

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 1997 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Precipitation has aided suppression efforts on several large fires in Alaska. Containment objectives were achieved on the large fires in southern California. Increased initial attack activity was reported in the Northern Rockies, NICC mobilized a caterer to a 60 acre fire on the Helena NF. Initial attack activity was minimal for most other Geographic Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices continue to be reported on many units in California.

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

SIMELS, Galena District, BLM. This fire is on the east side of the Innoko Flats, between Galena and McGrath. The eastern perimeter remains active where it crosses the Innoko river. Crews continue to make good progress despite strong winds and low relative humidity. Structure protection is now in place at Graham mine.

MAGITCHLIE CREEK, Galena District, BLM. This fire is located in the Innoko Flats, 35 miles south of Kaltag. Dampened fuels made burnout operations difficult. Firefighters will try to resume burnout operations on the west and southeast flanks when weather conditions improve.

CHINIKLIK MOUNTAIN, Galena District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wehking) is assigned. Firefighters mopped-up hot spots along the western perimeter. No significant increase in fire activity was observed.

GARFIELD CREEK, Galena District, BLM. This fire is located on the Seward Peninsula, 65 miles north of Nome. Recent precipitation has stopped the spread of the fire. Firefighters continue to mop-up hot spots inside the containment lines. Demobilization of personnel has begun.

PAIMIUT, Galena District, BLM. The fire is located in the lower Yukon, between Holy Cross and Russian Mission, AK. This blaze escaped containment lines due to high winds and dry conditions. Firefighters were assisted by retardant drops on the south and east flanks.

INOWAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dube) is assigned. Strong winds increased fire activity along the northern and eastern perimeters. The fire is progressing slowly, but the thick organic mat has stored intense heat. Firefighters continue to protect native allotments.

BUTTE CREEK, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska State. This fire is located 25 miles east of Eielson Air Force Base, near the Salcha River. Minimal fire activity was observed yesterday. Structure protection objectives have been met. Demobilization of resources has begun.

DEVILS PEAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. This fire is located west of the Kuskokwim River, 60 miles south of McGrath. Firefighters

continue to mop-up hot spots. Demobilization is in progress. Full containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS		
SIMELS	GAD	AK	365,865	0	NR	55	3	0	2	0	NR	220K	
MAGITCHLIE	GAD	AK	209,409	0	NR	8	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
CHINIKLIK MTN	GAD	AK	3,283	85	8/05	113	3	0	3	0	NR	1M	
GARFIELD CREEK	GAD	AK	53,000	0	NR	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
PAIMIUT	GAD	AK	1,540	70	8/15	100	2	0	2	0	NR	337K	
INOWAK	SWS	AK	521,900	5	NR	232	8	0	4	3	NR	3M	
BUTTE CREEK	FAS	AK	4,222	0	NR	40	2	0	2	0	NR	65K	
DEVILS PEAK	SWS	AK	660	80	8/03	41	2	0	0	0	NR	72K	

Alaska has 55 other large fires burning for a total of 1,613,240 acres.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

REINHART, Elko District, BLM. This lightning holdover fire is burning in grass and pinyon-juniper 20 miles southwest of Elko, NV. Crews were able to make good progress, despite strong winds.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS		
REINHART	EKD	NV	650	50	8/4	175	7	7	1	0	NR	NR	

The Western Great Basin has 1 other large fire burning for a total of 600 acres.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS		
LAURAL	MVU	CA	723	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	72K	NR	
WOHLFORD	MVU	CA	457	100	---	0	0	0	0	31	1.7M	NR	

MVU = San Diego Ranger Unit, California State

OUTLOOK:

Eastern Alaska will be dry and warm. The remainder of the state will be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Eastern temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's, with highs in the 50's and 60's elsewhere.

Nevada and Utah will have mostly cloudy skies with numerous showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's, with highs reaching 105 in the Nevada deserts.

California will be very warm and dry. A slight chance of thunderstorms exists over the central and southern mountains and southern deserts. Temperatures will be in the 60's along the coast, the 80's in the mountains, and up to 114 in the valleys and deserts.

Washington and Oregon will be very warm and dry with isolated thunderstorms from the Cascade mountains to the eastern borders. Temperatures west of the Cascades will range from the 60's to the 80's. Highs will reach the 90's and 100's east of the Cascades.

FIREs: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					5		5
NORTHWEST		2				10	12
CA-NORTH						5	5
CA-SOUTH					29	2	31
NORTHERN	1				11	17	29
GB-EAST		6				6	12
GB-WEST		0				1	1
SOUTHWEST						13	13
ROCKY MTN		1				2	3
EASTERN						10	10
SOUTHERN						1	1
USA	1	9	0	0	45	67	122

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		51,288	21,607	335	896	1	74,127
NORTHWEST		1				1	2
CA-NORTH						1	1
CA-SOUTH					54	100	154
NORTHERN	2				7	66	75
GB-EAST		145				7	152
GB-WEST		500				0	500
SOUTHWEST							0
ROCKY MTN							0
EASTERN						85	85
SOUTHERN						1	1
USA	2	645	21,607	335	957	262	75,097

USA	24	68	43	33	19	8	4	4	34	4
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FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES
 ST/O = STATE OR OTHER RESOURCES
 NR = NO REPORT

FIRE: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	6	82	49	14	461	10	622
NORTHWEST	123	167	14	23	474	447	1,248
CA-NORTH	67	53	1	16	1,768	579	2,484
CA-SOUTH	30	132	2	37	2,621	587	3,409
NORTHERN	336	24	22	1	167	204	754
GB-EAST	6	278		10	115	236	645
GB-WEST		218		16	46	121	401
SOUTHWEST	723	136	16	58	721	1,275	2,929
ROCKY MTN	389	293	2	25	698	270	1,677
EASTERN	548			23	8,881	354	9,806
SOUTHERN	4		84	52	16,719	562	17,421
USA	2,232	1,383	190	275	32,671	4,645	41,396
10 YEAR AVERAGE							52,660

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	28	696,287	682,648	19,470	281,206	32	
1,679,671							
NORTHWEST	571	6,130	5,611	2	1,817	873	15,00
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CA-NORTH	99	534	1	24	4,799	1,048	6,50
5							
CA-SOUTH	568	4,148	18	53	20,136	12,465	37,38
8							
NORTHERN	2,278	469	1,104	0	1,143	376	5,37
0							
GB-EAST	40	25,313		37	6,250	428	32,06
8							
GB-WEST		25,425		2	256	946	26,62
9							
SOUTHWEST	4,427	3,807	1,769	937	117,869	10,448	139,25
7							
ROCKY MTN	14,186	5,701	21	1,391	24,203	915	46,41
7							
EASTERN	3,190			76	44,773	5,205	53,24
4							
SOUTHERN	12		8,266	2,015	221,226	13,388	244,90
7							
USA	25,399	767,814	699,438	24,007	723,678	46,124	2,286,46
0							
10 YEAR AVERAGE							1,872,99
0							

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES					
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE		
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	494	1,743	
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	94	10,124	
ALBERTA	1	0	326	757	
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	92	20,876	
SASKATCHEWAN	5	1	314	2,792	
MANITOBA	3	25	281	10,336	
ONTARIO	14	84	1,110	27,464	
QUEBEC	3	0	663	366,399	
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	3	79	8,728	
NEW BRUNSWICK	6	0	244	123	
NOVA SCOTIA	4	0	268	466	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	31	93	
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	26	283	
TOTALS	37	113	4,022	450,184	

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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