

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1997 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack activity moderated in the Northwest and Northern California. Good progress continued on the large fires in Alaska, although observed fire intensity has increased. Recent monsoon moisture in the Southwest, Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas has reduced the very high and extreme fire indices.

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

SIMELS, Galena District, BLM. This fire is on the east side of the Innoko Flats, between Galena and McGrath. Active fire behavior was reported on the south flank. Two crews and a helicopter are working on a spot fire along the southern perimeter. This 2,000 acre spot fire is 30% contained.

CHINIKLIK MOUNTAIN, Galena District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wehking) is assigned. Warm weather and low relative humidity has caused more heat along the southern perimeter. Significant fire activity was observed on the east flank. A spike camp was established, and a crew has started to secure the northern perimeter. Several bears, including a sow and cubs, continue to maintain residence in the immediate vicinity of the fire.

PAIMIUT, Galena District, BLM. This fire is being managed by the Type II Incident Management Team assigned to the Chiniklik fire. Warm weather and lower relative humidity has increased fire activity along the perimeter. There was no increase in fire size, although a flare-up occurred which required bucket drops and considerable effort to contain.

INOWAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dube) is assigned. Significant fire behavior was observed on the west flank, north of the east fork of the George River. A camp was established across the Kuskokwim River from Georgetown to provide structure and native allotment protection.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
SIMELS	GAD	AK	344,450	0	UNK	37	2	0	2	0	NR	140K
CHINIKLIK MTN	GAD	AK	3,340	35	8/03	227	9	0	3	0	NR	631K
PAIMIUT	GAD	AK	1,197	90	8/03	100	4	0	2	0	NR	241K
INOWAK	SWS	AK	490,700	0	UNK	227	13	0	5	3	NR	2.2M

Alaska has 46 other large fires burning for a total of 1,445,441 acres.

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROCKWOOD #2, New Jersey State. This fire, formerly known as West Mills, is northeast of Hammonton, NJ. Burnout operations were successful and containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
ROCKWOOD #2	NJS	NJ	1,700	60	7/30	125	NR	30	2	NR	NR	5K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
SAYLOR CREEK	BOD	ID	270	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	4K	13K

OUTLOOK:

The Alaska interior will be mostly sunny with isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms along the mountain ranges. Temperatures will be in the 70's. The south coast will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Temperatures will be in the high 60's and 70's.

New Jersey will be mostly sunny, with temperatures in the 80's.

Oregon and Washington will have areas of morning fog and low clouds along the coast. Partly cloudy conditions with scattered afternoon thunderstorms and evening wet thunderstorms are forecast east of the Cascades, mainly in northeast Oregon and the southeast Washington mountains. Temperatures will be in the high 70's to mid 80's from the Cascades westward and in the 80's to lower 90's east of the Cascades.

California will have morning low clouds along the coast, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Isolated afternoon and evening wet thunderstorms are predicted in the mountains and coastal areas. Temperatures will be in the high 70's and 80's in the mountains, the 80's and 90's in the valleys, and near 105 in the southern deserts.

Northern Nevada and Western Utah will be partly cloudy with isolated afternoon evening wet thunderstorms. Eastern Utah will have scattered thunderstorms. Overall temperatures will be in the high 80's and 90's, reaching 105 in the southern deserts.

Colorado and New Mexico will be partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the high 70's to 80's, with mountain highs in the 60's to 70's.

Arizona will be mostly cloudy in the east and partly cloudy in the west. Scattered afternoon and evening showers and wet thunderstorms are possible in the central mountains and east, with isolated showers and thunderstorms west and south. Temperatures will range from the 70's in the mountains to 108 in the hottest deserts.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		1		0	8		9
NORTHWEST	1	6			2	12	21

CA-NORTH		3			33	25	61
CA-SOUTH					6	4	10
NORTHERN					3	7	10
GB-EAST		4			6	8	18
GB-WEST		12			3	10	25
SOUTHWEST							NR
ROCKY MTN							NR
EASTERN					4	2	6
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	1	26	0	0	65	68	160

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		47,088	917	20	1,281		49,306
NORTHWEST	1	20			1		22
CA-NORTH		20			39	15	74
CA-SOUTH					36	1	37
NORTHERN							0
GB-EAST		10			2	1	13
GB-WEST		1			3	7	11
SOUTHWEST							NR
ROCKY MTN							NR
EASTERN					1,711	1	1,712
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	1	31	917	20	3,073	25	51,175

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	22	12			12	9	4	0	76	98
NORTHWEST	7	0			2	0			9	
CA-NORTH	8	3	51	8	6	2		2	12	4
CA-SOUTH		4	12	0	5	1	1	0		
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST			11	3	4	0				
GB-WEST	1		8	4		2				
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN				30		2				15
SOUTHERN										
USA	38	19	82	45	29	16	5	2	97	117

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	79	48	10	448	9	600
NORTHWEST	118	143	14	23	468	371	1,137
CA-NORTH	67	51	1	15	1,667	531	2,332
CA-SOUTH	30	74	2	36	2,556	537	3,235

NORTHERN	329	22	22	1	132	153	659
GB-EAST	6	256		10	102	200	574
GB-WEST		193		16	46	104	359
SOUTHWEST	827	124	16	57	701	1,244	2,969
ROCKY MTN	329	284	1	25	683	271	1,593
EASTERN	548			23	8,804	348	9,723
SOUTHERN	4		78	44	16,674	562	17,362
USA	2,264	1,226	182	260	32,281	4,330	40,543
10 YEAR AVERAGE							50,476

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	28	585,109	633,768	18,353	273,873	32	1,511,163
NORTHWEST	570	5,779	5,611	2	1,814	835	14,611
CA-NORTH	99	524	1	24	4,486	1,032	6,166
CA-SOUTH	568	3,662	18	53	18,758	10,216	33,275
NORTHERN	2,272	487	1,104	0	1,128	302	5,293
GB-EAST	40	21,903		37	5,938	409	28,327
GB-WEST		23,861		2	213	939	25,015
SOUTHWEST	7,898	3,633	1,769	937	117,750	10,187	142,174
ROCKY MTN	14,284	5,701	20	1,391	24,192	919	46,507
EASTERN	3,220			76	55,072	5,149	63,517
SOUTHERN	12		8,249	1,413	218,735	13,388	241,797
USA	28,991	650,659	650,540	22,288	721,959	43,408	2,117,845
10 YEAR AVERAGE							1,759,989

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES				
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	10	311	482	1,726
YUKON TERRITORY	1		94	10,124
ALBERTA	9	7	321	757
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	336	89	12,203
SASKATCHEWAN	2	47	289	2,647
MANITOBA	4	507	274	9,599
ONTARIO	41	100	997	27,084
QUEBEC	7		625	366,183
NEWFOUNDLAND	0		71	8,725
NEW BRUNSWICK	4		223	118
NOVA SCOTIA	2	3	248	463
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0		31	93
NATIONAL PARKS	0		24	283
TOTALS	82	1,311	3,768	440,005

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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