

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1998 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Increased initial attack and large fire activity occurred in the Northern Rockies, Northwest, California and Great Basin Areas over the weekend. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, equipment, crews and overhead. Very high to extreme indices were reported in Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and South Dakota.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

GREER GULCH, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Williams) is assigned. The fire is burning in steep terrain with limited access 15 miles southeast of Whitehall. Current threats are to a microwave site and the Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park.

BLACKFEET COMPLEX, Blackfeet Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. No new information was received.

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned. Dry fuels and higher temperatures caused increased torching and spotting.

MOOSE COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. These fires are located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. The fires are being managed to enhance the natural ecological condition of the wilderness.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GREER GULCH	TS	MT	125	25	8/31	84	3	2	UNK	0	11K	38K
BLACKFEET COMPL	FA	MT	600	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
W. FORK WILDERN	RF	MT	1,763	0	UNK	42	0	0	1	0	0	260K
MOOSE COMPLEX	PF	ID	538	0	UNK	31	0	0	1	0	0	130K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

LAID LOW, Salmon-Challis NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. This fire is burning in an area of heavy bug kill, 12 miles Northwest of Stanley. The fire remained active yesterday.

MAIN SALMON COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This complex is 40 miles west Northwest of Salmon. The complex consists of 15 fires in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the Salmon-Challis, Payette, Nez Perce and Bitterroot

National Forests. A structure protection burnout was completed around the Gattin Ranch Subdivision.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LAID LOW	CF	ID	2,750	50	9/12	456	15	9	6	UNK	UNK	1.3M
BEARSKIN CREEK	OF	ID	192	100	----	315	11	6	2	0	102K	652K
MAIN SALMON COM	F*	ID	11,882	0	10/15	86	2	2	1	0	0K	687K

* Primary ordering office location.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

JORDAN CREEK, Washington State. A State Incident Management Team (Mesenbrink) is assigned. This fire is burning in slash, reproduction and standing timber on a steep slope south of Marblemount. Nine residences are threatened. Six of those residences have been evacuated. Control problems include dry unstable atmosphere, dry fuels and steep terrain.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JORDAN CREEK	AS	WA	320	15	UNK	267	10	5	5	0	UNK	UNK
DOOLEY	AS	WA	1,800	100	----	84	2	3	1	0	11	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

TOM, Inyo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Linardos) is assigned. This fire is burning in sagebrush, pinyon pine and bitter brush 12 miles west of Bishop. This area is key mule deer winter range. The majority of line construction has been completed. The remaining line is in the John Muir Wilderness, burning into natural barriers.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TOM	NF	CA	3,200	75	8/31	554	19	37	6	0	0	400K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

MIDDLE, Lake Napa Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Incident Management Team (Holmes) is assigned. This fire is burning in brush and oak woodland 20 miles southwest of Williams. Control problems include inaccessible terrain, high temperatures and low relative humidity.

Recreationists in the area were evacuated yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MIDDLE	NU	CA	2,000	5	9/2	483	18	19	8	0	NR	90K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Elko District, BLM. This fire is located approximately 20 miles north northeast of Wells. Extreme burning conditions were reported on the fire yesterday. A camp trailer was burned and several other structures in the area are threatened. Five miles of line have been constructed with 20 miles remaining.

ALPHA, Elko District, BLM. This fire is burning in pinyon juniper, grass and sage approximately 20 miles north of Eureka. Thunderstorm activity caused wind shifts which resulted in extreme rates of spread with 30 foot flame lengths. Control problems are heavy fuels, steep terrain and erratic winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLACK MOUNTAIN	KD	NV	12,000	25	9/1	129	4	13	0	0	UNK	UNK
ALPHA	KD	NV	1,000	10	9/1	76	3	3	0	0	UNK	UNK

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EASTERN WASHINGTON FOR LOW HUMIDITY. A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EASTERN MONTANA AND WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA FOR DRY LIGHTNING. Strong high pressure aloft will remain over the western U.S. There will be some isolated dry thunderstorms over the mountains of southern California, Nevada, southeast Idaho, western Wyoming, eastern Montana and western South Dakota. Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado will have scattered wet thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from 105 to 115 in the valleys and deserts, and 80's to 90's in the mountains.

NR = NOT REPORTED UNK = UNKNOWN

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES						0
	ACRES						0

NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	1		2	12	10	26
	ACRES	1	2		0	320	28	351
CA-NORTH	FIRES					21		21
	ACRES					652		652
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		10		1	26	6	43
	ACRES		41		0	68	3,358	3,467
NORTHERN	FIRES	3	1		3	4	23	34
	ACRES	4	0		95	2	15	116
GB-EAST	FIRES		12			4	3	19
	ACRES		24			30	10	64
GB-WEST	FIRES		23		2	5	13	43
	ACRES		11,771		0	2	7	11,780
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			15		15
EASTERN	FIRES				2	2	1	5
	ACRES				0	0	0	0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					11	5	16
	ACRES					243	25	268
TOTAL	FIRES	4	48	0	10	86	65	213
	ACRES	5	11,838	0	95	1,332	3,443	16,713

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES

| 2,712,077

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							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		70					70
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	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	70	0	0	0	0	70

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				1		0	1
	ACRES				5		617	622
GB-EAST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						611	611
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
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1		2
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	0	1,228	1,233	

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			2,065	62,415
YUKON TERRITORY			190	361,191
ALBERTA	6	706	1,510	543,288
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			397	1,367,893
SASKATCHEWAN	6	1	1,174	945,994
MANITOBA	0	9,080	447	317,559
ONTARIO	2	0	2,062	157,560
QUEBEC	0	4	782	357,389
NEWFOUNDLAND			193	34,504
NEW BRUNSWICK			272	284
NOVA SCOTIA			328	369
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			16	66
NATIONAL PARKS			91	30,481
TOTALS	14	9,791	9,527	4,178,993

This will be the last daily report from Canada. Weekly reports will begin on Wednesday.

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	7	7	3	11	3	6			8	123
CA-NORTH	3	22	2	20	1	9	2	5		88
CA-SOUTH	10	10	41	7	10		2		46	37
NORTHERN	13	6	2	11	1	1			133	23
GB-EAST	36	1	30	10	14	4			160	55
GB-WEST		7	28	10	2				19	4
SOUTHWEST				6		1				
ROCKY MTN	1		5		2					

EASTERN										1	22
SOUTHERN		3	10	127		18		4			
TOTAL	70	56	121	202	33	39	4	9	367	352	

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