

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1998 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

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

A vehicle accident near Williams, California involving two engines from the Southwest Area and three civilian vehicles resulted in fatal injuries to one engine crew person and major injuries to other engine personnel. In separate incidents, a Salt Lake County hand crew and the Pleasant Valley IHC were involved in vehicle accidents which resulted in some minor injuries.

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. The fire made a major run late yesterday afternoon and evening which doubled its size. It burned upslope, away from the town of Libby.

BOYER, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. The fire made significant runs yesterday, burning through the head of Henry Creek and backed down to the west edge of Camas Prairie. Residents were evacuated from Camas Prairie in advance of burnout operations. Aircraft, engines and crews were used to protect structures in Deemer and Henry Creek.

BITTERROOT COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned. The fire is located 6 miles south of Darby. On the North Rye fire, 30 homes were evacuated in the Dougout and North Fork Rye Creek drainages. One outbuilding was burned but no homes were lost. The fire is burning to the east, away from homes. Structure protection remains in place.

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 constructing, improving and holding firelines in spite of searing heat and extremely low relative humidities.

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 yesterday, burning toward US Highway 2. Current threats are to structures, a buried natural gas pipeline, back country cabins, electronic sites, and a snotel site. A portion of the Two Medicine Blackfoot Traditional Cultural District has been burned, with additional areas at risk. The safety of back country trail users continues to be a concern.

HERMAN RIDGE, Miles City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Williams) is assigned. This fire is located 30 miles northwest of Jordan. Shifting winds and steep, inaccessible terrain continue to hamper containment efforts. No other information was received.

GILBERT CREEK, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire was very active yesterday due to low humidities and high winds. Crews worked to establish anchor points on the north end of the fire, near Gilbert Creek. Current threats are to log decks, which are within 1/4 mile of the fire front, and structures located along Gilbert Creek.

BOULDER LAKE, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned.

Concerns include poor access and difficult communications.

WAPITO, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) is assigned. This fire is located about 50 miles west southwest of Missoula. It is burning in steep, remote terrain, which is accessible only by helicopter. Firefighters blasted 2,500 feet of fireline yesterday.

KOPSI CREEK, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Widrig) is assigned. The fire is located about 10 miles east of Eureka. No other information was received.

ELK CREEK, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. This fire is located 25 miles south southeast of Darby. Hand crews and dozers were effective in getting most of the fire lined and hose lays installed yesterday.

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned. The West Fork Complex is managing 10 fires for resource benefits with 2 fires in a suppression strategy. The Team is putting up signs and making public contacts due to the upcoming Labor Day weekend and hunting season.

MOOSE COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. These fires are located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Fire behavior consists of low intensity backing fires with occasional torching and uphill runs. Personnel at the Moose Creek Station are monitoring smoke levels.

POWELL COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) has been ordered. Major fires in the complex include Gypsy Creek, White Sand, Hidden Lake, and Parachute. On the Gypsy Creek Fire, structure protection is in place at McConnell Mountain and is in the process at the Fish Lake air strip. Trail closures have been administered and will go into effect today, along with the closure of the Fish Lake air strip.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
DOME	MT	KNF	1,060	45	9/8	483	14	1	3	0	UNK	419K	
BOYER	MT	NWS	3,200	10	UNK	255	6	5	0	1	UNK	420K	
BITTERROOT COMP	MT	BRF	1,750	UNK	UNK	UNK	12	11	0	1	UNK	UNK	
BRADSHAW	MT	EAS	13,500	50	9/6	197	4	20	2	0	UNK	215K	
CHALLENGE	MT	FNF	6,300	5	UNK	315	10	0	0	0	UNK	170	

HERMAN RIDGE	MT	MCD	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GILBERT	MT	LNF	2,000	5	UNK	162	4	2	0	0	UNK	242K
BOULDER LAKE	MT	LNF	195	0	UNK	99	3	0	0	0	UNK	60K
WAPITO	ID	CWF	80	60	9/6	181	5	0	3	0	UNK	309K
KOPSI CREEK	MT	KNF	600	UNK	UNK	15	0	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
ELK CREEK	MT	BDF	200	40	9/5	198	7	5	1	0	UNK	150K
MOOSE COMPLEX	ID	NPF	1,457	0	UNK	27	0	0	1	0	0	230K
W. FORK WILDERN	MT	BRF	7,356	0	UNK	38	0	0	1	0	0	322K
POWELL COMPLEX	ID	NPF	3,463	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	4K
KOOTENAI COMPLE	MT	GNP	8,450	0	UNK	76	2	0	2	0	UNK	UNK
BLACKFEET COMPL	MT	BFA	1,130	100	-	122	3	5	3	0	UNK	355K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

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. Control lines are being threatened on the Sheepeater Fire due to interior crowning. Helicopter bucket drops have been successful in slowing uphill fire runs in steep terrain. The change in acreage is due to a slop over on the Little Cayuse Fire 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. The Hamilton, Bend, Cayuse and Longknife fires have burned together. Observed fire behavior included dependant and independent crown fire runs with rates of spread up to 40 chains per hour.

LAID LOW, Salmon-Challis NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. This fire is burning in an area of heavy bug kill, 12 miles northwest of Stanley. A burnout operation was planned for last night to secure a portion of the fire line. Active burning within the interior of the fire was observed last night. Dry thunderstorms are predicted for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
NORTH FORK COMP	ID	SCF	7,223	98	9/6	142	4	6	4	0	UNK	4696K
MAIN SALMON COM	ID	SCF*	17,748	0	10/15	61	1	0	1	0	OK	910K
LAID LOW	ID	SCF	3,990	90	9/7	460	14	5	8	0	UNK	3277K
BUCKSKIN	ID	FHA	9,918	100	----	57	1	12	1	0	UNK	UNK

* 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. Current safety threats include potential blow-up conditions, spotting, steep slopes, heavy slash, and winds.

McKAY BUTTE, Deschutes NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Solarz) is assigned. This fire is located between the Newberry Crater National Monument and La Pine. Concern remains for the safety of some sub-divisions near LaPine due close fire proximity and the extreme fire hazards in the area. The McKay Crossing and Prairie Campgrounds have been evacuated.

BALLPARK, Washington State. A State Type II Incident Management Team (LaFave/Mesenbrink) is assigned. This fire is located about three miles west of Kelso. About 500 residents from 100 homes were evacuated; however, no homes were reported damaged or destroyed by the fire. Concerns include heavy fuels, steep slopes, structure protection and accessibility.

MILLER FLAT, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. This fire is located south of Highway 26 near Warm Springs. Steep slopes and gusty winds posed problems for firefighters yesterday. Current threats include two structures along Shitike Creek.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
JORDAN CREEK	WA	WAS	1,100	75	UNK	596	22	20	6	0	UNK	1555K	
McKAY BUTTE	OR	DEF	1,145	75	9/8	511	18	24	6R	0	UNK	437K	
BALLPARK	WA	DNR	58	75	9/4	175	8	15	1	0	UNK	UNK	
MILLER FLAT	OR	BIA	1,200	50	UNK	100	2	12	2	0	UNK	UNK	
ELK LAKE	OR	DEF	250	100	----	425	17	26	3	6	300	665K	

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

HAUL/GARCIA, 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. The Haul Fire jumped containment lines yesterday afternoon and spread to a heavily timbered steep drainage west of Lake Pillsbury. Control problems include difficult access and down drainage winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
HAUL/GARCIA	CA	MNF	292	80	9/6	555	17	25	4	0	NR	800K	

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FRONTAGE, Texas State Forestry. The fire is located in Hunt county. Two barns and three outbuildings were destroyed. Ten homes and 1 other structure remain threatened. No other information was received.

CEMENT, Texas State Forestry. This fire is located in Young and Jack counties. There are numerous structures threatened, including 4 homes, 3 trailers and 1 radio tower. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
FRONTAGE	TX	TXS	150	NR	NR	38	0	5	4	5	NR	NR	
CEMENT	TX	TXS	100	NR	NR	22	0	6	0	0	NR	NR	
COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	2,065	100	---	24	0	4	3	0	NR	NR	
NEWELL	TX	TXS	820	100	---	17	0	3	2	0	NR	NR	
BOOT HILL	TX	TXF	168	100	---	29	1	1	0	0	NR	NR	

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

TOQUOP, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 50 miles south southeast of Caliente. Some rain fell on the fire late yesterday.

95MM16, Winnemucca District, BLM. This fire is located 16 miles north of Winnemucca. A grazing allotment is currently threatened.

OVERTON BEACH, Las Vegas Interagency Fire Center. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This incident involves an underground fuel spill that is leaking into Lake Mead. Contractor equipment was expected on the site last night. The incident is being managed to provide maximum safety for Labor Day visitors while maintaining full access to Lake Mead.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
TOQUOP	NV	ELD	750	60K	9/4	55	2	3	0	0	NR	NR	
95MM16	NV	WID	350	90	9/4	19	0	4	1	0	N/A	N/A	
CROWLEY CREEK	NV	WID	500	100	---	79	3	6	0	0	N/A	N/A	
OVERTON BEACH	NV	LVIC	UNK	0	N/A	57	1	4	0	0	N/A	N/A	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
JUNIPER	CA	RRU	6,000	100	---	167	3	8	0	90	3.4M	NR	
WILDCAT	CA	MVU	3,200	100	---	535	19	51	0	0	NR	NR	
SANTIAGO CANYON	CA	ORC	8,972	100	---	1,284	39	91	3	0	NR	NR	
DELUZ	CA	DDQ	1,830	100	---	411	8	76	1	0	.22M	NR	

OUTLOOK:

THERE IS A FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR DRY LIGHTNING OVER SOUTH CENTRAL MONTANA, IDAHO, CENTRAL IDAHO, WESTERN WYOMING, AND EASTERN OREGON. Expect generally clear, dry weather over Washington, western Oregon, northern Idaho and northern Montana. There will be isolated to scattered dry thunderstorms over eastern Oregon, central and southeast Idaho, western Wyoming and south central Montana. A possibility exists for scattered, wet thunderstorms just south of this area. Temperatures will range from the 80's and 90's in the valleys while the mountains will see temperatures range from the mid 60's to 70's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRE		1			4	4	9
	ACRES		5			2	1	8
CA-NORTH	FIRE	1				22	12	35
	ACRES	3				6	0	9
CA-SOUTH	FIRE				4	34	7	45
	ACRES				0	92	0	92
NORTHERN	FIRE	2				2	11	15
	ACRES	3				2,000	4,435	6,438
GB-EAST	FIRE		1				3	4
	ACRES		40				722	762
GB-WEST	FIRE		2				10	12
	ACRES		351				2	353
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	7					1	8
	ACRES	0					0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRE		1				3	4
	ACRES		3				2	5
EASTERN	FIRE						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
SOUTHERN	FIRE					18		18
	ACRES					368		368
TOTAL	FIRE	10	5	0	4	80	53	152
	ACRES	6	399	0	0	2,468	5,167	8,040

* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE	3	26	8	3	327	5	372
	ACRES	1	56,752	51	21	63,989	1	120,815
NORTHWEST	FIRE	238	244	8	21	1,322	1,467	3,300

CA-NORTH	ACRES	23,710	73,269	358	13	22,613	12,889	132,852
	FIRES	121	24	2	13	1,465	475	2,100
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	118	1,110	9,701	7	15,465	2,865	29,266
	FIRES	60	119	4	55	1,987	607	2,832
NORTHERN	ACRES	997	3,662	165	23	34,520	5,909	45,276
	FIRES	711	71	36	22	496	2,107	3,443
GB-EAST	ACRES	7,590	6,040	7,523	912	21,370	22,090	65,525
	FIRES	37	516		16	266	594	1,429
GB-WEST	ACRES	260	129,208		71	18,372	18,863	166,774
	FIRES		408		18	75	162	663
SOUTHWEST	ACRES		73,304		3	3,330	822	77,459
	FIRES	1,580	116	14	77	861	1,226	3,874
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	11,016	5,374	2,933	6,064	95,259	13,819	134,465
	FIRES	379	320	32	27	663	315	1,736
EASTERN	ACRES	1,981	3,677	548	4	8,050	2,811	17,071
	FIRES	500			56	10,660	448	11,664
SOUTHERN	ACRES	9,822			341	76,196	6,017	92,376
	FIRES	8		79	49	29,634	931	30,701
TOTALS	ACRES	35		27,385	8,082	072,115	80,745	1,188,362
	FIRES	3,637	1,844	183	357	47,756	8,337	62,114
	ACRES	55,530	352,396	48,664	15,541	431,279	166,831	2,070,241
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	FIRES							60,154
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	ACRES							2,817,291

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			1,100				1,100
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					200		200
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		150			10		160
EASTERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						35	35
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	1	3	6
	ACRES	0	150	1,100	0	10	235	1,495

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				2			2
	ACRES				15			15
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		2	2
	ACRES				45		3,409	3,454
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1,005	1,005
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	6	0	3	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	61	0	4,415	4,476

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	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	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	35	61	17	88	7	17	3	3	102	211
CA-NORTH	13	7	28	11	6				84	25
CA-SOUTH	13		16		6					
NORTHERN	89	9	23	43	15	7			849	188
GB-EAST	22	4	36	12	18	5			161	36
GB-WEST	9	1	12	9	1				41	15
SOUTHWEST			6		1					
ROCKY MTN			3	1	1				8	30
EASTERN									20	2
SOUTHERN	2	2	11	141		29	2	4	13	
TOTAL	183	84	152	305	55	58	3	5	1,269	520

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