

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Moderate initial attack activity was reported throughout the western states. New large fires were reported in the Northern California, Western Great Basin and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Good progress was achieved on a large fire in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

Two tractor plow operators received burns in unrelated incidents while working on a Louisiana state fire, near Winn Parish. One operator received second degree radiant burns and is in stable condition.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

CINDER, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is 25 miles southeast of Bieber, CA., burning in sage and pine. Torching and spotting up to 1/4 mile has been observed. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team has been ordered.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CINDER	CA	LMU	450	UNK	UNK	200	28	20	3	0	NR	NR

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

GALLAGHER, Vale District, BLM. This fire is 25 miles north of Burns Junction, OR. Low fuel moisture, steep rocky terrain and limited access are hampering control efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GALLAGHER	OR	VAD	300	60	8/18	60	1	5	3	0	NR	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

EAST QUINN, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This fire is 35 miles north of Paradise Valley, NV. The fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. A watershed and winter range are threatened.

INCIDENT	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
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NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
EAST QUINN	NV	HUF	700	35	UNK	80	1	5	1	0	NR	50K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

FRITZ SPUR, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Bruneau, ID. High rates of spread and moderate flame lengths were observed.

DRY CANYON, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. This fire is near Salt Lake City, UT. Control problems are due to steep terrain, heavy fuels and windy conditions.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
FRITZ SPUR	ID	BOD	500	25	8/18	43	0	0	9	0	2K	45K
DRY CANYON	UT	SLD	1000	UNK	8/18	NR	1	7	0	0	NR	NR

SOUTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

EDEN, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Flagstaff, AZ, burning in ponderosa pine. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
EDEN	AZ	COF	400	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
MAHOGANY	WY	WOD	432	100	----	15	0	1	0	0	NR	NR

WOD = Worland District, BLM.

SOUTHERN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
JONES FIRES	TX	WTS	1100	100	----	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	NR

WTS = West Texas Counties, West Texas State.

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR NORTHEAST, EAST CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN NEVADA FOR DRY LIGHTNING. ***

Very warm high pressure aloft will remain centered over northern New Mexico, maintaining a dry and stable air mass. Very warm temperatures across the inland west will be the result of this high pressure.

Monsoon moisture continues to circulate around the high bringing isolated to scattered wet thunderstorms to south Texas and the Four Corners states today. Along the periphery, isolated thunderstorms will be mainly dry over eastern Nevada and Wyoming. Weak weather disturbances embedded in the southerly flow will bring isolated mainly dry afternoon thunderstorms to the Sierra Nevada and Cascades eastward into western Montana.

Temperatures will cool slightly in western Washington. Elsewhere there will be no significant changes in temperature or humidity. Winds will be generally below 15 mph except near thunderstorms.

Maximum temperatures will be in the 60's along the west coast and in the higher mountains. Elsewhere, highs will be in the 70's and 80's. Highs in the 90's to near 100 are expected for the southwest deserts and Texas.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	3				6	10
	ACRES	0	300				0	300
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2				13	9	24
	ACRES	1				183	0	184
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1		1		12	3	17
	ACRES	0		1		32	7	40
NORTHERN	FIRES	2				2	7	11
	ACRES	2				1	1	4
GB-EAST	FIRES		5		1	1	6	13
	ACRES		1763		1	50	8	1822
GB-WEST	FIRES		4			1	2	7
	ACRES		1			0	700	701
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					10		10
EASTERN	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					2		2

SOUTHERN	FIRES					304	2	306
	ACRES					2629	12	2641
TOTAL	FIRES	6	0	1	1	342	39	401
	ACRES	3	2064	1	1	2907	728	5704

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	31	13	384		472
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155932	282964		1026302
NORTHWEST	FIRES	303	245	13	35	1156	1031	2783
	ACRES	4040	17729	3733	19	5949	3623	35093
CA-NORTH	FIRES	109	39	7	20	2207	633	3015
	ACRES	92	13960	33	128	9180	3623	27016
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	54	127	8	43	2281	665	3178
	ACRES	1273	2813	12	13950	28045	19827	65920
NORTHERN	FIRES	481	51	15	9	637	1013	2206
	ACRES	4623	4953	130	2	38680	5427	53815
GB-EAST	FIRES	43	531		19	205	447	1245
	ACRES	4219	342636		18	36931	5762	389566
GB-WEST	FIRES	25	380	3	5	68	130	611
	ACRES	749	1291200	116	3	20621	3684	1316373
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	878	111	9	39	737	1342	3116
	ACRES	14250	24352	225	385	67926	11400	118538
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	469	330	33	39	937	200	2008
	ACRES	8788	12796	706	27	50426	1994	74737
EASTERN	FIRES	513			85	13897	297	14792
	ACRES	2947			810	88771	4240	96768
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		65	93	30361	885	31439
	ACRES	627		19685	11118	584631	43764	659825
TOTALS	FIRES	2912	1856	184	400	52870	6643	64865
	ACRES	41609	2012650	309834	182392	1214124	103344	3863953
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								55284
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2237261

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				1			1
	ACRES				95			95
NORTHERNRO	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		0				1	1

GB-WEST	ACRES		500				0	500
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES		1					1
EASTERN	ACRES		250					250
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
TOTAL	ACRES	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
	FIRES	0	750	0	95	0	0	845

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	0
	ACRES				7		50	57
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	7	0	50	57

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	5	8	902	7169
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	153	163196
ALBERTA	29	0	936	117063
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	17	134	431362
SASKATCHEWAN	1	1016	594	137395
MANITOBA	1	0	489	92608
ONTARIO	1	0	791	306690
QUEBEC	0	0	765	95299
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	211	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	543	1260
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	405	1672
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	36	65368
TOTALS	42	1041	5984	1462629

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	1	2	7	2	1				7	
CA-NORTH	1	14	6	16	2	2	5	3	3	6
CA-SOUTH	6		10		4		1		2	
NORTHERN			8		3	1			4	
GB-EAST	4	1	31	1	4		1		1	
GB-WEST	4	2	21			3			71	8
SOUTHWEST				2						2
ROCKY MTN	1		1		1					
EASTERN									1	3
SOUTHERN	2		6	3					21	6
TOTAL	19	19	90	24	15	6	7	3	110	25

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