

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 TUESDAY JULY 15, 1997 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack fire activity increased in southern California. Fire activity remained minimal in most other Geographic Areas. New large fires were reported in the Northwest and Southern Areas. Firefighters are making good progress on large fires in Alaska. High to extreme fire dangers continue to dominate the western United States.

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

INOWAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. The fire advanced an additional 2.5 miles to the south in the area between Inowak and Moose Creek. Moderate fire behavior occurred in the area closest to Stony River where the fire remains 2 miles away. The fire is spreading at four chains per hour toward the southeast, with four foot flame lengths along a four mile front. Dry, windy conditions are forecast for the next several days.

CAMP LAKE, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska State. This fire is between Tok and Northway. The fire size has not increased due to rainy weather. Crews continue to concentrate efforts on the south and east flanks. Some demobilization is occurring.

BUTTE CREEK, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska State. The fire was demobilized on 7/13. Pumps and hose remain in place in case cabin protection be required. This will be the last report, unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$	C-T-D
					CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS		
INOWAK	SWS	AK	225,500	0	UNK	120	5	0	3	3	UNK	256K	
CAMP LAKE	TAS	AK	3,000	95	UNK	42	2	0	1	0	UNK	UNK	
BUTTE CREEK	FAS	AK	3,350	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK	

Alaska has 45 other large fires burning for a total of 941,545 acres.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

CHUKAR LAKE, Columbia NWR. This fire is 20 miles south of Moses Lake, WA. Air support and crews made good progress toward containment objectives.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$	C-T-D
					CTN	CTN	PERS			LOST	LOSS		
CHUKAR LAKE	CBR	WA	200	95	7/14	58	2	5	0	0	NR	NR	

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
BUCKSNORT	SBR	LA	150	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR

SBR = Sabine NWR

#### OUTLOOK:

Alaska will be mostly cloudy with light rain in the southern portion. The interior will be partly cloudy in the west, with isolated afternoon thunderstorms in the east. The west coast will be mostly cloudy. Temperatures will range from the 50's along the coast to the 70's in the interior.

California will be sunny and hot. The coastal areas will be cooler with patchy fog and low clouds reaching into the valleys. Partly cloudy skies and a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms are forecast for the Sierra Nevada and southern mountains. Temperatures will be in the 60's along the coast, the 70's and 80's in the mountains, and the 90's and 100's in the valleys and deserts.

Nevada will be sunny and warm with a slight chance of thunderstorms over the eastern and central mountains. High temperatures will be in the 90's and low 100's throughout the state.

Partly sunny conditions are forecast for Colorado. Isolated thunderstorms are possible in the mountains. Temperatures will range from the 70's in the mountains to the 90's and 100's elsewhere.

The Southwest Area will be sunny and hot with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. The risk of thunderstorms is slightly greater in central and southeastern Arizona. Temperatures will range from the 80's and 90's in the mountains to 118 in the deserts of Arizona.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	0		0				0
NORTHWEST	1		1		1		3
CA-NORTH			1		9	1	11
CA-SOUTH					25	52	77
NORTHERN		1			2	5	8
GB-EAST	2				0	2	4
GB-WEST	1					1	2
SOUTHWEST	1				4	8	13
ROCKY MTN					1	2	3
EASTERN						6	6
SOUTHERN			2			1	3
USA	1	5	4	0	42	78	130

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	12,200		2,020			1			14,220
NORTHWEST	0		200			45	0		201
CA-NORTH			1			30	0		46
CA-SOUTH						1	0		30
NORTHERN		1				12	2		2
GB-EAST		9					0		23
GB-WEST		130						130	
SOUTHWEST		0				1	1		2
ROCKY MTN						3	0		3
EASTERN							50		50
SOUTHERN			190				1		191
USA	12,200	140	2,411	0	93	54		14,898	

AREA	RESOURCE STATUS:				Committed Resources							
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD			
	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O
ALASKA	1	10			1	1	2	2	76	42		
NORTHWEST	1								4			
CA-NORTH		4										2
CA-SOUTH	1	16	5	6	3	2	1	4				
NORTHERN												
GB-EAST			3	1	1							
GB-WEST				5								
SOUTHWEST	4		18			7						
ROCKY MTN	2		3			1						
EASTERN												
SOUTHERN												
USA	9	30	34	7	13	3	3	6	80	44		

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	49	39	9	442	9	554
NORTHWEST	75	60	5	15	142	158	455
CA-NORTH	48	24		11	1,315	262	1,660
CA-SOUTH	23	66	1	23	2,494	471	3,078
NORTHERN	284	11	21	2	76	75	469
GB-EAST	6	132		7	63	96	304
GB-WEST		110		14	35	66	225
SOUTHWEST	526	100	15	46	640	989	2,316
ROCKY MTN	259	159		16	266	179	879
EASTERN	548			20	8,239	331	9,138
SOUTHERN	4		68	42	16,273	530	16,917
USA	1,779	711	149	205	29,985	3,166	35,995
10 YEAR AVERAGE							46,178

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	28	340,928	430,579	17,413	178,270	32	967,250
NORTHWEST	211	4,237	7	1	1,064	361	5,881

CA-NORTH	79	510		24	3,408	778	4,799
CA-SOUTH	555	3,546	1	40	17,000	9,991	31,133
NORTHERN	1,014	365	1,103		1,076	282	3,840
GB-EAST	36	8,621		16	5,631	145	14,449
GB-WEST		11,327		0	181	688	12,196
SOUTHWEST	1,952	3,625	1,690	885	113,612	9,013	130,777
ROCKY MTN	13,909	5,603		1,390	6,635	768	28,305
EASTERN	3,190			75	41,058	5,138	49,461
SOUTHERN	12		5,852	1,412	212,655	12,958	232,889
USA	20,986	378,762	439,232	21,256	580,590	40,154	1,480,980
10 YEAR AVERAGE							
							1,327,647

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	17	378	1,007
YUKON TERRITORY	0	14	86	7,498
ALBERTA	2	0	288	687
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	14	0	71	6,708
SASKATCHEWAN	3	0	202	2,282
MANITOBA	0	3	218	8,153
ONTARIO	3	6	765	25,949
QUEBEC	3	17,931	556	307,153
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	61	8,392
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	173	92
NOVA SCOTIA	3	0	173	416
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	28	93
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	19	276
TOTALS	28	17,971	3,018	368,706

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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