

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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

CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack activity was light in most areas. Good progress continued on most large fires with several achieving containment objectives. Resource mobilization through NICC has moderated. Demobilization and reassignments are continuing.

Northwest Large Fires:

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

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. The 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Lt. Col. Seal, Commander) are assigned. The Marines are fully trained and integrated in the firefighting organization. Companies are ready and anxious to go to the fireline this morning. A morning inversion limited air operations yesterday. Burnouts on several divisions began, and at 1500 fire activity increased significantly, causing active runs and short range spotting. Efforts on the southeast front in the John Day Wilderness are still hampered by insufficient resources for direct attack. Private property in the area, summer homes, salmon streams, historic structures, timber resources, Forest developments and Lehman Hot Springs Resort continue to be threatened.

SUMMIT, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander) are assigned. Charlie Company has established a spike camp. The Army Task Force assisted regular crews in holding line in smoldering, creeping fire behavior. Some demobilization is in progress as resources attain their 21 day limit.

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. The fire burned actively yesterday. Crews held line and mopped up in Dry Creek. A burnout operation continued in Eagle Creek. Construction of indirect line using a burnout in the north part of the Boulder Creek Wilderness began yesterday. Demobilization of personnel reaching the 21 day limit is in progress.

BULL, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. A transition of the fire to another Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) will occur tomorrow. Burnout operations continued yesterday and are expected to be completed today.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The complex consists of the MOOLACK and CHARLETON fires. The fire received additional crews and helicopters. A spike camp was established to alleviate transportation delays. Line construction continues to be slow due to the fingered fire characteristics in old growth and heavy duff layers.

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. Two additional crews joined suppression forces on a burnout operation on the east side of the Sheep fire. High helicopter use continued due to steep terrain and the remote location.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TOWER	UMF	OR	48,050	65	9/09	1,767	59	38	13	8	2.1M	8M
SUMMIT	UMF	OR	37,000	65	9/04	1,804	66	96	12	2	NR	4M
SPRING	UPF	OR	12,968	50	9/12	1,077	26	29	6	0	3.3M	7.9M
BULL	UMF	OR	8,500	88	9/05	758	28	10	4	0	NR	11M
MOOLACK CPX	WIF	OR	11,715	60	9/08	1,093	36	13	5	0	5.4M	3.7M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	68,925	75	9/05	407	9	3	9	0	NR	6.8M
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	1,397	100	----	792	25	27	4	0	16M	2.8M

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

FALL GOOSE COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The complex is located 5-10 miles north of McCall, ID. The complex is comprised of the FALL FROG, HARTLEY, BRUNDAGE, KNOB, GOOSE NORTH and GOOSE SOUTH fires. Spotting activity decreased yesterday. Acreage adjustment was a result of new intelligence.

BRIDGE, Salmon/Challis NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is assigned. The fire is burning mostly to the north/northeast and away from Triple Creek Ranch. The fire made a major run out of the Rock Creek drainage, crossing the Sleeping Deer road and entering the South Fork of Camas Creek. Hidden Valley Ranch is threatened. A lack of resources is causing control problems.

WET SANDY COMPLEX, Dixie NF. The fires are located 11 miles NW of Hurricane, Utah. The complex consists of the WET SANDY, BROWSE, and MILL fires. Extreme fire behavior was observed as the fire burned rapidly through dense brush. Additional new starts are possible from holdovers caused by yesterday's lightning. The Pine Valley Wilderness, Oakgrove Campground, and Browse Guard Station are currently threatened. Rugged terrain and dense brush are causing control problems.

ASPEN HOLLOW, Bridger-Teton NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. The fire is located 10 miles southeast of Alpine, WY. High winds and spotting are hampering suppression efforts. All personnel were pulled off the fire yesterday afternoon due to extreme fire behavior.

GOLDEN SPIKE, Utah State. This fire is located at the north end of the Promontory Mountains near Golden Spike National Historic Site, north of the Great Salt Lake. Burnout operations were difficult today due to changing winds but was successful in protecting the National Park facilities and powerlines. Extreme fire behavior, erratic winds and steep terrain are causing control problems.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FALL GOOSE CPX	PAF	ID	485	85	9/3	448	15	8	5	0	NR	936K

BRIDGE	SCF	ID	12,000	0	10/10	56	2	1	3	0	NR	59K
WET SANDY CPX	DIF	UT	635	0	9/6	42	1	4	1	0	NR	25K
ASPEN HOLLOW	BTF	WY	225	0	UNK	37	1	1	1	0	NR	NR
GOLDEN SPIKE	UTS	UT	7,400	80	9/3	59	0	9	0	0	60K	45K

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

LAKEVIEW, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned. Thirty percent of the fire is contained by Lake Pend Oreille. Cooler temperatures and higher humidities reduced fire activity. Helicopter bucket work was very effective on hot spots. The town of Lakeview and powerlines are potentially threatened.

SHEPARD, Custer NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Stires) is assigned. The fire is located west of Red Lodge, MT. This fire will be managed in a confine/contain strategy and will no longer be reported.

SWET/WARRIOR, Bitterroot NF & Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. This fire will be managed in a confine/contain strategy and will no longer be reported.

Thirty-three fires are under a confine/contain suppression strategy for a total of 43,161 acres, including the SHEPARD and SWET/WARRIOR fires.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LAKEVIEW	IPF	ID	270	35	UNK	301	7	11	5	0	NR	318K
SHEPARD	CNF	MT	600	5	----	110	3	16	2	0	NR	187K
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	41,985	32	----	50	2	1	2	1	NR	754K
SUNDAY/GREEN	NPF	ID	295	100	----	289	8	0	3	0	NR	801K
FT. KEOGH	MTS	MT	800	100	----	45	0	15	0	0	NR	5K
COLSTRIP	MTS	MT	1,300	100	----	50	0	15	4	0	NR	40K

Southern California Large Fires:

BIEDEBACH, Angeles NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) is assigned. This fire is burning in dense brush and timber southwest of the community of Wrightwood, CA. Although crews are making good progress, the fire continues to threaten the community. Structural engines are in place. Four campgrounds have been evacuated.

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. All spot fires, including a spot below Camp Mather, have been contained. Due to the continued fire activity in the interior, the full containment date has been pushed back to 9/4/96. Mop-up and rehabilitation continues.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BIEDEBACH	ANF	CA	510	50	UNK	841	28	62	3	1	NR	310K
ACKERSON CX	YNP	CA	57,486	95	9/4	1,215	45	28	12	0	34M	20.0M
MARPLE	LAC	CA	21,500	100	----	954	32	28	4	0	NR	6.4M

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

OREGON, Elko District, BLM. The fire is located 4 miles from the town of Midas, NV. Firefighters made good progress toward containment objectives. Fire activity was limited to interior hotspots.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
OREGON	EKD	NV	17,000	90	9/03	17	0	3	1	0	NR	NR
UPPER HUMBOLDT	BMD	NV	155,350	100	----	335	10	16	4	0	NR	900K
QUINN/ODELL	= WID	NV	57,307	100	----	460	13	24	4	0	NR	625K
RUBY COMPLEX	HUF	NV	5,336	100	----	48	2	0	1	0	NR	456K

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

STOCKWELL, Big Horn NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles west of Saddlestring, WY. The fire displayed isolated torching, but did not increase in size. Limited access has hindered suppression efforts. Heavy fuels will make mop-up difficult.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STOCKWELL	BHF	WY	1,000	80	UNK	31	1	0	1	0	NR	725K

Alaska Large Fires:

Eleven fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 342,783 acres.

OUTLOOK

 FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED TODAY FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITIES IN EASTERN IDAHO, WESTERN WYOMING, NORTHERN NEVADA, THE SOUTHERN CASCADE RANGE OF OREGON, THE SISKIYOU MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE NORTHERN SIERRA NEVADA.

Weak upper level high pressure will remain over the southern Rockies while an unseasonably cool low pressure system approaches the Pacific Northwest. As the low pressure system approaches, southwest winds will become stronger and gusty by this afternoon in the Northwest and northern Great Basin. Moisture will increase across Washington, northern Idaho and Montana today. Conditions will remain dry across the Great Basin and southern and central Rockies with continued low humidities. Widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms will develop over the southern Rockies. High temperatures will range from the upper 60's to the upper 70's along the Canadian border, with 80's and lower 90's over the northern Great Basin, central Rockies and the central valleys of California. The desert Southwest will have highs from 95 to 105 degrees.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST		0				4	4
CA-NORTH		1			7	2	10
CA-SOUTH					14	1	15
NORTHERN		0			11	31	42
GB-EAST		10			2	21	33
GB-WEST		3				1	4
SOUTHWEST							0
ROCKY MTN	4					2	6
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	4	14	0	0	34	62	114

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST		298				252	550
CA-NORTH		0			45	1	46
CA-SOUTH					1,225	1	1,226
NORTHERN		47			2,230	74	2,351
GB-EAST		131			6,601	1,255	7,987
GB-WEST		0				0	0
SOUTHWEST							0
ROCKY MTN		65				0	65
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	0	541	0	0	10,101	1,583	12,225

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
AREA	CREWS		ENGINE		HELICOP		AIRTNK		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	214	71	138	37	76				972	66
CA-NORTH	7	3	12	6	4	3		6	30	5
CA-SOUTH	118		127		25		6	2	126	
NORTHERN	28	1	41	5	18	1			331	11
GB-EAST	27	2	65	11	19		1		130	3
GB-WEST	5	5	71	35	8		1		178	21
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	399	82	454	94	150	4	8	8	1,767	106

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	209	427	14	40	1,551	1,343	3,584

CA-NORTH	43	61	2	19	1,999	827	2,951
CA-SOUTH	10	303	2	236	3,532	90G	4,990
NORTHERN	725	90	46	26	517	1,226	2,630
GB-EAST	51	840		26	417	752	2,086
GB-WEST		760	3	58	98	206	1,125
SOUTHWEST	1,188	322	13	91	1,443	2,124	5,181
ROCKY MTN	813	893	680	68	791	652	3,897
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	343	12,353
SOUTHERN	77		105	93	45,780	1,143	47,198
USA	3,366	3,742	897	724	68,380	9,542	86,651
5 YEAR AVERAGE							57,803

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	205,422	138,902	4,379	237,226	168	586,113
NORTHWEST	134,626	210,421	1,556	5	27,634	269,923	644,165
CA-NORTH	236	7,539	500	367	14,466	122,062	145,170
CA-SOUTH	2,032	40,751	30	54,186	161,063	143,943	402,005
NORTHERN	15,939	7,008	3,054	1,886	97,920	71,740	197,547
GB-EAST	395	1,051,445		7,930	113,896	106,750	1,280,416
GB-WEST		421,369	602	287	59,765	74,144	556,167
SOUTHWEST	36,848	10,617	3,155	5,319	73,244	208,935	338,118
ROCKY MTN	26,104	193,384		10,642	31,536	42,087	303,753
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	218,543	2,147,956	177,783	98,304	1,997,891	1,100,387	5,740,864
5 YEAR AVERAGE							2,018,464

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

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

**** NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER ****