

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1998 - 0530 MDT

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Large fire activity increased in west Texas, Arkansas, Michigan and Oregon. Hot and dry conditions with heat advisories continue in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for overhead, crews, aircraft and engines. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported in Florida, Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, California and Washington.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GRANDFATHER COMPLEX, Pisgah NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Joki) is assigned. This complex includes the Hensleys Ridge, Back Creek, and three smaller fires near the community of Marion. Helicopter operations ceased and all crews were removed from the fireline yesterday due to severe thunderstorms. Heavy rain, lightning, and 60 MPH downdrafts were associated with these storms. Steep terrain, heat and humidity are hampering control efforts.

REREG COMPLEX II, Ouachita NF. This complex is located six miles north of Broken Bow in Oklahoma on National Forest land administered by the Ouachita NF. Arson is the suspected cause of the four fires in this complex. Extremely dry fuels, steep terrain and unfavorable weather conditions are complicating containment objectives. Erratic fire behavior was observed when gusts from a passing thunderstorm fanned the fires. Burnout operations are planned for today.

BARREL CREEK, Texas State, Briscoe County. This fire is burning in light, flashy fuels 55 miles southwest of Amarillo. Airtankers assisted with suppression objectives. Gusty winds from thunderstorms caused serious containment problems yesterday. Crews conducted burnout operations last night.

JOHN BELL, Texas State, Dickens County. This fire is burning in grass and brush east of Lubbock. Gusty winds associated with thunderstorms are challenging suppression efforts. Retardant drops helped firefighters with line construction.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
GRANDFATHER CPX	NCF	NC	200	60	7/24	313	13	1	4	0	UNK	392K
REREG COMPLEX II	OUF	AR	265	92	7/24	48	1	6	0	0	300K	44K
BARREL CREEK	TXS	TX	600	UNK	UNK	25	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
JOHN BELL	TXS	TX	400	UNK	UNK	67	1	12	0	0	NR	NR
LONE WILLOW	TXS	TX	300	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

AIRPORT, Huron NF. This fire is burning in Jack Pine and grass northeast of Tawas City. Afternoon winds with gusts of up to 25 MPH caused intense fire behavior. Mop-up is difficult due to extremely dry conditions.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
AIRPORT	HUF	MI	100	70	7/23	20	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
OGEMAW	MIS	MI	1,250	100	----	25	0	10	0	0	UNK	UNK

MIS = Michigan State Forestry

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

WESTCOTT 3, South Central Idaho District, BLM. This fire is 16 miles east of Burley. High winds and flashy fuels are the primary control problems. Current threats are to the Walcott Wildlife Refuge.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
WALCOTT 3	SID	ID	700	60	7/24	40	0	10	0	0	28K	20K
SALT LAKE COMPLEX	SLD	UT	14,879	100	----	301	10	15	3	0	753K	598K

SLD = Salt Lake District, BLM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

DEVILS CANYON, Worland District, BLM. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Lovell. Firefighters continued to build line along the west flank. Helicopters assisted with mop-up efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
DEVILS CANYON	WOD	WY	360	75	UNK	47	1	3	2	0	UNK	UNK

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
RAZ LEWIS	BUD	OR	1,800	100	----	24	1	3	0	0	UNK	UNK

BUD = Burns District, BLM

OUTLOOK:

Scattered wet thunderstorms will form in New Mexico, Arizona, southern Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and southern Wyoming. Isolated dry thunderstorms are predicted in the eastern

sections of Oregon and Washington, southwest and central Idaho, and northern Wyoming. Afternoon temperatures will continue to be hot with highs ranging from 80 in the mountains to 115 in the valleys and deserts.

Texas will be partly cloudy and hot, with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Temperatures will range from 95 to 105 for most of the state. Coastal temperatures will be in the 90's.

Arkansas will be mostly cloudy with wet thunderstorms in the north. Scattered wet thunderstorms and partly cloudy skies are forecast in the south. High temperatures will range from the mid 80's to near 100.

Oklahoma will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the south. Thunderstorms are forecast for the northeast portion of the state. Temperatures across the state will range from 80 to 105.

NR = NOT REPORTED UNK = UNKNOWN

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1		1			2
	ACRES		300		0			300
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1		1	2	12	16
	ACRES		0		0	2	1	3
CA-NORTH	FIRES	4				35	13	52
	ACRES	7				3	1	11
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2			13	8	23
	ACRES		122			29	2	153
NORTHERN	FIRES	2				2	1	5
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
GB-EAST	FIRE		1				4	5

	ACRES		100				3	103
GB-WEST	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		2			1		3
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					12	13
	ACRES	0					9	9
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	6			1	6	14
	ACRES	1	1			0	8	10
EASTERN	FIRES					0	2	2
	ACRES					550	200	750
SOUTHERN	FIRES					80	6	86
	ACRES					1,698	44	1,742
TOTAL	FIRES	8	12	0	2	135	64	221
	ACRES	8	525	0	0	2,283	268	3,084

* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	25	4	4	301	3	339
	ACRES	1	63,063	47	22	63,920	1	127,054
NORTHWEST	FIRES	120	61	2	6	417	295	901
	ACRES	11,418	16,072	4,500	0	629	455	33,074
CA-NORTH	FIRES	62	11		2	643	128	846
	ACRES	80	100		0	972	80	1,232
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	36	85	2	7	1,026	217	1,373
	ACRES	714	1,855	162	3	12,983	1,104	16,821
NORTHERN	FIRES	547	20	28		194	190	979
	ACRES	4,801	1,836	7,123		4,463	2,051	20,274
GB-EAST	FIRES	29	216		7	124	137	513
	ACRES	319	55,374		15	14,274	709	70,691
GB-WEST	FIRES		182		14	35	79	310
	ACRES		33,954		2	85	10	34,051
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,466	87	16	5,947	812	893	9,221
	ACRES	6,771	4,903	2,706	6,008	94,317	10,935	125,640
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	305	175	23	21	392	238	1,154
	ACRES	1,646	2,229	126	709	3,308	2,903	10,921
EASTERN	FIRES	499			12	8,800	371	9,682
	ACRES	9,814			174	68,734	5,597	84,319
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		67	49	26,954	835	27,913

	ACRES	35		25,545	8,043	954,765	78,269	1,066,657
TOTALS	FIRES	3,074	862	142	6,069	39,698	3,386	53,231
	ACRES	35,599	179,386	40,209	14,976	1,218,450	102,114	1,590,734
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								48,475
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1,637,719

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					52,000		52,000
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0

CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			180			40	220
NORTHERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						35	35
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	1	3	6
	ACRES	0	0	180	0	52,000	75	52,255

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8	4	846	16,495
YUKON TERRITORY	1	2,618	146	191,677
ALBERTA	0	0	961	380,401
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	13,722	305	436,921
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	941	344,474
MANITOBA	0	40	337	77,510
ONTARIO	38	1,463	1,486	142,339
QUEBEC	3	0	591	217,123
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	171	34,485
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	182	274
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	258	301
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	16	66
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	58	22,295
TOTALS	56	17,848	6,298	1,864,361

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								1		
NORTHWEST	1		11		2				14	
CA-NORTH	4	4	5	5	2	2		1		2
CA-SOUTH	2		1		4		1			
NORTHERN			1		1					
GB-EAST	17	2	29		6				59	8
GB-WEST	4		7		2					
SOUTHWEST			10		5					
ROCKY MTN	6		15		6				10	
EASTERN			3	10						
SOUTHERN	17	4	32	110	9	18	4	8	88	24
TOTAL	51	10	114	125	37	20	5	10	171	34

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