

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1997 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Large fire activity continued in the Northern Rockies. The Southern Area reported one new large fire. Minimal initial attack activity was reported elsewhere. Very high fire indices continue to be reported on several units in the Southern California, Western Great Basin and Northern Rockies Areas.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

HUBBARD, Charles M. Russell NWR. This lightning fire is burning in Pinyon Juniper and grass approximately 95 miles northeast of Lewistown, MT. Higher humidities decreased fire activity yesterday morning.

TK, Southern Land Office, Montana State. The fire is burning in grass and scattered timber 35 miles east of Billings, MT. High winds quickly spread this fire, causing erratic fire behavior. Full containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
HUBBARD	CMR	MT	800	50	9/18	88	4	4	0	0	NR	30K
TK	MTS	MT	1,000	60	9/17	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRE:

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
KISATCHIE HILLS	KIF	LA	3,100	100	---	32	1	0	1	0	NR	100K

KIF = Kisatchie NF

OUTLOOK:

Montana will have scattered showers with snow possible above 6,000 feet. High temperatures will be 50's and 60's.

California will be partly cloudy and a little cooler with a few showers or thunderstorms over the mountains. There will be areas of coastal fog and low clouds. High temperatures will be in the mid 60's and 70's along the coast, 60's and 70's in the mountains, and 80's to 100 in the inland valleys and deserts.

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NEVADA FOR STRONG, GUSTY SOUTHWEST WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH A COLD FRONT. Nevada will be partly cloudy and cooler with a few showers in the north. Southern Nevada will be mostly cloudy and windy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 60's to lower 70's in the north and upper 80's to 90's in the south. Winds will be 15-25 MPH, gusting to 35 MPH.

Utah will be cooler with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from 60's to 70's in the north and low 80's in the south.

FIRES: Yesterday								
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA							NR	
NORTHWEST					1		1	
CA-NORTH					7		7	
CA-SOUTH				14	21		35	
NORTHERN	3	1			1		5	
GB-EAST		1				2	3	
GB-WEST		2					2	
SOUTHWEST				1			1	
ROCKY MTN						2	2	
EASTERN							0	
SOUTHERN					80	4	84	
USA	3	4	0	15	110	8	140	

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							NR
NORTHWEST							0
CA-NORTH					7		7
CA-SOUTH							0
NORTHERN	12	125			1,000		1,137
GB-EAST		0				0	0
GB-WEST		57					57
SOUTHWEST							0
ROCKY MTN						41	41
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					456	190	646
USA	12	182	0	0	1,463	231	1,888

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										
NORTHWEST					1					
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH						1				
NORTHERN	4		4							
GB-EAST			1							
GB-WEST		1	9						3	
SOUTHWEST			12							
ROCKY MTN			2							
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	1				1				10	
USA	5	1	28	0	2	1	0	0	13	0

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	52	14	530	11	699
NORTHWEST	194	321	20	92	1,048	999	2,674
CA-NORTH	78	62	1	18	2,320	775	3,254
CA-SOUTH	44	330	3	50	3,346	806	4,579
NORTHERN	472	33	30	27	348	584	1,494
GB-EAST	26	484		13	297	542	1,362
GB-WEST		373		17	71	183	644
SOUTHWEST	790	177	18	82	810	1,635	3,512
ROCKY MTN	484	380	16	29	756	352	2,017
EASTERN	550			34	9,916	400	10,900
SOUTHERN	4		99	56	21,178	663	22,000
USA	2,648	2,246	239	432	40,620	6,950	53,135
10 YEAR AVERAGE							62,763

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	28	833,991	761,110	19,670	295,526	32	1,910,357
NORTHWEST	977	20,728	6,573	375	5,122	5,179	38,954
CA-NORTH	106	571	30	2,316	6,652	1,371	11,046
CA-SOUTH	575	13,303	2,419	54	32,019	92,411	140,781
NORTHERN	3,693	507	2,092	6	2,428	723	9,449
GB-EAST	24	43,411		42	10,008	4,320	57,805
GB-WEST		37,162		2	418	4,831	42,413
SOUTHWEST	4,444	4,590	1,778	1,848	123,335	13,908	149,903
ROCKY MTN	4,281	8,049	151	1,393	24,321	1,791	39,986
EASTERN	3,191			120	47,056	5,226	55,593
SOUTHERN	12		10,728	2,110	252,231	32,296	297,377
USA	17,331	962,312	784,881	27,936	799,116	162,088	2,753,664
10 YEAR AVERAGE							2,841,620

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES					
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE		
BRITISH COLUMBIA	*	*	1,075	2,446	
YUKON TERRITORY	*	*	107	10,127	
ALBERTA	*	*	405	818	
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	*	*	102	46,113	
SASKATCHEWAN	*	*	476	3,867	
MANITOBA	*	*	362	33,799	
ONTARIO	*	*	1,522	29,602	
QUEBEC	*	*	810	364,934	
NEWFOUNDLAND	*	*	109	9,473	
NEW BRUNSWICK	*	*	306	131	
NOVA SCOTIA	*	*	324	522	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	*	*	32	93	
NATIONAL PARKS	*	*	51	298	

TOTALS		0		0		5,681		502,223	
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A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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