

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1998 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

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

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

BOYER, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is located about five miles northeast of Plains. Crews did an excellent job constructing line, holding existing control lines and conducting burnouts. Residents were allowed to return to their homes in Deemer Creek, Henry Creek and Camas Prairie.

DOMES, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. This wind driven fire is burning in steep, inaccessible terrain about six miles west of Libby. Most of the fire growth yesterday resulted from back burning meant to secure the line on the east side of the fire and unburned islands that burned out on the west side. Helicopters attacked spot fires burning in the Falls Creek area. Torching was still occurring in the Cedar Creek area, where fuel loads were heavy. Current threats are to residences, which are within 1.5 miles of the fire, and propane tanks.

NORTH FORK RYE, Bitterroot NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) is assigned. The fire is located about six miles south of Darby. Thirty homes were evacuated yesterday in the North Fork Rye Creek drainage. One outbuilding burned, but no homes were damaged or destroyed. The fire continued to burn east, away from most residences. This incident was separated from the Bitterroot Complex yesterday and was designated a suppression action fire.

MOOSE COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. The complex consists of seven Wildland Fire For Resource Benefit (WFURB) fires located in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. No other information was received.

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 was active yesterday as winds picked up and humidity levels dropped. It continued to burn toward US Highway 2, threatening structures. Crews were pulled back off the line for a second consecutive day, due to burning conditions and steep, inaccessible terrain. Preparation of coordinated evacuation and structure protection plans for four potentially affected areas moved forward with local cooperator participation. Heavy smoke reduced air quality in Browning and affected highway visibility. Safety of back country trail users continued to be a concern.

GILBERT CREEK, Lolo NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is located 24 miles southeast of Missoula. Firefighters made good progress yesterday, building line on the north and west flanks. Structure protection and evacuation contingencies have been developed.

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

This fire is located about 25 miles northeast of Missoula. Fire activity slowed yesterday except for some torching of trees on the perimeter and interior islands.

KOPSI CREEK, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sherwood) is assigned. The fire is located about 40 miles northwest of Kalispell. The fire burned actively yesterday, advancing on both east and west flanks.

ELK CREEK, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. This fire is located 25 miles south southeast of Darby. It was completely lined yesterday. Firefighters are now concentrating their efforts on line improvement. Spot fires continue to be a problem.

KOOTENAI COMPLEX, Glacier NP. This fire is being managed for resource benefit. A contingency water sprinkler holding line was installed to prevent the fire from progressing to Waterton Lake. Some structure protection measures are under way to protect Granite Park Chalet and Goat Haunt Ranger Station.

WEST FORK WILDERNESS FIRES, Bitterroot NF. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned. This incident was previously named the Bitterroot Complex. The West Fork Complex is managing 10 fires for resource benefits with two fires in a suppression strategy. No other information was received.

POWELL COMPLEX, Nez Perce NF. A Fire Use Management Team (Seaton) is assigned. Major fires in the complex include Gypsy Creek, White Sand, Hidden Lake, and Parachute. No other information was received.

BRADSHAW, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Milburn) is assigned. This fire is located 40 miles east of Miles City. Firefighters worked on line construction and cold trailing yesterday. Successful burnout operations helped to meet containment objectives. Significant demobilization is anticipated to begin tomorrow.

SPRUCE FIRE, Nez Perce NF. This fire is located in the Selway/Bitterroot Wilderness Area. Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) have been approved. 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
BOYER	MT	NWS	4,700	35	UNK	635	20	27	4	1	UNK	1200K
DOVE	MT	KNF	2,700	50	9/8	479	19	2	3	0	UNK	826K
NORTH FORK RYE	MT	BRF	3,050	60	UNK	520	19	14	2	1	UNK	UNK
MOOSE COMPLEX	ID	NPF	1,457	0	UNK	27	0	0	1	0	0	230K
CHALLENGE	MT	FNF	6,500	5	UNK	608	19	15	4	0	UNK	480
GILBERT	MT	LNF	2,000	20	UNK	210	4	6	0	0	UNK	400K
BOULDER LAKE	MT	LNF	205	0	UNK	107	5	0	0	0	UNK	120

KOPSI CREEK	MT	KNF	730	0	UNK	156	8	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
ELK CREEK	MT	BDF	200	60	9/6	214	9	4	1	0	UNK	221K
KOOTENAI COMPLE	MT	GNP	8,742	0	UNK	84	1	0	2	0	UNK	UNK
W. FORK WILDERN	MT	BRF	8,893	0	UNK	35	0	0	1	0	0	355K
POWELL COMPLEX	ID	NPF	3,463	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	4K
BOB MARSHALL WL	MT	FNF	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BRADSHAW	MT	EAS	14,700	80	9/6	188	4	4	2	0	UNK	322K
SELWAY BITTERRO	MT	BRF	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SPRUCE	ID	NPF	510	0	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	UNK	2K
HERMAN RIDGE	MT	MCD	4,495	100	---	226	5	8	2	0	UNK	400K
WAPITO	ID	CWF	80	100	---	185	5	0	4	0	UNK	451K

#### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FRAZIER CREEK, Oklahoma State. This fire is burning in tall grass, short-leaf pine, and mixed hardwoods about 60 miles southwest of Fort Smith, Arkansas. It is burning on state lands close to the Ouachita National Forest boundary. Four homes were destroyed yesterday and another 25 homes are currently threatened by this rapidly growing fire.

FORT CHAFFEE, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas State. This fire is located about eight miles south of Fort Smith. A large subdivision is currently threatened. The fire was burning in scrub hardwood and grass. Fire behavior was active due to temperatures of 100+ degrees, low relative humidities, and winds gusting up to 20 MPH.

CEMENT, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located in Young and Jack counties. Numerous structures are threatened, including four homes and three trailers. 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
FRAZIER CREEK	OK	OXS	600	UNK	9/7	47	1	5	1	4	NR	NR
FORT CHAFFEE	AR	ARS	UNK	UNK	9/7	UNK	0	NR	0	0	NR	NR
CEMENT	TX	TXS	150	60	9/6	2	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
FRONTAGE	TX	TXS	150	100	----	38	0	5	4	5	NR	NR

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

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. Mop-up and line construction went well yesterday. Some demobilization of crews and helicopters is planned for today. Fire size decreased due to GPS mapping.

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 Little Cayuse and Lower Ebb fires are contained.

Interior burning on the Sheepeater Fire decreased due to lower temperatures and higher humidity levels. Good progress was made on the mop-up of its perimeter.

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. A strong smoke inversion prevented aerial mapping of the fires. 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
L Aid Low	ID	SCF	3,923	90	9/7	434	13	5	6	0	UNK	3280K
NORTH FORK COMP	ID	SCF	7,223	98	9/6	148	6	6	3	0	UNK	4767K
MAIN SALMON COM	ID	SCF*	17,748	0	10/15	61	1	0	1	0	0K	955K

\* 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. Firefighters continued to monitor a spot fire. The Cascade River Road remained closed from Marblemount east due to low visibility.

MILLER FLAT, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. This fire is located south of Highway 26 near Warm Springs. Mop-up operations began on a portion of the fire perimeter.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JORDAN CREEK	WA	WAS	1,180	95	9/6	720	26	55	5	0	UNK	2700K
McKAY BUTTE	OR	DEF	1,188	100	----	532	18	23	4	0	UNK	727K
BALLPARK	WA	DNR	58	100	----	104	6	4	0	0	UNK	UNK
MILLER FLAT	OR	BIA	1,200	80	9/6	102	0	14	1	0	UNK	UNK

#### 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. 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
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HAUL/GARCIA	CA	MNF	292	90	9/6	498	16	22	3	0	NR	1.0M
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# WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

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. It was located yesterday under 15 to 20 feet of backfill. Further testing will help determine the extent of the plume. Overton Beach visitor services are being re-opened. The Incident Management Team will be demobilized today and the incident will be turned over to personnel from the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. (This will be the last narrative for this incident.)

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
OVERTON BEACH	NV	LVIC	UNK	0	N/A	62	0	4	0	0	N/A	N/A
TOQUOP	NV	ELD	750	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
95MM16	NV	WID	350	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A

# OUTLOOK:

THERE IS A FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR ISOLATED DRY LIGHTNING OVER CENTRAL IDAHO TODAY. Mostly clear, dry weather over Washington, western Oregon, and northern Idaho is expected. There will be isolated to scattered dry thunderstorms over eastern Oregon, central Idaho, western Wyoming and south central Montana. Isolated to scattered wet thunderstorms will occur south of this area extending westward to the Sierra Nevada mountains of California and eastward into Utah and Arizona. Temperatures will range from the 80's to 90's in the valleys to 60's and 70's in the mountains.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA *	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES					5	7	12
	ACRES					7	30	37
CA-NORTH	FIRES					32	6	38
	ACRES					433	12	445
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				34		35
	ACRES					92		92

NORTHERN	FIRES	1			1	5	9	16
	ACRES	1				21	2,529	2,551
GB-EAST	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					5		5
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						22	22
SOUTHERN	FIRES					48	7	55
	ACRES					1,629	54	1,683
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	1	125	37	165
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	2,187	2,647	4,835

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

PRESCRIBED 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							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		320					320
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
	ACRES	0	320	0	0	0	30	350

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			3		4	4	11
	ACRES			1,143		52,231	225	53,599
NORTHWEST	FIRES	56	20	10		1	278	365
	ACRES	11,757	4,041	1,399		17	33,800	51,014
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2		5	4		168	179
	ACRES	10		4,892	600		19,772	25,274
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			3	12		194	209
	ACRES			400	359		8,167	8,926
NORTHERN	FIRES	48	18	81		24	285	456
	ACRES	6,750	6,217	10,475		2,322	50,663	76,427
GB-EAST	FIRES		31	4	8	2	68	113
	ACRES		9,145	461	1,345	40	42,309	53,300
GB-WEST	FIRES		3		1			4
	ACRES		1,887		80			1,967
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	15	47	6	19		83	170
	ACRES	8,335	46,945	15,485	8,832		66,137	145,734
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	332	89	3		97	523
	ACRES	10	10,145	7,973	104		16,331	34,563

EASTERN	FIRES	25			13		241	279
	ACRES	681			51		26,144	26,876
SOUTHERN	FIRES						1,500	1,500
	ACRES						722,000	722,000
USA TOTAL	FIRES	148	451	201	60	31	2,918	3,809
	ACRES	27,543	78,380	42,228	11,371	54,610	985,548	1,199,680

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				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1,523	1,523
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	4	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	1,523	1,524

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational uses. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1,200		1,200
NORTHWEST	FIRES	0						0
	ACRES	4						4
CA-NORTH	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				15			15

CA-SOUTH	FIRES				24		1	25
	ACRES				19		78	97
NORTHERN	FIRES				17		77	94
	ACRES				8,094		21,360	29,454
GB-EAST	FIRES				2		30	32
	ACRES				49		10,593	10,642
GB-WEST	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				0			0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				5		96	101
	ACRES				3,457		2,720	6,177
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	2		7		10	20
	ACRES	0	50		541		664	1,255
EASTERN	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						21	21
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	60	1	220	284
	ACRES	4	50	0	12,175	1,200	35,436	48,865

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 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	32	61	18	88	7	11			199	223

CA-NORTH	12	7	39	1	5				80	20
CA-SOUTH	12		9		5					
NORTHERN	129	20	43	58	27	11			839	166
GB-EAST	22	5	12	11	12	1			158	33
GB-WEST	1	2	3	5					41	16
SOUTHWEST			6		1					
ROCKY MTN	1									
EASTERN		1			1	3			2	16
SOUTHERN	2	2	15	128	1	24	2	2	2	9
TOTAL	211	98	145	291	59	50	2	2	1,321	483

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