

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 1997 - 0900 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Firefighters made good progress on the large fires in the Northwest and Southern California Areas. Resource mobilization through NICC moderated. Very high and extreme fire indices continue to be reported on units in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Oregon and Washington.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

MILE POST 248, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and brush, 6 miles east of Meacham, OR. Firefighters made good progress on line construction and mop-up operations have begun. Strong winds and steep terrain are creating control problems.

GOLD CREEK, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is located 20 miles southwest of Ellensburg, WA. High temperatures and 25 MPH winds challenged control efforts. Firefighters attacked a 4 acre spot fire north of State Route 140. Structure protection engines are standing by in case precautionary measures are necessary. Residents have been advised to stay out of the area.

RED LAKE, Washington State Department Of Natural Resources. A Type II Incident Management Team (Flanigan) is assigned. This fire, previously reported as Highway 291, is burning 30 miles northwest of Spokane near the community of Tumtum. Steep, rocky terrain with grass and timber fuels have made line construction difficult. Firefighters contained one spot fire at 7 acres, and are concerned about additional spot fires. Homes and structures on the northeast portion of the fire are threatened. One residence was destroyed.

OLD TRAILS, Washington State Department Of Natural Resources. This fire began in Airway Heights, a suburb of Spokane, and is burning north toward Riverside State Park. Firefighters made good progress on line construction. Mop-up operations are going well. Structure protection is in place for homes in the vicinity of the fire.

GABLE CREEK, Prineville District BLM. This fire is located near Mitchell, OR. Firefighters made good progress on line construction despite strong, erratic winds. One historic cabin was destroyed. Current threats include structures at Gable Creek Ranch and winter range.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS		
MILE POST 248	UMF	OR	600	25	8/17	463	12	8	2	0	NR	200K	
GOLD CREEK	WEF	WA	250	0	UNK	400	6	12	5	0	NR	NR	
RED LAKE	DNR	WA	1,200	0	UNK	489	19	57	2	0	NR	NR	
OLD TRAILS	DNR	WA	500	0	UNK	250	3	21	0	2	2M	750K	

GABLE CREEK	PRD	OR	750	80	8/16	25	0	8	1	1	15K	NR
STAR	UMF	WA	2,400	100	---	64	2	3	1	0	NR	NR

UMF = Umatilla NF

The Northwest Area has 1 other large fire burning for 250 acres.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

NARROWS, ANGELES NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. The fire is in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness in the east fork of the San Gabriel Canyon, four miles southwest of Wrightwood, CA. Firefighters were successful with suppression efforts yesterday. Structure protection has been established on the outskirts of Wrightwood. Extremely steep and rugged terrain have created concerns for firefighters safety.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
NARROWS	ANF	CA	7,510	27	UNK	1,121	49	81	15	0	NR	1.1M
SCOTCH	BDU	CA	1,194	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR	NR

BDU = San Bernardino Ranger Unit, California State

OUTLOOK:

Washington will be partly sunny and dry in the west. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are forecast over eastern Washington and the Cascades. Areas of patchy morning fog are possible in western Washington and along the coast. Western temperatures will be in the lower 70's and 80's. Temperatures in eastern Washington will range from the 70's in the north to the 90's in the south.

Oregon will be mostly sunny with a slight chance of afternoon showers over the eastern mountains. The northwestern interior and coastal areas will have morning fog. Temperatures will range from 65 along the coast to the 90's in the southwest interior.

California will be mostly sunny with breezy conditions over the higher terrain.

Morning fog and low clouds are possible along the coast and coastal valleys. A slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms exists from Lake Tahoe to the central Sierra crest. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's along the coast and in the mountains. Inland valley and desert temperatures will range from the 90's to near 100.

Nevada will be mostly sunny in the west and partly cloudy in the east. Breezy afternoon winds are possible across the central and southern sections. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's throughout the state.

A low pressure system will move into the central interior section of Alaska, pushing the high pressure system eastward into Canada. Western Alaska will be partly cloudy, and southeastern Alaska will be mostly sunny. Mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers are predicted in the south and central portions of the state. Clouds and showers will spread into eastern Alaska during the afternoon, bringing a slight chance of

thunderstorms. Temperatures will range from the 50's in the northwest to the 70's in the southeast.

Michigan and Minnesota will be partly cloudy in the south with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms. The northern portions of both states will be mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Temperatures will range from the 60's in the northern Minnesota to the 80's in the southern Michigan.

Maine will have patchy fog in the morning. The afternoon will be mostly sunny with increasing clouds. Scattered showers are possible by evening. Temperatures will be in the 70's across the state.

		FIREs: Yesterday					
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			0		0		0
NORTHWEST	1	1			1	7	10
CA-NORTH			2		15	4	21
CA-SOUTH				1	53	2	56
NORTHERN	2				4	6	12
GB-EAST	1	3			3	3	10
GB-WEST		1					1
SOUTHWEST						9	9
ROCKY MTN	1						1
EASTERN					8	3	11
SOUTHERN			1		6		7
USA	5	5	3	1	90	34	138

AREA	BIA	BLM	ACRES BURNED:		Yesterday			TOTAL
			FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS		
ALASKA			900		1,400			2,300
NORTHWEST	1	55		250	1	2,702		3,009
CA-NORTH			30		41	2		73
CA-SOUTH				0	609	4,011		4,620
NORTHERN	0				5	0		5
GB-EAST	0	76			1	2		79
GB-WEST		5						5
SOUTHWEST						2		2
ROCKY MTN	1							1
EASTERN					10	4		14
SOUTHERN			1		36			37
USA	2	81	931	250	2,103	6,723		10,145

EASTERN										
SOUTHERN		1								
USA	96	56	91	144	45	7	18	2	215	327

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	86	51	14	520	11	688
NORTHWEST	166	203	19	77	762	688	1,915
CA-NORTH	67	56	2	17	1,983	653	2,778
CA-SOUTH	97	312	3	56	4,814	1,278	6,560
NORTHERN	422	25	23	8	236	318	1,032
GB-EAST	548	338		34	168	345	1,433
GB-WEST		293			16	58	522
SOUTHWEST	1,095	151	16	65	747	1,426	3,500
ROCKY MTN	399	299	2	25	708	281	1,714
EASTERN	548			34	9,524	381	10,487
SOUTHERN	4		89	53	16,836	563	17,545
USA	3,352	1,763	205	399	36,356	6,099	48,174
10 YEAR AVERAGE							55,852

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	28	806,490	760,990	19,670	292,769	32	1,879,979
NORTHWEST	803	11,899	5,796	23	3,289	4,418	26,228
CA-NORTH	99	545	30	2,316	6,087	1,172	10,249
CA-SOUTH	667	7,574	2,418	2,366	27,171	98,100	138,296
NORTHERN	3,306	470	1,119	5	1,212	462	6,574
GB-EAST	40	26,177		38	7,157	784	34,196
GB-WEST		35,347		38	7,042	3,828	46,255
SOUTHWEST	12,099	4,510	1,769	1,658	118,950	13,659	152,645
ROCKY MTN	14,293	5,723	21	1,391	24,203	915	46,546
EASTERN	3,190			120	46,105	5,226	54,641
SOUTHERN	12		9,795	2,016	222,497	13,094	247,414
USA	34,537	898,735	781,938	29,641	756,482	141,690	2,643,023
10 YEAR AVERAGE							2,193,672

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	26	892
YUKON TERRITORY	0	102
ALBERTA	1	390
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	98
SASKATCHEWAN	1	451
MANITOBA	1	352
ONTARIO	10	1,415
QUEBEC	7	778
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	105
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	285
NOVA SCOTIA	0	301
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	31
NATIONAL PARKS	0	51

TOTALS	46	85	5,251	474,205
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A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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