourth, CA. Ranches in the area were threatened and 5-6 scattered homes have been evacuated as a precautionary measure.

CRATER BUTTE, Lassen Volcanic NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. The current threats are to the Park trail system, wilderness and watershed. Infrared revealed several spot fires in two divisions. Demobilization is planned to begin today.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
MADALANNA	PNF	CA	4,000	30	7/28	737	31	44	2	0	NR	125K
CRATER BUTTE	LNP	CA	320	80	7/27	462	19	0	6	0	NR	130K

Northwest Large Fires:

JEFFERSON, Deschutes NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) was ordered last night and will assume suppression responsibilities today. The fire has burned 30 acres on the Warm Springs Agency, BIA. No further information is available.

SKULL CREEK, Burns District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and sage approximately 15 miles northwest of Fields, OR. The fire escaped control lines on the east flank, increasing the fire size significantly. Additional resources have been ordered. Threats include private land, powerlines and winter range.

HEPPSIE, Rogue River NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Welch) is assigned. The fire is 30-60 acres burning in timber 30 miles east of Medford, OR. Steep rugged terrain and limited access are creating control problems. No further information is available.

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

EAST CARBON, Moab District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is located 21 miles east of Price, UT. Three towns, 1 to 2 miles from the fire and communication sites are threatened. Strong winds and extremely low fuel moistures are hindering suppression efforts.

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. Crews assisted by water drops concentrated on working hot spots in Wildcat Canyon. The fire received .25" of rain, lightning and pea size hail accompanied the thunderstorm.

INEL #5, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Department of Energy. This fire is located 42 miles north of Pocatello, ID. Threats are to the town of Atomic City, one and a half miles from the fire and to a major communications site if the fire moves to the north. Extreme fire behavior occurred yesterday.

DAVIS MOUNTAIN, Shoshone District, BLM. This fire is burning in steep, rugged, inaccessible terrain 43 miles east of Mountain Home, ID. Threats remain to wildlife habitat and a Wilderness Study Area.

ROUND KNOWL, Richfield District, BLM. This fire is burning 6 miles northeast of Eureka, UT. Good progress was made by engines and dozers. Airtankers use was also effective.

Three fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,579 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS		
EAST CARBON	MOD	UT	1,200	UNK	UNK	116	3	5	1	0	NR	NR	
WILDCAT	ZIP	UT	8,106	80	7/27	150	3	0	1	0	NR	NR	
INEL #5	INEL	ID	4,500	0	UNK	62	1	12	1	0	NR	NR	
DAVIS MOUNTAIN	SID	ID	20,000	60	7/27	194	4	28	2	0	201K	80K	
ROUND KNOWL	RID	UT	300	70	7/27	47	1	5	0	0	NR	NR	
CAREY	SID	ID	100	100	----	6	0	2	0	0	NR	NR	
QUEENS CROWN	SID	ID	800	100	----	50	1	5	0	0	20K	66K	

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

MARINE, Toiyabe NF/Bakersfield District BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dondero) is assigned. This fire is burning on BLM land approximately 40 miles southeast of Carson City, NV. There is no imminent threat to structures, although numerous homes are located 1 mile from the fire. The Marine Corps' housing areas has been blacklined.

TOBIN, Winnemucca District, BLM. This fire is 6 miles south of Winnemucca, NV. Strong winds caused the fire to burn actively, torching and spotting through heavy grass, deep duff and very thick juniper fuels.

FLAT CREEK, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire is located 20 miles south of McDermitt,

NV. Current threats are to Lahontan Cutthroat trout, Bighorn Sheep habitat and historical mining structures. Crews made significant progress towards containment on the fire yesterday. The southern, western and northern flanks are now in patrol status. Poor access and steep terrain are hampering suppression efforts on the eastern flank.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST			
MARINE	BBD	CA	600	10	UNK	153	4	15	4	0	NR	NR	
TOBIN	WID	NV	300	2	7/27	68	4	2	1	0	NR	NR	
FLAT CREEK	WID	NV	12,000	85	7/27	261	10	10	1	0	NR	NR	
DRY	BMD	NV	800	100	----	70	3	2	0	0	NR	NR	

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 has been controlled at 1,400 acres. The Hatchet fire continues to be a threat to oil and gas improvements and private land. Use of airtankers, natural barriers and sparse fuels kept the fire from spreading significantly. Burning did occur in the interior islands.

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 continue to private land and a proposed timber sale. Low humidities, strong winds, steep terrain and low fuel moistures are causing control problems.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST			
TWIN BUTTES	CRD	CO	6,741	40	7/28	439	15	5	5	0	NR	1.9M	
TELEPHONE	GMF	CO	1,135	80	7/27	231	7	5	2	0	NR	336M	

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

LOWER COXY, 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. Due to the steep and rocky terrain, line construction is limited to handline. The fire continues to threaten recreational homes in the area.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST			
LOWER COXY	HNF	MT	200	30	7/29	256	9	5	2	0	NR	174K	

Southwest Large Fires:

MAGOTSU COMPLEX, Arizona Strip District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Price) is assigned. The fires are located 25 miles northwest of St. George, UT. They are burning on the Dixie NF in Utah but are being suppressed by the Arizona Strip District, BLM through an initial

attack agreement. Helicopter and air support have been successful in holding the fire spread. Private property and residence protection has been initiated and secured.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS	C-T-D
MAGOTSU COMPLEX	ASD	AZ	7,000	UNK	UNK	168	4	0	2	0	NR	202K	

Alaska Large Fires: Twenty-nine fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 404,358 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 OREGON AND EASTERN WASHINGTON ***

Strong high pressure aloft continues to produce hot and dry weather over most of the West. The center of this high is reforming near the Four Corners Area which will allow more monsoon moisture to move into the desert Southwest. Some of this moisture will move as far northward as the Cascades in Oregon and Washington later today increasing the chance of dry lightning. Thunderstorms will also be increasing from the Sierras in California to the southern Rockies and the desert Southwest. Locally heavy rain will accompany the thunderstorms in the southern Rockies and the desert Southwest. A mixture of dry and wet thunderstorms are forecast for Nevada and Utah. Thunderstorms in Idaho and Montana will be more isolated and drier. High temperatures in the west will be mostly in 90's to just over 100, with 70's along the immediate coast and 110 in the desert Southwest. Fire activity is expected to continue as dry lightning remains in the forecast.

FIRE: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			0		1		1
NORTHWEST	1	10	2	3	15	40	71
CA-NORTHERN			4		18	3	25
CA-SOUTHERN						1	1
NORTHERN	1	2			9	16	28
GB-EASTERN			17		9	14	40
GB-WESTERN			21			5	26
SOUTHWEST	9	4				43	56
ROCKY MTN	2	14		1		30	47
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	13	72	2	4	52	152	295

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			813		1		814
NORTHWEST	0	4,001	1	3	86	52	4,143
CA-NORTHERN		4			38	20	62
CA-SOUTHERN						1	1
NORTHERN	4	11			1	66	82
GB-EASTERN		22,869			471	18	23,358
GB-WESTERN		331				1	332
SOUTHWEST	2	2,000				8	2,010
ROCKY MTN	1	10		1		93	105
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	7	29,226	814	4	597	259	30,907

RESOURCE	Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA	1									
NORTHWEST	11		25	1	8		4		1	
CA-NORTHERN	55	13	50	18	9	3	1	1	133	16
CA-SOUTHERN	1									
NORTHERN	10		11	3	5				58	6
GB-EASTERN	17	1	68	10	12				47	6
GB-WESTERN	17	11	31	4	6				54	5
SOUTHWEST	8		33		5				18	
ROCKY MTN	31	1	7	9	10		7		159	25
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	151	25	225	45	55	3	12	1	470	58

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	527	8	620
NORTHWEST	127	108	10	9	668	287	1,209
CA-NORTHERN	43	33	1	14	1,249	354	1,694
CA-SOUTHERN	7	256	1	58	2,624	571	3,517
NORTHERN	607	15	42	11	217	292	1,184

GB-EASTERN	37	450		14	223	280	1,004
GB-WESTERN		427		40	70	108	645
SOUTHWEST	983	208	13	61	1,235	1,582	4,082
ROCKY MTN	609	466		34	583	350	2,042
EASTERN	244			50	11,705	331	12,330
SOUTHERN	77		103	78	45,684	1,110	47,052
USA	2,739	2,009	199	404	64,823	5,268	75,442
5 YEAR AVERAGE							47,937

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	15	204,822	132,260	4,374	256,308	141	597,920
NORTHWEST	3,676	28,618	1,549	3	2,788	2,370	39,093
CA-NORTHERN	67	901	0	325	7,816	4,844	13,953
CA-SOUTHERN	997	33,072	25	865	90,259	30,213	155,431
NORTHERN	8,167	833	2,921	2	4,375	882	17,180
GB-EASTERN	310	417,095		5,006	52,258	14,625	489,294
GB-WESTERN		90,828		32	2,458	3,507	96,825
SOUTHWEST	36,282	9,799	3,057	5,030	71,163	205,068	330,399
ROCKY MTN	23,583	12,246		4,411	16,663	28,784	85,687
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	75,444	798,214	169,888	31,213	1,679,569	350,348	3,104,676
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,273,022

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	41	63
YUKON TERRITORY	1	6
ALBERTA	0	0
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	8	16,918
SASKATCHEWAN	3	0
MANITOBA	3	3
ONTARIO	1	0
QUEBEC	5	0
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0
TOTALS		4,354
		1,273,137

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

NR = No Report

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