

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1997 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Large fire activity continued in Southern California. The Western Great Basin experienced increased initial attack activity and two new large fires. Resource mobilization through NICC has decreased. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported in California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington and Minnesota.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) is assigned to the Los Padres National Forest.

LOGAN, Los Padres NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles east of Santa Maria, CA. The fire continues to burn in an east northeast direction. Structures are threatened in the Buckhorn, Tepusquet, Pine Canyon, Huasna Townsite, Suey Creek, rural Arroyo Grande and Los Berros areas, requiring continued structure protection. Poor access, extended travel time, 80+ age class fuels, high temperatures and low humidities continue to hamper control efforts.

HOPPER, Los Padres NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. This fire is located 5 miles north of Fillmore, CA. The fire burned aggressively to the north and northeast. The fire is now well established in the wilderness and Condor Sanctuary, making the fire even more inaccessible. Crews are making good progress in preventing the fire from spreading south into the communities of Piru and Fillmore. Limited access and steep terrain are hindering suppression efforts.

CHOKE, Sequoia NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Battreal) is assigned. This fire is located in the Monarch Wilderness, approximately 50 miles east of Fresno, CA. Good progress was made on line construction, utilizing 24 hour shifts. Limited access continues to hamper control efforts.

HIGHWAY, Sequoia NF. This fire is burning in grass and light brush 6 miles west of Lake Isabella. The fire is burning along Highway 178, necessitating the closure of the highway.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
LOGAN	LPF	CA	55,410	55	UNK	1,432	33	97	10	0	55K	3.3M
HOPPER	LPF	CA	14,700	15	UNK	1,937	64	117	11	0	NR	2.1M
CHOKE	SQF	CA	1,600	13	UNK	626	23	2	7	0	NR	.6M
HIGHWAY	SQF	CA	150	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

HUFFER, Lassen National Park, NPS. A Type II Incident Management Team

(Wood)is assigned. This fire is located east of Viola, CA. The fire is burning in remote, rugged terrain where two spike camps have been established. The change in acreage is due to better mapping using GPS technology.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
HUFFER	LNP	CA	1,760	5	8/10	360	11	0	5	0	NR	300K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

POTOSI COMPLEX, Toiyabe NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) has been ordered and will take over the fire this morning. This complex consists of the FLAT and MULE fires, located 30 miles southwest of Las Vegas, NV. The Mule fire is threatening residences in the Lovell Canyon area. The fires received some precipitation last night.

SNOW CREEK, Elko District BLM. This fire is located 70 miles north of Ely, NV.

The fire was burning away from structures, towards a wilderness study area. Control efforts are being hampered by steep terrain, dense fuel pockets and strong winds from passing thunderstorms.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
POTOSI COMPLEX	TOF	NV	2,350	0	UNK	UNK	1	4	1	0	NR	NR
SNOW CREEK	ELD	NV	300	0	8/14	172	7	7	1	0	NR	NR

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

INOWAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. Fire activity increased on the northwest and northeast flanks. Winds from the north pushed smoke into Red Devil causing degradation in air quality and visibility.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
INOWAK	SWS	AK	582,000	0	UNK	97	2	0	3	3	NR	3.4M
PAIMIUT	GAD	AK	2,467	100	---	44	1	0	3	0	NR	500K

Alaska has 52 other large fires burning for a total of 1,797,878 acres.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

THREE SPRINGS, Burns District, BLM. This fire is located in the Steens Mountains, 20 miles south of French Glen, OR. Burnout operations utilizing torches and ping pong balls was nearly completed yesterday. Current threats are to a wilderness study area and a wildhorse management area. Full containment was expected last night.

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THREE SPRINGS	BUD	OR	2,800	CTN UNK	CTN 8/8	PERS 55	1	5	2	LOST 0	LOSS NR	C-T-D NR
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OUTLOOK:

California will be mostly sunny with morning fog and low clouds along the coast . Isolated thunderstorms are expected along the Sierra Crest. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains, the upper 80's and 90's in the inland valley, and 100 to 110 in the southern deserts.

Nevada will be mostly sunny and breezy in the west. It will be partly cloudy in the east and south with a few afternoon thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's with temperatures up to 114 in the southern deserts.

Western Washington and western Oregon will be warmer and drier with moderate ea st winds over the Cascades and coast range. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's west of the Cascades and in the 80's to near 90 east of the Cascades.

Alaska will be partly cloudy in the interior with a few afternoon and evening showers. Increasing clouds with rain will develop in the south. Temperatures will be in the 60's to mid 70's.

Minnesota will be partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the mid 70's to low 80's. Michigan will have scattered showers and thunderstorms in the south, spreading into central and northern Michigan during the afternoon. Temperatures will be in the high 70's to mid 80 's.

FIRES: Yesterday								
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA		0	1		0		1	
NORTHWEST	1	1			6	11	19	
CA-NORTH				1	19		20	
CA-SOUTH		1	1	2	20	1	25	
NORTHERN	2			1	9	10	22	
GB-EAST		4				2	6	
GB-WEST		28				17	45	
SOUTHWEST	1					14	15	
ROCKY MTN							0	
EASTERN					28	14	42	
SOUTHERN							0	
USA	4	34	2	4	82	69	195	

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		10,800	0		6,295		17,095
NORTHWEST	3	2,000			1	3	2,007
CA-NORTH				1,760	27		1,787
CA-SOUTH		30	2,400	0	5	3	2,438

NORTHERN	7			0	0	35	42
GB-EAST		60				76	136
GB-WEST		443				1,500	1,943
SOUTHWEST	0					1	1
ROCKY MTN							0
EASTERN					36	46	82
SOUTHERN							0
USA	10	533	2,400	1,760	6,364	1,664	25,531

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O
ALASKA	3	3			5	5	2	2	42	49
NORTHWEST	2	1	19	1	7				12	
CA-NORTH	11	36	19	22	5	6		2	101	82
CA-SOUTH	54	76	71	145	25	3	14	3	357	262
NORTHERN	3								7	
GB-EAST	3		23	1	7		1			
GB-WEST	6	7	15	1	2				5	10
SOUTHWEST	1		14		2				14	
ROCKY MTN					1					
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	83	123	161	170	54	14	17	7	538	403

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

ST/O = STATE OR OTHER RESOURCES

NR = NO REPORT

FIRES: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	6	86	50	14	513	11	680
NORTHWEST	136	178	17	69	511	556	1,467
CA-NORTH	67	54		17	1,876	607	2,621
CA-SOUTH	30	217	3	43	2,776	551	3,620
NORTHERN	345	25	23	8	208	276	885
GB-EAST	6	310		11	127	274	728
GB-WEST		265		16	52	144	477
SOUTHWEST	1,095	141	16	63	738	1,376	3,429
ROCKY MTN	390	295	2	25	708	272	1,692
EASTERN	548			31	9,333	376	10,288
SOUTHERN	4		87	52	16,813	563	17,519
USA	2,627	1,571	198	349	33,655	5,006	43,406
10 YEAR AVERAGE							53,972

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	28	801,782	760,075	19,670	289,832	32	1,871,419
NORTHWEST	622	9,429	5,796	16	1,843	1,329	19,035
CA-NORTH	99	534		1,785	5,896	1,065	9,379
CA-SOUTH	568	3,696	2,418	53	20,736	56,394	83,865
NORTHERN	2,703	470	1,119	5	1,145	429	5,871
GB-EAST	40	26,103		38	6,215	550	32,946

GB-WEST		27,372		2	339	2,449	30,162
SOUTHWEST	12,099	4,506	1,769	1,658	118,945	13,602	152,579
ROCKY MTN	14,293	5,691	21	1,391	24,203	915	46,514
EASTERN	3,190			79	45,927	5,217	54,413
SOUTHERN	12		9,659	2,015	222,415	13,094	247,195
USA	33,654	879,583	780,857	26,712	737,496	95,076	2,553,378
10 YEAR AVERAGE							2,020,152

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES					
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE		
BRITISH COLUMBIA	63	139	754	2,057	
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	97	10,125	
ALBERTA	8	0	377	785	
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	97	36,388	
SASKATCHEWAN	62	152	415	3,344	
MANITOBA	36	2,015	333	12,570	
ONTARIO	47	16	1,321	27,527	
QUEBEC	15	298	724	363,998	
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	80	8,707	
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	1	263	125	
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	290	473	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	31	93	
NATIONAL PARKS	11	14	46	298	
TOTALS	247	2,636	4,828	466,490	

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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