

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Fire activity continues to escalate in the Western Great Basin Area. Initial attack activity remains steady in the Northwest. New large fires were reported in the Northwest and Northern California. Good progress was made on several large fires in the Northwest, Western Great Basin and Northern Rockies Areas. Resource mobilization through the National Interagency Coordination Center remains high. Very 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, Maine, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Muechel) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is staged in Winnemucca, Nevada.

BISPO, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is twenty miles south of Carlin, NV. The fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper. Control problem include steep terrain and limited access.

FRENCHIE, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is southeast of Beowawe, NV. The fire is burning in sage, grass and heavy fuels. Extreme fire behavior was the result of flashy fuels. Current resource threats include a railroad line, power lines, the community of Crescent Valley, private ranches and to grazing allotments. A camp trailer, power poles, railroad ties and plywood stacks were destroyed yesterday.

JIGGS, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is near Jiggs, NV. The fire is burning in sage, cheatgrass and a hay meadow. Access problems continue to pose problems for ground personnel. Current resource threats include structures, big game winter range, grazing allotments and stacked hay. SADDLER COMPLEX, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This complex consists of the Horse Creek fire at 6,000 acres, the Saddler fire at 8,000 acres and the Table Mountain Fire at 4,000 acres. No additional information was reported.

DUN GLENN COMPLEX, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The complex includes 20 fires. Structure protection remains a top priority. Shifting winds and rapid rates of spread are hampering suppression efforts.

JUNGO COMPLEX, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is 55 miles northwest of Winnemucca, Nevada. Suppression priorities will be established later this morning after field reconnaissance is completed. Numerous ranches, structures, grazing allotments, cultural resources and Heap Leach gold mine are threatened. Observed fire behavior included extreme rate of spread, high flame lengths, spotting and low fuel moisture. Predicted

high winds are a current concern.

COSGRAVE, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

EDEN VALLEY, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

EUGENE, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

FIRST CREEK, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

GRASS VALLEY 1, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

GRASS VALLEY 2, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

OZGOOD, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

POKER BROWN, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

UNIONVILLE, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

BAXTER, HUMBOLT National Forest. This fire near Ruby Valley is burning in grass, sage, Pinon pine, juniper, aspen and Service berry. Fire behavior was influenced by thunderstorms and shifting winds in the area. Control problems include steep terrain, gusty winds and heavy concentrations of fuel. Current threats are to structures and to Lahotan Cutthroat Trout habitat.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Battle Mountain field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This thirteen fire complex is in the vicinity of Battle Mountain. Several fires remain unstaffed this morning. The Mule Canyon fire continues to threaten a sub-division in Battle Mountain and a Federal Aviation Administration radio site on Mountain Lewis. Dry and abundant fuels along with shifting winds from thunderstorms are hampered a major burn out operation yesterday.

NEW PASS, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. This fire is on New Pass summit near Austin, NV. Due to the remote location and lack of resources, suppression activity has been limited.

WILCOX, Carson City Field Office, BLM. The fire is on Pond Peak northeast of Sparks, Nevada. Firefighters took advantage of favorable weather conditions to make positive progress. No additional information was reported.

POCO, Carson City Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

Shoshone, Carson City Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

Shirt Tail, Carson City Field Office, BLM. No additional information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FRENCHIE	NV	EKD	10000	10	8/8	24	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BISPO	NV	EKD	2800	95	UNK	88	4	11	1	0	NR	NR
JIGGS	NV	EKD	3840	20	UNK	92	3	13	NR	0	NR	NR
DIVISION	NV	EKD	300	100	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SADDLER COMPLEX	NV	EKD	18000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BAXTER	NV	HUF	1750	UNK	UNK	148	8	5	0	0	NR	NR
DUN GLENN COMPL	NV	WID	167000	20	UNK	240	16	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
JUNGO COMPLEX	NV	WID	87000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
COSGRAVE	NV	WID	15000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
EDEN VALLEY	NV	WID	1000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
EUGENE	NV	WID	3000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
FIRST CREEK	NV	WID	1000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GRASS VALLEY 1	NV	WID	2000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GRASS VALLEY 2	NV	WID	8000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
OZGOOD	NV	WID	1000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
POKER BROWN	NV	WID	125000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RODCHESTER 1	NV	WID	300	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RODCHESTER 2	NV	WID	300	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
UNIONVILLE	NV	WID	22000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BATTLE MTN. COM	NV	BMD	70000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	16	NR	0	NR	NR
EUREKA COMPLEX	NV	BMD	20000	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WILCOX	NV	CCD	7505	25	8/7	132	3	6	3	0	NR	200K
NEW PASS	NV	CCD	50000	UNK	8/8	12	0	3	0	0	NR	12K
POCO	NV	CCD	3000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SHOSHONE	NV	CCD	2000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SHIRT TAIL	NV	CCD	2000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TAFT CREEK	NV	ELD	500	100	----	36	1	4	1	0	NR	NR
BUCKHORN	NV	EKD	250	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BACCHUS	NV	EKD	425	100	----	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
AJAX	NV	EKD	1300	100	----	8	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
DIVISION	NV	EKD	300	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
IZZENHOOD	NV	BMD	30000	100	----	10	0	3	0	0	NR	NR

#### NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

POTATO HILLS, Burns District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Tucker) is assigned. This fire is forty miles west of Burns, OR. The fire is burning in juniper and Pinon pine. Crews made good progress securing the fireline yesterday. No real problems are anticipated.

LAKE WENATCHEE, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This is fifteen miles northwest of Leavenworth, WA. The complex consists of ten fires, four of which are contained. The largest fire is sixty acres.

LONG HOLLOW SUMMIT, Burns District, BLM. This fire is four miles west of Fields, OR. This lightning caused fire is burning in heavy brush and grass. Good progress was made despite continued winds. The evacuation has been lifted for the community of Fields, Or., and residents were able to return yesterday.

BALKY FIRE, Okanagan National Forest. This fire is three miles northeast of Twisp, OR. No acreage gain occurred yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
POTATO HILLS	OR	BUD	300	20	8/6	NR	2	4	1	0	NR	NR	
LAKE WENATCHEE	WA	WEF	70	10	8/6	164	5	0	0	0	NR	NR	
LONG HOLLOW SUM	OR	BUD	3500	50	8/5	90	2	10	1	0	NR	NR	
BALKY FIRE	WA	OKF	225	75	8/5	177	8	6	1	0	NR	132K	
SEVEN MILE	OR	ODF	100	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
LAKE CHELAN COM	WA	DNR	240	100	----	343	13	17	3	1	NR	360K	
STUBBLEFIELD PO	OR	COA	450	100	----	40	1	2	0	0	NR	NR	
CRUMP	OR	LAD	2000	100	----	29	0	2	0	0	NR	NR	
LYNCH	OR	LAD	1200	100	----	NR	0	2	0	0	NR	NR	
GRASSLAND COMPL	OR	COF	228	100	----	94	4	5	0	0	NR	159K	
FRANCIS CANYON	WA	SPD	300	100	----	17	1	2	0	0	NR	NR	
WILDER CREEK	OR	BUD	1500	100	----	NR	0	2	0	0	NR	NR	
NORTH POLE	OR	PRD	350	100	----	7	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
MUDGY RANCH	OR	PRD	400	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
CACHE CREEK	OR	DEF	383	100	----	446	11	19	0	0	NR	1148K	

ODF = Oregon Department of Forestry.

DNR = Department of Natural Resources.

COA = Colville Agency, BIA.

LAD = Lakeview District, BLM.

COF = Colville National Forest.

SPD = Spokane District, BLM.

BUD = Burns District, BLM.

PRD = Prineville District, BLM.

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

BUCK N DOE, Lower Snake District, BLM. These lightning ignited fires are 30 miles south of Glenns Ferry, Idaho. The fire posed less of a threat than other fires started yesterday. At this time no resources are assigned but the fire will continue to be monitored.

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.

MULE BUTTE, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Aberdeen, ID. Significant progress was made on the fire. The increase in acreage is due to a burnout operation conducted last night.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
BUCK N DOE	ID	BOD	5500	60	8/5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	28K	97K
SOLDIER	ID	SCF	2394	0	UNK	34	0	0	1	0	NR	NR	371K
MULE BUTTE	ID	IFD	144000	80	8/6	73	3	16	2	0	NR	NR	109K

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BUCKHORN COMPLEX, Northern California District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. This fire is twelve miles east of Ravendale, CA. The fires are burning in grass, sage and juniper. When suppression forces arrived the complex consisted of the Pine fire (3 acres), Buckhorn fire (140 acres), Observation fire(225 acres),Dune (1 acre),and the Rave fire(900 acres). Yesterday afternoon the Rave fire made a significant run to the northeast and crossed Painters Creek. Currently the Rave fire is estimated at 5,000 acres. To days tactics include structure protection, as isolated private ranches are in the vicinity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
BUCKHORN COMPLE	CA	NOD	5300	5	UNK	747	27	31	5	0	NR	NR	

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
BALSAM	MT	BDF	130	100	----	227	7	2	1	0	NR	227K	

BDF = Beaverhead/Deerlodge 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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
BILL BRANCH	FL	FNF	227	95	UNK	7	0	2	0	0	NR	25	

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN NEVADA FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS. \*\*\*

Oregon, Washington and Idaho will experience a moist southerly flow aloft on the east flank of an upper level low that will continue to dominate the region.

In the coastal areas west of the Cascades, showers and isolated wet thunderstorms are expected with temperatures in the 70's and 80's. East of the Cascades, eastern Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho will have scattered thunderstorms that will form in the afternoon. Southern Idaho will have a chance of thunderstorms. Temperatures in the mountains, east of the Cascades will remain in the 80's. Temperatures will be in the mid 90's in the valleys.

Minimum relative humidities will be lowest over southeast Oregon and the Columbia Basin with 10 to 20 percent readings. Idaho relative humidities are expected to be 15 to 25 percent.

Nevada and northern California will experience a southwest flow aloft that will continue with less moisture and cooler conditions. Northern California will have a chance of showers and wet thunderstorms. The Eastern Sierra Nevada will only have a slight chance of showers and wet thunderstorms. Over central and southern Nevada breezy to windy conditions will develop with southwest winds 15 to 25 mph, with gusts to 45 mph over Southern Nevada. Highs will be in the 70s to mid 80s.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE				0			0
	ACRES				300			300
NORTHWEST	FIRE	3	27		12	14	126	182
	ACRES	1	327		1	4	76	409
CA-NORTH	FIRE		2			23	8	33
	ACRES		4800			23	2	4825
CA-SOUTH	FIRE					14	4	18
	ACRES					37	1	38
NORTHERN	FIRE	3	1			15	32	51
	ACRES	10	0			7	2	19
GB-EAST	FIRE		15				33	48
	ACRES		53799				5	53804
GB-WEST	FIRE		32			6	3	41
	ACRES		376075			16	2000	378091
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	1			2		1	4
	ACRES	5			3		1	9
EASTERN	FIRE				1	87	1	89
	ACRES				10	476	0	486

SOUTHERN	FIRES			1	1	49	4	55
	ACRES			300	3	1869	40	2212
TOTAL	FIRES	8	77	1	16	208	212	522
	ACRES	17	435001	300	317	2432	2127	440194

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	30	13	381		468
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155632	265424		1008462
NORTHWEST	FIRES	165	160	12	25	873	706	1941
	ACRES	2757	10165	3733	6	4887	3142	24690
CA-NORTH	FIRES	106	35	7	18	1973	440	2579
	ACRES	91	13953	33	118	8857	2751	25803
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	51	121	7	29	2094	563	2865
	ACRES	951	1281	11	13947	27446	12399	56035
NORTHERN	FIRE	408	44	12	6	534	770	1774
	ACRES	4513	2698	125	2	33595	5327	46260
GB-EAST	FIRES	32	490		15	186	334	1057
	ACRES	1661	318823		17	36847	22673	380021
GB-WEST	FIRES	25	326	3	5	58	111	528
	ACRES	749	683733	116	3	20571	2960	708132
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	876	110	9	35	725	1309	3064
	ACRES	14249	24352	225	372	67924	11367	118489
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	423	320	30	39	885	193	1890
	ACRES	8562	12305	703	27	48313	1949	71859
EASTERN	FIRES	513			79	13569	292	14453
	ACRES	2947			809	88909	4196	96861
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		64	93	29123	845	30160
	ACRES	627		19605	11118	554546	43476	629372
TOTALS	FIRES	2636	1648	174	357	50401	5563	60779
	ACRES	37108	1369521	309745	182051	1157319	110240	3165984
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								52047
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1991810

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
NORTHERNRO	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0

GB-WEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES						0	0
	FIRES						2	2
SOUTHERN	ACRES						1	1
	FIRES						30	30
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	FIRES						32	32

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				3			3
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					10		10
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				5			5
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	8	0	10	18

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	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
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	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	60	47	591	6042
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	100	159863
ALBERTA	5	40	753	115852
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	1	115	173467
SASKATCHEWAN	3	8	567	123790
MANITOBA	2	1	481	92605
ONTARIO	13	110	764	306660
QUEBEC	7	0	754	95236
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	199	43485
NEW BRUNSWICK	5	5	536	1259
NOVA SCOTIA	3	0	379	1666
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	28	65329
TOTALS	99	212	5292	1185311

#### 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	44	36	107	43	20	9	2		221	508
CA-NORTH	18	18	28	18	8	2	5	1	78	15
CA-SOUTH	2		3		2					
NORTHERN	38		53	24	22	4			202	63
GB-EAST	12	6	80	2	16		2		100	10
GB-WEST	36	51	48	16	7	2			25	46
SOUTHWEST	1		1							
ROCKY MTN	3		5		3					
EASTERN									1	
SOUTHERN	1		1		1				13	2
TOTAL	155	111	326	103	79	17	9	1	640	644

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