

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1998 - 0900 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Moderate initial attack fire activity occurred today. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for a mobile catering unit, lead plane, helicopters, equipment, crews and miscellaneous overhead. A Fire Use Management Team was mobilized to the Nez Perce National Forest. Infrared aircraft flew fires in the Northwest. Very high to extreme indices continue to be reported in Texas, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California and Arizona.

The Long Range Fire Assessment Reports are now available on the Internet for Florida State and the Northern Rockies, Great Basin and Northwest Geographic Areas. The reports can be downloaded from the NIFC homepage at www.nifc.gov.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned. Fire behavior included torching with increased temperatures and decreased humidities. Structure protection remains in place for historic cabins at Schofield and Horse Heaven. No new information was received.

MILLER CREEK, Rosebud County. This lightning caused fire is a Rosebud County fire with Montana State resources assisting.

PACK TRAIL, Bitterroot NF. The fire is located in Ravalli County. The fire is burning actively in heavy timber in the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness and has spotted across the wilderness boundary into Bugle Creek. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) will take over today. Current threat is to grazing allotments. Hot, dry weather, strong winds and inaccessible terrain continue to hamper containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
W. Fork Wildern	RF	MT	1,050	0	UNK	36	0	0	1	0	0	89K
Lienen	PA	MT	120	100	----	62	2	8	0	0	UNK	8K
Miller Creek	TS	MT	750	80	8/22	44	0	11	1	0	UNK	8K
Pack Trail	RF	MT	200	0	UNK	56	2	0	1	0	UNK	20K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

NORTH FORK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. These fires are located approximately twenty miles west of Salmon. In addition to the Bear Basin and Sheepeater fires,

Richer's Team assumed control of the Long Tom, Lower Ebb, Upper Ebb, Broomtail, Little Cayuse and Horse Creek Butte fires. The Bear Basin Fire has been contained. Intense fire activity occurred on the Sheepeater Fire with sustained crowning runs. Spot fires were suppressed quickly. Given the area involved and the numbers of fires, no estimated containment and control is available.

MAIN SALMON COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (O'Brien) is assigned. This complex is 40 miles west northwest of Salmon. The complex consists of twelve fires burning in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the Salmon-Challis, Payette, Nez Perce and Bitterroot National Forests. The Long Knife fire was added to the Complex yesterday. Dry thunderstorms continue over the area. Additional National Weather Service Support arrived to test new generation weather equipment.

DUGWAY, Salt Lake District. This fire is near Dugway, UT.

JACKASS, Salmon-Challis NF. This fire is 30 miles southwest of Salmon. No new information was received.

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NORTH FORK COMP	CF	ID	3,590	UNK	UNK	588	16	10	9	0	UNK	1.3K
MAIN SALMON COM	F*	ID	8,487	0	10/15	59	1	0	1	0	0	407K
DUGWAY	LD	UT	1,200	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	UNK	UNK
SPRING	HA	ID	4,000	100	----	84	2	10	0	0	UNK	UNK
JACKASS	CF	ID	845	0	10/15	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	UNK	UNK

* Primary ordering office location.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

NORTH 25, Wenatchee NF. This fire is located 27 miles northwest of Chelan. Crews are continuing rehabilitation work. No new information received.

SQUARE LAKE, Deschutes NF. This fire is located north of Santiam Pass. A Type II Incident Management Team (Andrade) is assigned. A youth camp at Round Lake, two miles from the incident, remains evacuated and campers have evacuated Square Lake, Booth Lake and Long Lake campgrounds. Campers in crest sites on the Willamette NF side of the Cascades have also been asked to vacate the area. The Pacific Crest Trail north of Highway 20 is closed to entry.

CHICKEN SPRINGS, Burns District. This fire is located twenty-five miles east of Burns, OR. Gusty winds and poor access are hampering control efforts. Helicopter bucket work and a dozer are assisting firefighters.

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NORTH 25	EF	WA	7,910	80	11/15	202	5	0	5	UNK	UNK	5.8M
SQUARE LAKE	EF	OR	160	15	UNK	267	11	0	3	UNK	UNK	UNK
CHICKEN SPRINGS	UD	OR	300	UNK	UNK	42	0	7	2	UNK	UNK	UNK

OUTLOOK:

The weather continues to be mostly sunny, warm, and dry over California, Nevada, southern Oregon and southern Idaho. Partly cloudy conditions and scattered afternoon showers with thunderstorms will prevail over eastern Utah, much of Arizona, New Mexico and Montana. Most of the storms that do develop will be confined to mountain locations. Isolated thunderstorms are also expected over Idaho's central mountains. Temperatures will be in the 70s and 80s over coastal locations and mountains while 80s and 90s will be expected over the interior valleys of the Intermountain Region, the Rockies, Great Basin and interior California. Temperatures will range from the mid 90s to 110 over the deserts of southern California, southern Nevada and Arizona.

NR = NOT REPORTED UNK = UNKNOWN

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			8		8
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	5		1	8	45	60
	ACRES	0	1		0	5	7	13
CA-NORTH	FIRES					12	10	22
	ACRES					43	8	51
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					24	5	29
	ACRES					9	0	9
NORTHERN	FIRES	3				25	170	198
	ACRES	122				757	132	1,011
GB-EAST	FIRES		5			1	25	31
	ACRES		605			0	1,624	2,229
GB-WEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1	1	4	6
	ACRES				0	1	0	1
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			2		23	1	26
	ACRES			0		137	1	138
TOTAL	FIRES	4	11	2	2	96	262	377
	ACRES	122	606	0	0	960	1,773	3,461

* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	3	26	7	3	319	5	363
	ACRES	1	56,645	51	21	63,979	1	120,698
NORTHWEST	FIRES	219	219	8	11	1,072	1,186	2,715
	ACRES	16,377	68,840	358	12	4,570	10,717	100,874
CA-NORTH	FIRES	101	23	2	11	1,208	377	1,722
	ACRES	103	1,080	9,701	5	8,464	201	19,554
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	46	87	2	27	1,608	410	2,180
	ACRES	737	2,018	164	16	18,116	1,761	22,809
NORTHERN	FIRES	670	59	35	7	343	774	1,888
	ACRES	6,105	1,625	7,514	34	5,861	3,229	24,368
GB-EAST	FIRES	36	434		14	203	507	1,194
	ACRES	260	102,598		66	18,371	7,369	128,664
GB-WEST	FIRES		366	1	16	63	123	569
	ACRES		54,013	0	3	151	803	54,970
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,532	114	14	74	859	1,148	3,741
	ACRES	10,778	5,371	2,933	6,061	95,258	12,569	132,970
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	371	280	30	28	661	294	1,664
	ACRES	1,969	3,135	129	824	8,025	2,733	16,815
EASTERN	FIRES	501			53	10,551	439	11,544
	ACRES	9,816			340	75,773	5,976	91,905
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		78	50	27,775	898	28,809
	ACRES	35		27,384	8,083	018,257	80,099	1,133,858
TOTALS	FIRES	3,487	1,608	177	294	44,662	6,161	56,389
	ACRES	46,178	295,325	48,234	15,465	316,825	125,458	1,847,485
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								57,345
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2,456,304

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				100			100
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						24	24
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0

ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	100	0	24	124

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES						15	15
	ACRES						109	109
GB-EAST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						800	800
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						60	60
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	969	969

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational uses. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	15	1,932	62,135
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	188	336,954

ALBERTA			1,439	537,882
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	12,563	392	1,349,436
SASKATCHEWAN	2	25	1,123	844,620
MANITOBA	2	326	440	273,307
ONTARIO	6	0	2,000	155,798
QUEBEC	13	9,277	739	357,194
NEWFOUNDLAND			193	34,504
NEW BRUNSWICK	7	1	265	284
NOVA SCOTIA			316	363
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			16	66
NATIONAL PARKS			89	30,481
TOTALS	41	22,207	9,132	3,983,024

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES:

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	16	11	31	8	10	12			89	19
CA-NORTH	3	6	3	9	1	1	2			2
CA-SOUTH			10		2					
NORTHERN	28		47	30	16	6			108	27
GB-EAST	30	1	33	14	16	3	2		332	39
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	1		8		1					
ROCKY MTN			2		1					
EASTERN	1								3	
SOUTHERN	1	3	15	114	4	26		5		
TOTAL	80	21	149	175	51	48	4	5	532	87

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