

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Increased initial attack activity was reported in the Northern Rockies, Northwest and East Great Basin. Moderate initial attack was reported elsewhere. Heavy demands for smokejumpers and smokechasers continue in the Northwest and Northern Rockies. New large fires were reported in Eastern Great Basin, Northern Rockies and Northwest Areas. Good progress was made on large fires in the Northwest and Southern California. The NIFC jet transported five crews from the Southwest to Missoula, Montana and Redmond, Oregon. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized telecommunications equipment, a caterer, a shower, helicopters, infrared aircraft, air tankers, lead planes, smokejumpers, type I and type II hand crews and overhead personnel. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

CACHE CREEK, Deschutes National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Andrade) is assigned. This fire is fifteen miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Strong Northwest winds pushed the fire through beetle-killed lodgepole pine, western hemlock and white fir. Numerous spot fires were reported yesterday.

NORTH POLE, Prineville District, BLM. This fire is eight miles southeast of Kent, Oregon, in Sherman County. This fire is burning in matted grass. No additional information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CACHE CREEK	OR	DEF	200	50	8/7	379	12	20	6	0	NR	515K
NORTH POLE	OR	PRD	350	50	8/4	21	0	6	1	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

BALSAM, Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) is assigned. Higher humidity and decreased wind aided suppression efforts. Good progress was made in fireline construction along the south and west flanks of the fire. A temporary flight restriction has been implemented.

SIX MILE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is thirty miles south of Livingston, MT. Good progress was made on line construction, despite heavy fuels. Steep

terrain is creating access and control difficulties. The potential for active fire behavior in unburned fuels exists as temperatures and afternoon winds increase. Demobilization will begin today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BALSAM	MT	BDF	99	10	8/4	202	7	3	2	0	NR	94K
SIX MILE	MT	GNF	1134	95	8/4	341	11	8	4	0	NR	672K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

BUCK'N DOE, Lower Snake District, BLM. The fire is 30 miles south of Glenns Ferry, Idaho. These two lightning ignited fires have burned together due to strong thunderstorm winds. The fire jumped the East Fork of Clover Creek and the Clover/Three Creek road. Containment is expected later today.

SOLDIER, Salmon/Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. These lightning ignited fires, thirty miles northwest of Stanley Idaho, are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Active fire behavior on the Iris fire resulted in spot fires in the Soldier Lakes area. The fire resulted in the initiation of an area closure. Recreationists in the area were evacuated. Two new fires, the Blue Bunch II fire and the Slide fire both are being suppressed.

MULE BUTTE, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is 22 miles northwest of Aberdeen, ID. The fire made a significant run to the north and east due to strong thunderstorm winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUCK N DOE	ID	BOD	4500	10	8/4	90	2	11	1	0	22K	45K
SOLDIER	ID	SCF	2029	0	UNK	64	2	0	4	0	NR	240K
MULE BUTTE	ID	IFD	5000	0	UNK	40	0	8	0	0	NR	NR
LONE CEDAR 1	ID	SID	300	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	17K	141K

SID = Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CANYON	CA	LPF	200	100	----	450	18	19	4	0	NR	NR

LPF = Los Padres National Forest.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BILL BRANCH, National Forests of Florida. This fire is near Silver Springs, Florida. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BILL BRANCH	FL	FNF	227	93	UNK	7	0	2	0	0	NR	25

OUTLOOK:

Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington will see increasing moisture that has been streaming northward from the four corner states. Wyoming will have a strongly anchored upper level high. Southwest Arizona will experience southerly winds aloft pushing in dry air. California will have southwest winds aloft, which will continue to push any moisture northward.

Widely scattered to isolated thunderstorms will again be the general rule across the west. The eastern Arizona border, north into Utah and the Rockies will experience scattered thunderstorms.

Temperatures will change little with morning low clouds and fog continuing along the west coast. This will keep the maximum afternoon temperatures into the 70's. High temperatures inland will increase into the 90's to 115 in the lowest valleys and deserts. The mountains will see high temperatures from 65 to the mid 80's. Minimum relative humidities will be around 10 percent in the inland valleys.

Winds will be light over most of the area with local gusts to 25 mph along the west coast. Winds will be variable and gusty near thunderstorms.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		0			1		1
	ACRES		3150			0		3150
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	8		2	11	55	77
	ACRES	0	383		0	11	278	672
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2		1	10	3	16
	ACRES		0		50	45	0	95
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					8	9	17
	ACRES					5	4	9
NORTHERN	FIRES	3	0		1	19	76	99
	ACRES	1	370		0	4	164	539
GB-EAST	FIRES		21			2	16	39
	ACRES		10025			1	11	10037
GB-WEST	FIRES	1	9			3	3	16
	ACRES	0	221			0	0	221
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2				3	5	10

ROCKY MTN	ACRES	0				1	3	4
	FIRES	1	3				1	5
EASTERN	ACRES	0	6				80	86
	FIRES				1	23		24
SOUTHERN	ACRES				0	98		98
	FIRES	1				147	7	155
TOTAL	ACRES	1				4590	6	4597
	FIRES	9	43	0	5	227	175	459
	ACRES	2	14155	0	50	4755	546	19508

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	30	13	380		467
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155632	265424		1008462
NORTHWEST	FIRES	158	125	12	10	799	528	1632
	ACRES	2255	5396	3733	2	4451	2630	18467
CA-NORTH	FIRES	106	13	6	18	1940	430	2513
	ACRES	91	8953	33	134	8801	2748	20760
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	51	121	7	29	2066	555	2829
	ACRES	951	1281	11	13947	27409	12398	55997
NORTHERN	FIRES	390	40	12	6	448	582	1478
	ACRES	4481	2694	125	2	33650	4995	45947
GB-EAST	FIRES	32	452		15	185	291	975
	ACRES	1661	179999		17	36847	22664	241188
GB-WEST	FIRES	22	220	2	5	51	100	400
	ACRES	747	249141	116	3	20555	935	271497
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	874	110	9	35	723	1304	3055
	ACRES	14247	24352	225	372	67923	11364	118483
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	422	319	30	37	885	192	1885
	ACRES	8557	12293	703	24	48313	1968	71858
EASTERN	FIRES	513			77	13391	289	14270
	ACRES	2947			799	88411	4195	96352
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		63	92	29009	833	30032
	ACRES	627		19305	11115	552110	43378	626535
TOTALS	FIRES	2605	1442	171	337	49877	5104	59536
	ACRES	36565	786320	309445	182047	1153894	107275	2575546
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								51409
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1909444

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			1				1
	ACRES			100				100

CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERNRO	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1		1			2
	ACRES		50		7			57
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1436		1436
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	1	1	3	0	7
	ACRES	0	50	100	7	1436	0	1593

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			0
	ACRES				2			2
NORTHERN	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						301	301
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 TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	0	301	303

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. 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	7	7	489	4982
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	99	159636
ALBERTA	1	0	744	116919
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	113	167419
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	562	123673
MANITOBA	0	0	477	92603
ONTARIO	7	2	740	306548
QUEBEC	3	76	744	95245
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	199	43485
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	1	528	1254
NOVA SCOTIA	1	2	374	1666
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	28	65329
TOTALS	24	88	5122	1178816

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	30	4	104	3	18	2			141	33
CA-NORTH	14	14	26	13	5	5	5		53	28
CA-SOUTH	28	10	29		9				9	1
NORTHERN	46		61	29	19	1			272	117
GB-EAST	8	1	70	4	13				36	
GB-WEST			11		1	1				
SOUTHWEST										2
ROCKY MTN	2		2		3					
EASTERN		4		5		6			13	26
SOUTHERN	8	1	5	3	2				50	20
TOTAL	136	34	308	57	70	15	5	0	574	227

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