

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1998 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack and large fire activity increased significantly in the Northern Rockies necessitating the commitment of three Type I and six Type II Incident Management Teams. Initial attack and large fire activity continued in the Northwest, Eastern Great Basin, and Northern California Areas with Type II Incident Management Team assignments in those Areas. Good progress is being made toward containment objectives on fires in Southern California. 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.

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. Winds, steep and rocky terrain, and poor access continue to pose control problems.

BLACKFEET COMPLEX, Blackfeet Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. Strong winds with gusts of 40+ MPH caused the Red Eagle Lake fire to escape holding lines. Containment objectives slowed due to fire behavior, numerous spot fires, heavy fuels, snags, and steep, inaccessible terrain. An emergency evacuation plan was prepared in coordination with local agencies. Stage I of the plan was implemented which resulted in the ordering of structural engines. Crews have been gridding unburned areas to detect any holdover fires smoldering under heavy tree canopies.

BRADSHAW, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Milburn) has been ordered. This fire is located 40 miles east of Miles City. The fire is burning in rough and steep terrain with heavy fuel loads.

HERMAN RIDGE, Miles City District, BLM. A Type II Incident management Team (Williams) has been ordered. This fire, located 30 miles northwest of Jordan, is burning in grass, ponderosa pine and juniper. The fire has burned to the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge. Control problems include high winds, low humidities, and high temperatures.

CHALLENGE, Flathead NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) has been ordered. The fire is located about 10 miles east of Summit. This wind driven fire was about 60 acres in size and was spotting up to a half mile in heavy timber when detected. No initial attack action was taken due to extreme fire behavior. Three trail users were evacuated.

DOMES, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) has been ordered. This wind driven fire is burning in steep, inaccessible terrain about 6 miles west of Libby. Weather predictions include high winds and low humidities. Spotting is expected and the town of Libby is threatened.

BOULDER LAKE, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) has been ordered. No other information was available.

BOYER, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) has been ordered. No other information was available.

GILBERT CREEK, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) has been ordered. No other information was available.

WAPITO, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) has been ordered. No other information was available.

BITTERROOT COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) has been ordered. No other information was available.

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BEAR GULCH	MT	BDF	202	80	9/3	128	4	5	1	0	UNK	128K
BLACKFEET COMPL	MT	BFA	1,130	75	9/4	262	8	13	3	0	NR	202K
BRADSHAW	MT	MTS	700	10	9/4	33	0	9	2	0	UNK	UNK
HERMAN RIDGE	MT	MCD	1,000	25	UNK	109	3	9	1	0	UNK	UNK
CHALLENGE	MT	FNF	5,000	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
DOVE	MT	KNF	1,000	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
BOYER	MT	NWS	300	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
GILBERT	MT	LNF	300	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
BOULDER LAKE	MT	LNF	50	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
WAPITO	ID	CWF	90	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
BITTERROOT COMP	MT	BRF	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	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

#### 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 15 miles east of Perris. Good progress was made on containment yesterday with demobilization in progress. Ground survey and damage assessment continues. Seventy-four structures were destroyed, 39 homes and 35 outbuildings.

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. Firefighters made good progress toward containment objectives resulting in the start of demobilization.

SANTIAGO CANYON, Orange County, California State. A State Type II Incident

Management Team (Henderson) is assigned. Afternoon thunderstorms produced strong shifting winds causing the fire to cross an eight-lane highway and burn into a military installation. The current threat is to several communities.

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. Good progress was made yesterday and full containment was expected last evening.

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	90	9/3	460	8	52	0	74	3.4M	NR
WILDCAT	CA	MVU	3,200	90	9/3	535	19	51	0	0	NR	NR
SANTIAGO CANYON	CA	ORC	6,680	70	9/3	1,136	39	75	3	0	UNK	UNK
DELUZ	CA	DDQ	1,830	85	9/2	411	8	76	1	0	.22M	UNK
YANKEE	CA	KRN	1,137	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WEIRICK	CA	RRU	5,000	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

BUCKSKIN, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. The fire is located 20 miles northeast of Pocatello. The fire burned rapidly to the north and east threatening numerous residences. A major power line crossing the fire area was turned off so crews could operate safely. Numerous retardant drops supported ground operations.

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. Helitorch operations were suspended yesterday to allow completion of hand firing. Consideration is being given to allow fire spread to natural boundaries in the wilderness area. Direct control continues on the west flank, where 100,000 feet of hose is deployed. Transition to a replacement Type I Team (Monahan) is scheduled for today.

NORTH FORK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This complex is located approximately 20 miles northwest of Salmon. Increased activity occurred on the Sheepeater and Horse Butte fires.

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. Emphasis was concentrated on mitigating threats to boundaries and structures on the Longknife Fire and to developed areas near the Arctic Fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
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BUCKSKIN	ID	FHA	8,000	52	9/3	52	0	13	0	0	UNK	UNK
LAID LOW	ID	SCF	3,701	80	9/3	700	25	9	8	0	UNK	2.3M
EAGLE TWO	ID	IFD	11,000	100	----	140	2	18	2	0	UNK	UNK
NORTH FORK COMP	ID	SCF	7,220	98	9/7	178	6	7	2	0	UNK	4.3M
MAIN SALMON COM	ID	SCF*	13,956	0	10/15	102	3	0	1	0	OK	821K

\* 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. A fireline explosives team is assisting crews establishing control lines in steep and difficult terrain. The fire continued to be active yesterday. Rolling materials continue to pose a threat to firefighters.

ELK LAKE, Deschutes NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Andrade) is assigned. This fire is located one mile west of Elk Lake. Spotting across Highway 46 has resulted in the closure of a portion of the highway. All nearby recreational areas, as well as summer homes in the area have been evacuated.

McKAY BUTTE, Deschutes NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Solarz) is assigned. This fire is approximately 20 miles east of La Pine. No other information is available at this time.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JORDAN CREEK	WA	WAS	585	50	UNK	470	15	20	6	0	UNK	920K
ELK LAKE	OR	DEF	200	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
McKAY BUTTE	OR	DEF	200	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

HAUL, Mendocino NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. (Madden has assumed command of both the Haul and Garcia Fires.) This fire is located 60 miles west of Willows. Spotting outside of containment lines has caused the fire to spread into heavy timber and a steep drainage west of Lake Pillsbury. Access is extremely difficult and winds are causing control problems.

GARCIA, Mendocino NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. The fire is located 65 miles west of Willows. The Garcia consists of five fires burning in heavy logging slash and timber. Steep terrain and hot dry weather continues to hamper containment.

MIDDLE, Lake Napa Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Incident Management Team (Holmes) is assigned. Heavy demobilization is in progress and some resources are being diverted to the fires on the Mendocino

NF.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HAUL	CA	MNF	60	UNK	UNK	115	4	8	1	0	NR	NR
GARCIA	CA	MNF	90	UNK	UNK	500	25	29	5	0	NR	NR
MIDDLE	CA	LNU	6,600	100	----	550	26	5	0	0	NR	2.0M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLACK MOUNTAIN	NV	EKD	9,900	100	----	148	6	6	1	1	NR	NR

EKD = Elko District, BLM

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STANLEY	VA	VAS	100	60%	9/3	50	1	7	1	0	NR	NR

VAS = Virginia State

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR SOUTH-CENTRAL OREGON TO CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FOR VERY DRY CONDITIONS ALONG WITH DRY THUNDERSTORMS.

Weather for the western U.S. will be very dry with near record high temperatures in the Northwest, upper Great Basin and Northern Rockies. There may be a chance of dry thunderstorms from south-central Oregon to central California. Scattered wet thunderstorms are forecast for Arizona, New Mexico, southern Nevada, southern Utah and southern Colorado. High temperatures will be in the 90's to 109, except for mid 70's and 80's in the mountains.

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				6	17	24
	ACRES	1				4	141	146
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				14	7	22
	ACRES	0				811	90	901
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1			1	54	13	69
	ACRES	5			0	10,077	9	10,091
NORTHERN	FIRES	1	2			5	11	19
	ACRES	1	500			116	6,748	7,365
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	3			1	1	6
	ACRES	8,000	7,503			3	201	15,707
GB-WEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					4	5
	ACRES	0					40	40
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					14	1	15
	ACRES					96	20	116
TOTAL	FIRES	6	6	0	1	94	55	162
	ACRES	8,007	8,003	0	0	11,107	7,249	34,366

\* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES	3	26	8	3	327	5	372
	ACRES	1	56,752	51	21	63,989	1	120,815
NORTHWEST	FIRES	233	243	8	21	1,293	1,446	3,244
	ACRES	22,620	73,264	358	13	22,541	11,340	130,136
CA-NORTH	FIRES	118	24	2	11	1,429	444	2,028
	ACRES	113	1,110	9,701	5	13,857	1,241	26,027
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	60	119	4	45	1,890	531	2,649
	ACRES	997	3,662	165	22	28,546	5,896	39,288
NORTHERN	FIRES	709	71	36	22	488	1,126	2,452
	ACRES	7,587	2,340	7,523	129	7,021	6,800	31,400
GB-EAST	FIRES	37	506		16	265	563	1,387
	ACRES	260	125,608		69	18,372	14,851	159,160
GB-WEST	FIRES		405	1	20	74	143	643
	ACRES		71,216	0	3	3,330	815	75,364
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,557	116	14	77	861	1,224	3,849
	ACRES	11,017	5,374	2,933	6,068	95,259	13,819	134,470
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	379	317	30	27	663	312	1,728
	ACRES	1,981	3,672	129	4	8,050	2,811	16,647
EASTERN	FIRES	501			56	10,657	446	11,660
	ACRES	9,816			341	76,193	6,012	92,362
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		79	50	29,504	927	30,568

	ACRES	35		27,385	8,083	067,756	80,546	1,183,805
TOTALS	FIRES	3,605	1,827	182	348	47,451	7,167	60,580
	ACRES	54,427	342,998	48,245	14,758	404,914	144,132	2,009,474
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								59,828
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2,796,151

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1	0				1
	ACRES		2,000	200				2,200
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						25	25
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		25					25
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	2,025	200	0	0	25	2,250

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		5	6
	ACRES				0		2,247	2,247
GB-EAST	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				1		542	543
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						50	50
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	12	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	2,839	2,840

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	55	147	2,137	64,562
YUKON TERRITORY		24,200	190	385,391
ALBERTA	25	24,454	1,535	567,742
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			397	1,367,892
SASKATCHEWAN	19	0	1,193	934,456
MANITOBA	8	0	455	313,935
ONTARIO	17	24	2,079	157,584
QUEBEC		1,400	782	358,789
NEWFOUNDLAND			193	34,504
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	273	284
NOVA SCOTIA			328	373
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			16	66
NATIONAL PARKS			93	32,481
TOTALS	125	50,225	9,671	4,218,059

Canada is reporting weekly on Wednesday

#### RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES:

Area	Crews	Crews	Engs	Engs	Heli	Heli	Airt	Airt	Ovrhd	Ovrhd
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT



ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	22	5	25	23	5	6	4		14	147
CA-NORTH	12	49	19	26	6	2	4	6	100	87
CA-SOUTH	13	66	43	223	5	3	4	1	41	278
NORTHERN	41	1	42	38	22	5			266	40
GB-EAST	14		31	2	4		2			
GB-WEST	16	7	12	4		3			26	17
SOUTHWEST			6		1					
ROCKY MTN	1		2							
EASTERN										19
SOUTHERN	1	1		7		1				
TOTAL	120	129	180	323	43	20	14	7	447	588

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