

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1998 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Increased large fire activity continued in the Eastern Great Basin, Northern Rockies and Southern California Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, equipment, crews, overhead, caterers, showers and radio systems. Very high to extreme indices were reported in Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

JUNIPER, Riverside Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Heil) is assigned. This fire is located fifteen miles east of Perris. There were 26 residences and 74 outbuildings destroyed. Two evacuation centers have been established in local schools. Parts of Highways 74, 79 and Winchester Road are temporarily closed. Ground survey and damage assessment is continuing.

YANKEE, Kern County, California State. A State Type II Incident Management Team (Sands) is assigned. This fire is located near Lake Isabella, in the Lakeland and Yankee Canyon area. Two subdivisions of homes are threatened.

WEIRICK, Riverside Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Eaves) is assigned. This fire is located about five miles south of Riverside. Multiple dispersed homes are threatened. Full containment is expected this morning.

WILDCAT, San Diego Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Type I Incident Management Team (O'Leary) is assigned. This fire is located southwest of Ramona. High, variable winds are causing long range spotting. Significant resources are being devoted to structure protection.

SANTIAGO CANYON, Orange County, California State. A State Type II Incident Management Team (Henderson) is assigned. This fire is burning in dense vegetation and steep terrain at Carbon County Park. Extreme fire behavior continues to hamper containment efforts.

DELUZ, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bacon) is assigned. This fire is located on the Camp Pendleton Base near Fallbrook. Control and safety problems include extremely high temperatures and variable winds. The community of Fallbrook is threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JUNIPER	CA	RRU	6,000	75	9/3	890	21	105	0	74	3.4M	NR
YANKEE	CA	KRN	1,137	90	9/3	195	7	14	2	0	NR	NR
WEIRICK	CA	RRU	5,000	80	9/2	375	12	39	0	0	NR	NR
WILDCAT	CA	MVU	4,600	60	9/2	375	12	50	0	0	NR	NR
CARBON CANYON	CA	ORC	895	100	---	186	7	16	1	0	UNK	UNK
SANTIAGO CANYON	CA	ORC	5,000	50	UNK	408	10	57	1	0	UNK	UNK

DELUZ |CA| DDQ| 1,700| 50| 9/2| 600| 8| 93| 1| 0| UNK| UNK

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

BEAR GULCH, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. This fire is located nine miles northeast of Twin Bridges. The Bear Gulch fire is under a Unified Command Team with Madison County, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the U.S. Forest Service. Control problems include wind, and steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain.

BLACKFEET COMPLEX, Blackfeet Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. Containment progress is slow due to safety issues, fire behavior, numerous spot fires, heavy fuels, snags, and steep, inaccessible terrain. The complex will respond to initial attack on the eastern part of the reservation and the lower St. Mary drainage area of Glacier National Park.

BRADSHAW, Montana State. This fire is located 40 miles east of Miles City. No new information was received.

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned. The acreage increase is due to remapping using GPS.

MOOSE COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. These fires are located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Active burning was observed until midnight.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BEAR GULCH	MT	BDF	120	UNK	UNK	96	3	9	1	0	UNK	22K
BLACKFEET COMPL	MT	BFA	1,128	60	9/4	231	7	13	3	0	NR	122K
BRADSHAW	MT	MTS	900	30	9/4	33	0	9	2	0	UNK	UNK
W. FORK WILDERN	MT	BRF	3,544	0	UNK	39	0	0	1	0	0	295K
MOOSE COMPLEX	ID	NPF	1,427	0	UNK	32	0	0	1	0	0	175K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

EAGLE TWO, Idaho Falls District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and brush ten miles southwest of Pocatello. Thunderstorms with strong winds caused extreme fire behavior. The fire continued to actively burn through the night due to poor humidity recovery. Current threats include residences, a gas station, power lines, critical wildlife habitat, cultural resources and a pipeline.

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. Burnout operations continued on the northern portion of the fire; however, these operations are proceeding slowly due to

spotting. A helitorch operation is planned for today.

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. Increased activity was reported with crowning and spotting observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
EAGLE TWO	ID	IFD	10,500	60	9/4	156	3	20	3	0	UNK	UNK
LAID LOW	ID	SCF	3,500	70	9/3	673	24	9	8	0	UNK	2.1M
THIRD	ID	BOD	2,500	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	164K	39K
MAIN SALMON COM	ID	SCF*	12,883	0	10/15	47	1	0	2	0	0K	753K

\* Primary ordering office location.

BOD = Boise District, BLM

#### 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. A fireline explosive team is assisting crews in establishing control lines in steep and difficult terrain. Rolling materials continue to pose a threat to firefighters.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JORDAN CREEK	WA	WAS	520	47	UNK	560	15	26	5	0	UNK	210K

#### 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. More than 14 miles of containment line have been constructed. Burnout operations were successful and containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MIDDLE	CA	LNU	5,000	60	9/1	1,115	49	44	11	0	NR	1.3M

#### WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Elko District, BLM. This fire is located 15 miles north northeast of Wells. Line rehabilitation will begin today. Demobilization has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ALPHA	NV	EKD	2,200	100	----	188	5	12	1	0	NR	NR
BLACK MOUNTAIN	NV	EKD	9,900	70	9/2	178	7	8	2	1	NR	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRE:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CANAL	FL	FLS	550	100	----	0	0	0	1	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHWEST MONTANA FOR GUSTY WINDS. The western U.S. will continue to be very hot and dry. Western Montana will experience breezy west winds 15-30 MPH. Isolated dry thunderstorms are predicted for the mountains of central and southern California into southern Nevada. Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected in Arizona, New Mexico, southern Utah and southern Colorado. High temperatures will range from the 90's to 112 degrees throughout most of the West. Mountainous areas can expect high temperatures in the 70's and 80's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				1	3	8	12
	ACRES				0	0	0	0
CA-NORTH	FIRES		1			24	4	29
	ACRES		30			2,104	0	2,134
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	2		1	54	38	96
	ACRES	5	2		0	10,077	22	10,106
NORTHERN	FIRES	3			1	9	17	30
	ACRES	1			25	607	591	1,224
GB-EAST	FIRES		1		1	1	4	7
	ACRES		10,425		0	0	0	10,425

GB-WEST	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		3				4	7
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						1	1
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
EASTERN	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					101		101
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1		29		30
	ACRES			5		276		281
TOTAL	FIRES	4	5	1	4	126	80	220
	ACRES	6	10,460	5	25	13,165	619	24,280

\* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	3	26	8	3	327	5	372
	ACRES	1	56,752	51	21	63,989	1	120,815
NORTHWEST	FIRES	232	243	8	21	1,286	1,429	3,219
	ACRES	22,620	73,264	358	13	22,535	11,150	129,940
CA-NORTH	FIRES	117	24	2	11	1,415	442	2,011
	ACRES	113	1,110	9,701	5	13,046	1,011	24,986
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	59	119	4	45	1,890	520	2,637
	ACRES	992	3,662	165	22	18,469	5,889	29,199
NORTHERN	FIRES	709	69	36	22	484	1,112	2,432
	ACRES	7,587	1,990	7,523	129	6,908	5,648	29,785
GB-EAST	FIRES	37	502		16	264	562	1,381
	ACRES	260	117,866		67	18,372	14,851	151,416
GB-WEST	FIRES		405	1	20	74	142	642
	ACRES		71,216	0	3	3,330	815	75,364
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,554	116	14	77	861	1,220	3,842
	ACRES	11,015	5,374	2,933	6,068	95,259	13,775	134,424
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	379	316	30	27	663	312	1,727
	ACRES	1,981	3,669	129	4	8,050	2,811	16,644
EASTERN	FIRES	501			56	10,657	446	11,660
	ACRES	9,816			341	76,193	6,012	92,362
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		79	50	28,645	926	29,708
	ACRES	35		27,385	8,083	058,314	80,536	1,174,353
TOTALS	FIRES	3,599	1,820	182	348	46,566	7,116	59,631
	ACRES	54,420	334,903	48,245	14,756	384,465	142,499	1,979,288
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								59,565
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2,778,581

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			150				150
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1,820		1,820
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					150		150
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		134					134
EASTERN	FIRES				4	4		8
	ACRES				147	540		687
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			800				800
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	4	0	6	12
	ACRES	0	134	950	147	0	2,510	3,741

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				2			2
	ACRES				15			15
GB-EAST	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						871	871
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 TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	2	0	4	6

ACRES	0	0	0	15	0	871	886
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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			1,510	543,288
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			397	1,367,893
SASKATCHEWAN			1,174	945,994
MANITOBA			447	317,559
ONTARIO			2,062	157,560
QUEBEC			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	0	0	9,527	4,178,993

Canada is reporting weekly 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	12	6	11	26	4	5			13	135
CA-NORTH	4	54	5	47	1	12	1	2	4	94
CA-SOUTH	13	66	59	326	7	2	6		35	198
NORTHERN	27		58	25	19	8			297	48
GB-EAST	36	5	54	9	11	11	7		166	37
GB-WEST	20	16	17	30	2	5			53	23
SOUTHWEST			6		1					
ROCKY MTN	1				1					
EASTERN									1	19
SOUTHERN		3	10	130	1	19		2		
TOTAL	113	150	220	593	47	62	14	4	569	554

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