

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1998 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack and large fire activity continued in the Northern Rockies, Northwest, Eastern Great Basin, and Northern California Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, equipment, crews, overhead, caterers, showers and radio systems. Hot and dry weather continues to keep fire danger ratings high to extreme in many areas of the West. Very high to extreme indices were reported in Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

DOME, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. This wind driven fire is burning in steep, inaccessible terrain about 6 miles west of Libby. Current threats are to residential homes and the town of Libby. High winds are expected today.

BOYER, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. The fire made significant runs today, burning up along Henry Creek. Engines, crews and dozers effectively protected 12 to 16 primary residences. The fire is moving into steeper, rockier country where control will be more difficult. Current threats include structures and a timber sale area.

BITTERROOT COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) will arrive today. The fire is located 6 miles south of Darby. The North Rye fire threatened homes and residents were evacuated yesterday. Smokejumpers constructed fireline around the 50 acre Colter fire.

BRADSHAW, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Milburn) is assigned. This fire is located 40 miles east of Miles City. Crews made good progress on line construction and burnout operations. The fire did not get as large as expected yesterday.

CHALLENGE, Flathead NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is located about 40 miles east northeast of Kalispell. The fire expanded on both north and south flanks today. Much of the fire is burning in remote, roadless country, with steep, rocky slopes and rugged terrain. Current threats include two cabins and sensitive Blackfoot Tribal Cultural Sites.

HERMAN RIDGE, Miles City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Williams) is assigned. This fire, located 30 miles northwest of Jordan, is burning in grass, ponderosa pine and juniper. Shifting winds and steep inaccessible terrain caused unpredictable fire behavior. Three ranch homes are currently threatened.

GILBERT CREEK, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is located 24 miles southeast of Missoula in the

Sapphire Mountains. This lightning holdover escaped initial attack on 9/2 and burned up into the steep headwaters of Gilbert Creek to the Bitterroot/Rock Creek Divide. Current threats include eighty loads of decked logs and a sensitive watershed drainage for bull trout.

BOULDER LAKE, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned. There is concern about high temperatures and low relative humidities coupled with possible dry lightning predicted this weekend.

WAPITO, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) is assigned. This fire is located about 50 miles west southwest of Missoula. The fire is burning in a steep and remote area with access limited to helicopters.

KOPSI CREEK, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Feser) has been ordered. The fire is located about 10 miles east of Eureka. No other information was available.

BLACKFEET COMPLEX, Blackfeet Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. Firefighters made good progress toward containment yesterday on the Red Eagle Lake fire in spite of strong winds. Efforts to detect any hold over fires continued. Some resource demobilization is in progress.

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned. No new information was available.

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
DOVE	MT	KNF	1,070	2	9/10	259	7	0	2	0	UNK	500K
BOYER	MT	NWS	1,200	10	UNK	97	2	4	2	1	UNK	UNK
BITTERROOT COMP	MT	BRF	1,260	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
BRADSHAW	MT	MTS	13,000	25	UNK	174	4	4	2	0	UNK	107K
CHALLENGE	MT	FNF	6,200	0	UNK	82	1	0	0	0	UNK	70K
HERMAN RIDGE	MT	MCD	4,200	25	UNK	180	0	11	0	0	UNK	175K
GILBERT	MT	LNF	1,000	0	UNK	152	4	3	0	0	UNK	150K
BOULDER LAKE	MT	LNF	40	0	UNK	15	0	0	0	0	UNK	44K
WAPITO	ID	CWF	70	30	9/6	109	4	0	3	0	UNK	194K
KOPSI CREEK	MT	KNF	2,024	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
BLACKFEET COMPL	MT	BFA	1,130	95	9/4	226	7	8	3	0	UNK	305K
BEAR GULCH	MT	BDF	202	100	----	111	4	2	1	0	UNK	158K
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 and full containment was expected last night. Confirmed property losses were 44 residential dwellings, 46 other structures and 98 vehicles.

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. No new information was received.

SANTIAGO CANYON, Orange County, California State. A State Type II Incident Management Team (Henderson) is assigned. A slopover was contained at 200 acres. Heavy demobilization is expected to begin today.

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. No new information was received.

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	167	3	8	0	90	3.4M	NR
WILDCAT	CA	MVU	3,200	90	9/3	535	19	51	0	0	NR	NR
SANTIAGO CANYON	CA	ORC	8,972	70	9/4	1,284	39	91	3	0	NR	NR
DELUZ	CA	DDQ	1,830	85	9/2	411	8	76	1	0	.22M	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

BUCKSKIN, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. The fire is located 20 miles northeast of Pocatello. Firefighters continued to construct dozer line and conduct burnout operations. Control problems include hot, dry weather and heavy fuel loading.

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. The Sheepeater, Little Cayuse, and Lower Ebb fires burned actively. Helicopters were effective in working slopovers. The terrain is too steep to safely deploy ground crews on the Sheepeater Fire.

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. Smoke conditions prevented fire mapping yesterday.

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. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUCKSKIN	ID	FHA	9,800	80	9/4	28	0	7	1	0	UNK	UNK
NORTH FORK COMP	ID	SCF	7,220	98	9/6	141	4	6	4	0	UNK	4367K

MAIN SALMON COM	ID	SCF*	15,045	0	10/15	89	2	0	1	0	OK	880K
LAID LOW	ID	SCF	3,701	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	UNK	2391K

* 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. The fire continued to be active yesterday. No further information was received.

ELK LAKE, Deschutes NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Andrade) is assigned. This fire is located one mile west of Elk Lake. The fire did not get much larger yesterday. Control problems include extreme weather conditions and numerous structures needing protection. All nearby recreational areas, as well as thirty summer homes, have been evacuated. Four structures were destroyed.

McKAY BUTTE, Deschutes NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Solarz) is assigned. This fire is located about 20 miles east of La Pine. The head of the fire is burning to the south, away from the Monument. Concern remains for some sub-divisions near LaPine due to dry fine fuels and large areas of bug killed trees in the vicinity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JORDAN CREEK	WA	WAS	1,000	25	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ELK LAKE	OR	DEF	250	90	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
McKAY BUTTE	OR	DEF	1,100	50	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

HAUL, Mendocino NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. (The Team has assumed command of both the Haul and Garcia Fires.) This fire is located 60 miles west of Willows. Steep terrain and rolling material combined with temperatures of 100+ degrees and low humidities are hampering containment.

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. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HAUL	CA	MNF	110	75	NR	400	14	19	3	0	NR	223K
GARCIA	CA	MNF	100	75	NR	395	14	15	1	0	NR	223K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COOK RANCH, Texas State Forestry. This fire is located in Shakelford County. Two primary residences are currently threatened. No other information was received.

NEWELL, Texas State Forestry. This fire is located in Shakelford County. No other information was received.

BOOT HILL, Sam Houston NF. This fire is located in Montgomery County. No other information was received.

STANLEY, Virginia State. This fire is near the town of Stanley. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	1,000	NR	NR	24	0	4	3	0	NR	NR
NEWELL	TX	TXS	600	NR	NR	17	0	3	2	0	NR	NR
BOOT HILL	TX	TXF	200	90	9/4	35	1	1	0	0	NR	NR
STANLEY	VA	VAS	100	60	9/3	50	1	7	1	0	NR	NR

VAS = Virginia State

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

CROWLEY CREEK, Winnemucca District, BLM. The fire is located 70 miles north northeast of Winnemucca. The current threat is to riparian cut-throat trout habitat.

TOQUOP, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 50 miles south southeast of Caliente. Erratic fire behavior was observed. Air tankers were used in conjunction with engines, water tenders and crews to attack the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CROWLEY CREEK	NV	WID	500	75	9/4	30	0	9	1	9	UNK	NR
TOQUOP	NV	ELD	750	UNK	9/4	55	2	3	0	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED IN WESTERN MONTANA, IDAHO, OREGON (EXCEPT THE NORTHWEST CORNER), WASHINGTON, AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR DRY

CONDITIONS, DRY LIGHTNING AND GUSTY WINDS. Weather for the western U.S. will continue to be hot with isolated to scattered afternoon/evening thunderstorms. It will be mostly dry in the Pacific Northwest. Thunderstorms in the southwest states, however, will be mostly wet. High temperatures are expected to range from the 90's to 110 in the valleys and from the mid 70's to 80's in the mountains.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	4				4	13	21
	ACRES	90				42	1,221	1,353
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2	1			14	1	18
	ACRES	2	2			1,602	0	1,606
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1		1	32	21	55
	ACRES		0		0	10	6	16
NORTHERN	FIRES	1	2			5	6	14
	ACRES	1	500			140	5,805	6,446
GB-EAST	FIRES		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		3,601			3	20	3,624
GB-WEST	FIRES		4			1	9	14
	ACRES		1,306			0	5	1,311
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	0					0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
EASTERN	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					3		3
SOUTHERN	FIRES					33	3	36
	ACRES					1,166	202	1,368
TOTAL	FIRES	8	11	0	1	93	56	169
	ACRES	93	5,409	0	0	2,966	7,259	15,727

* = 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	237	243	8	21	1,295	1,460	3,264
	ACRES	22,710	73,264	358	13	22,604	12,710	131,659
CA-NORTH	FIRES	120	24	2	13	1,429	472	2,060
	ACRES	115	1,110	9,701	7	15,459	2,529	28,921
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	60	119	4	46	1,953	531	2,713
	ACRES	997	3,662	165	22	34,428	5,896	45,170
NORTHERN	FIRES	709	71	36	22	493	1,136	2,467

	ACRES	7,587	2,340	7,523	912	7,061	12,641	38,064
GB-EAST	FIRES	37	508		16	266	591	1,418
	ACRES	260	129,208		70	18,372	17,562	165,472
GB-WEST	FIRES		406	1	18	75	152	652
	ACRES		72,904	0	3	3,330	820	77,057
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,557	116	14	77	861	1,226	3,851
	ACRES	11,016	5,374	2,933	6,064	95,259	13,819	134,465
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	379	319	32	27	663	312	1,732
	ACRES	1,981	3,672	548	4	8,050	2,811	17,066
EASTERN	FIRES	500			56	10,660	446	11,662
	ACRES	9,822			341	76,196	6,012	92,371
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		79	49	29,614	931	30,681
	ACRES	35		27,385	8,082	070,322	80,745	1,186,569
TOTALS	FIRES	3,610	1,832	184	348	47,636	7,262	60,872
	ACRES	54,524	348,286	48,664	15,539	415,070	155,546	2,037,629
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								60,123
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2,797,967

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL

ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			100				100
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		3				1	4
	ACRES		200				25	225
EASTERN	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	30					20	50
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	0	0	3	7
	ACRES	30	200	100	0	0	70	400

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				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
NORTHERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						663	663
GB-EAST	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				1		1,765	1,766
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	1	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	2,428	2,429

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		Hectares	
	Last Week		Last Week	
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	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CA-NORTH	11	21	18	23	5		2	2	62	33
CA-SOUTH	5	42	18	89	4	3	1		16	206
NORTHERN	68	8	41	39	22	22			935	199
GB-EAST	9	2	40	10	13	2			86	10
GB-WEST	14	2	40	4	1	3			20	3
SOUTHWEST			6		1					
ROCKY MTN	1									
EASTERN									5	19
SOUTHERN	2	3	11	131		20		2	5	
TOTAL	110	78	174	296	46	50	3	4	1,129	470

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