

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1996 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Dry thunderstorms caused increased initial attack and large fire activity in the Southwest and Great Basin Areas yesterday. Western Great Basin mobilized three Type II Incident Management Teams. Initial attack and new large fires also occurred in Alaska, necessitating the mobilization of two Type II Incident Management Teams. Resource mobilization through NICC increased to the Southwest, Alaska, and Western Great Basin Areas. Numerous units are reporting very high and extreme fire indices in the southern half of the western United States.

Alaska Area Large Fires:

MILLERS REACH #2, Alaska State. A Type I Incident Management Team (Liebersbach) is assigned. Unexpected lower relative humidities and higher winds caused increased fire activity last evening. Airtankers were grounded due to the high winds. Suppression forces worked the flare-ups and held all of the flanks. Structure damage assessment is continuing. Approximately 93% of the assessment is complete and 344 structures have been confirmed destroyed. It is unknown how many of them were homes and how many were outbuildings.

GRAVEYARD CREEK, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dube) is assigned. The fire was 40% active yesterday, with running and torching to the west. The fire received a trace of rain that had little effect on the fire. Increase in fire size was due to remapping and burnout operations.

CROOKED CREEK, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is burning west of Tustumena Lake near the community of Ninilchik. Erratic fire behavior yesterday caused suppression forces to draw back. Residences and structures are threatened along the perimeter of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
MILLERS REACH #2	AKS	AK	36,557	15	6/10	1,348	46	75	10	344+	9.9M	12M
GRAVEYARD CREEK	AKS	AK	10,570	40	NONE	208	8	4	4	0	NR	4.3M
CROOKED CREEK	AKS	AK	20,500	10	NONE	180	9	0	4	0	UNK	UNK

NR = Not Reported

Southwest Area Large Fires:

ALLENTOWN 5, Navajo Agency, BIA. Extreme fire behavior was observed yesterday as the fire burned through pine, juniper and light fuels. An airtanker drop was cancelled due to strong, erratic winds. Some local residents were evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ALLENTOWN 5	NAO	AZ	500	0	6/8	119	3	9	1	0	NR	NR

WHEELER	NNS	NM	1,800	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	7K
ONAVA	NMS	NM	600	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	3K
RAINSVILLE	NMS	NM	120	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	2K

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Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

HENDERSON CANYON, Dixie NF. The fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine and being fueled by manzanita type fuels. Containment objectives will be met today if the winds remain calm.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
HENDERSON CYN	DIF	UT	100	25	6/8	20	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

NR = Not Reported

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

GALENA, Battle Mountain District, BLM. Erratic winds have backed the fire down-canyon to the edge of Galena, a historic mining town. Rattlesnakes, explosives and mine shafts made it unsafe to staff the fire last night.

SHEEP COMPLEX, Battle Mountain District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. The complex consists of six separate fires, ranging in size from 10 to 1,800 acres. Current threats include two major power lines, two ranches, and critical wildlife habitats.

RAINBOW COMPLEX, Ely District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Mule (4,000 acres) and the Boyd (2,000 acres) fires. Both fires exhibited rapid rates of spread through sage and pinyon-juniper fuels.

KENNEDY, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. The fire is burning in sage, pinyon-juniper and decadent grass 40 miles south of Winnemucca. Inactive mines and rocky terrain made overnight staffing unsafe. The town of Kennedy may be threatened if southwest winds develop today.

SILVER STATE, Winnemucca District, BLM. The fire is burning 18 miles north/northwest of Winnemucca. Winds of 15 to 20 MPH drove the blaze through the grasses of an old burn. Current threats include high voltage power lines and a substation five miles northeast of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
GALENA	BMD	NV	20	UNK	UNK	2	0	1	0	0	UNK	UNK
SHEEP COMPLEX	BMD	NV	2,500	UNK	UNK	32	1	6	0	0	UNK	UNK
RAINBOW COMPLEX	ELD	NV	6,500	UNK	UNK	165	5	2	1	0	UNK	UNK
KENNEDY	WID	NV	1,000	UNK	UNK	1	0	1	1	0	UNK	UNK
SILVER STATE	WID	NV	2,000	20	6/8	54	2	3	0	0	UNK	UNK

NR = Not Reported

Southern California Area Large Fires:

JACK RABBIT, Riverside Ranger District, California State. 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
JACK RABBIT	RRU	CA	530	90	6/8	55	5	15	1	NR	NR	NR
COOK	KRN	CA	750	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	187K

NR = Not Reported

OUTLOOK: ***** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN ARIZONA AND SOUTHERN UTAH FOR DRY LIGHTNING ***** Southern California and the Southwest Area will be mostly sunny and unseasonably hot, with widely scattered dry thunderstorms in the mountains of Arizona and New Mexico. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and from the 90's to 116 degrees in the Arizona deserts. Utah and Nevada will be mostly sunny in the morning. Afternoon conditions will bring partly cloudy skies and widely scattered thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's and up to the 100's in southern Nevada. Alaska will be mostly cloudy and cool with some light rain. High temperatures will range from the 40's to mid 60's. Holdover fires from yesterdays lightning activity are anticipated in the Southwest and Great Basin Areas. The potential for increased initial attack and large fire activity remains high with forecasted dry lightning.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		1			12		13
NORTHWEST	3					2	5
CA-NORTHERN					15	1	16
CA-SOUTHERN		4		2	17	1	24
NORTHERN						2	2
GB-EASTERN		3		1	2	4	10
GB-WESTERN		30			1		31
SOUTHWEST	6			1	4	40	51
ROCKY MTN							0
EASTERN					14		14
SOUTHERN					37	2	39
USA	9	38	0	4	102	52	205

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		20			1,992		2,012
NORTHWEST	1					10	11
CA-NORTHERN					191	0	191
CA-SOUTHERN		2		0	70	2	74
NORTHERN						1	1
GB-EASTERN		1			30	170	201
GB-WESTERN		12,216			0		12,216
SOUTHWEST	505			0	941	73	1,519

ROCKY MTN								0
EASTERN						9		9
SOUTHERN						144	36	180
USA	506	12,239	0	0	3,377	292		16,414

RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA	44	22	4	77	6	15		3	242	143
NORTHWEST			4						18	
CA-NORTHERN			2		1					
CA-SOUTHERN			3		2					
NORTHERN										
GB-EASTERN	2		11	3	2		1			
GB-WESTERN	6	3	25		2		4			
SOUTHWEST	39	2	45	11	21		9		9	7
ROCKY MTN	1		1							
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN									87	1
USA	92	27	95	91	34	15	14	3	356	151

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

* = No information received.

FIRES: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	1	8	3		363	8	383
NORTHWEST	18	6	4	1		24	53
CA-NORTHERN		2		8	324	46	380
CA-SOUTHERN		104	1	15	1,384	197	1,701
NORTHERN	77				26	26	130
GB-EASTERN	7	61		3	60	25	156
GB-WESTERN		85		25	28	10	148
SOUTHWEST	494	84	7	18	824	443	1,870
ROCKY MTN	227	51			578	87	943
EASTERN	258			46	11,404	308	12,016
SOUTHERN	77		81	60	40,959	1,056	42,233
USA	1,159	401	97	176	55,950	2,230	60,013
5 YEAR AVERAGE							35,669

ACRES BURNED: Year to date						
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS
ALASKA	6	19,333	5,207		49,624	141
NORTHWEST	1,084	73	1,515	1		15
CA-NORTHERN		20		5	1,308	66

CA-SOUTHERN		26,616	25	5	53,802	4,694	85,142
NORTHERN	488		10		25	83	606
GB-EASTERN	151	4,113		3	1,407	332	6,006
GB-WESTERN		12,993		18	67	1	13,079
SOUTHWEST	19,820	1,222	83	4,601	45,405	104,564	175,695
ROCKY MTN	2,988	674			15,193	23,814	42,669
EASTERN	890			526	153,197	9,417	164,030
SOUTHERN	1,781		28,678	8,057	991,854	39,974	1,070,344
USA	27,208	65,044	35,518	13,216	1,311,882	183,101	1,635,969
5 YEAR AVERAGE							461,578

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	12	165	385
YUKON TERRITORY	1	13	26	25
ALBERTA	2	2	112	926
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	175	20	926
SASKATCHEWAN	6	41	105	1,094
MANITOBA	4	2	86	3,858
ONTARIO	3	1	306	1,530
QUEBEC	9	7	206	7,293
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	40	73
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	1	128	839
NOVA SCOTIA	6	5	197	591
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	17	172
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	14	36
TOTALS	35	257	1,422	17,744

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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