

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1999 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Moderate initial attack activity was reported in the Southern Area and the western states. New large fires were reported in the Southern, Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Areas. Good progress was achieved on large fires in the Great Basin Area. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized engines, telecommunications equipment, helicopters, a lead plane, crews and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

DIDO COMPLEX, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire is six miles northwest of Jiggs, NV. Torching and crowning of individual pinyon pine and juniper and extensive spotting have hampered suppression efforts. Current threats are to the Cedar Ridge and Red Springs Wilderness Study areas and to two subdivisions.

MOSES COMPLEX, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This complex is 50 miles southwest of Battle Mountain, NV. These fires are burning in grass, sagebrush and pinyon-juniper fuels. Suppression operations are being hampered by the inaccessibility of the area. Current threats are to two high value communication sites, livestock forage, wildlife habitat and a wild horse management area.

HORSE CREEK, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is 23 miles southeast of Jackpot, NV. The fire is burning in sage, grass and juniper. Suppression plans include using airtankers extensively in extended attack operations.

WELCHES CREEK, Northern Region, Nevada Division of Forestry. This wind driven fire is twenty miles north of Carlin, NV. and is burning in cheat grass and sage. Current threats are to wildlife habitat (critical mule deer winter range), powerlines and grazing lands.

POWELL, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. This fire is in the Wassuk Range south of Hawthorne, NV. The fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper in extremely steep and rocky terrain.

MITCHELL CREEK, Nevada Division of Forestry, Northern Region. This fire is 25 miles south of Jiggs, NV. The fire is contained and mop up operations are taking place.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
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DIDO COMPLEX	NV	EKD	15000	35	8/22	432	19	7	8	0	NR	300
MOSES COMPLEX	NV	BMD	6580	35	8/23	302	9	6	4	0	NR	382
HORSE CREEK	NV	EKD	1200	20	UNK	78	2	12	0	NR	NR	NR
WELCHES CREEK	NV	NNS	10000	50	UNK	164	4	11	0	0	NR	NR
POWELL	NV	TOF	250	0	8/23	85	5	3	2	0	NR	NR
MITCHELL CREEK	NV	NNS	3000	100		266	7	16	0	0	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

MEADOW CREEK, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire is 35 miles south of Nampa, ID. The fire is in a limited suppression area and is being suppressed because of threats to cattle and structures in the area. Containment is expected today.

SINKS, South Central Utah State. This fire is two miles south of Lynndyl, UT. Extreme fire behavior with multiple wind changes was observed. Control problems include difficult terrain. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MEADOW CREEK	ID	BOD	575	95	8/22	10	0	3	0	0	2.8K	43K
SINKS	UT	SCS	800	60	8/22	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
SMITH SPRINGS	ID	SID	100	100	----	0	NR	NR	NR	0	6	20K
LIME HILLS	AZ	ASD	1375	100	----	101	1	10	1	0	NR	90K
INEEL ASSIST	ID	DOE	38400	100	----	15	0	4	0	0	NR	NR

ASD = Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM.

DOE = Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Lab, Department of Energy.

SID = Upper Snake River District, BLM.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

CARMOKE, Stanislaus National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. These lightning ignited wildland fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fires are in the Mokelumne and Carson- Iceberg Wilderness Area. The fires include: Deer (297 acres), Hiram (75 acres), Douglas (1 acres) and Red Can (.25 acres). No other information was reported.

LECONTE, Yosemite National Park. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is burning on the north shore of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. The fire is burning in manzanita and forest litter and is being monitored by aerial observation. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

LOST BEAR, Yosemite National Park. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning in red fir and lodgepole pine. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

ELEANOR, Yosemite National Park. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Holding actions are being evaluated to contain spread on the western flank. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CARMOKE	CA	STF	373	0	UNK	81	3	0	3	0	NR	NR	
LECONTE	CA	YNP	800	0	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	NR	5K	
LOST BEAR	CA	YNP	167	0	UNK	10	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
ELEANOR	CA	YNP	175	0	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

STONEHOUSE, Burns District, BLM. This fire is 30 miles northwest of Fields, OR. The fire is in the Stonehouse Wilderness Study Area and is threatening big game winter range, adjacent ranches and riparian areas. Control problems are steep rugged terrain, inaccessibility, brushy fuels and shifting winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
STONEHOUSE	OR	BUD	3988	20	8/22	73	4	6	3	0	NR	68	

SOUTHERN LARGE FIRES:

MILLER SPRINGS, West Texas State. This fire is located near Lampasas, TX. Extreme fire behavior and short range spotting were observed. Several homes remain threatened. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
MILLER SPRINGS	TX	TXS	150	60	8/20	25	0	6	2	0	NR	NR	
SMITH MT. LAKE	VA	VAS	400	100	UNK	51	2	2	1	0	NR	NR	
SALT LICK	AR	PCR	190	100	UNK	51	2	2	0	0	NR	NR	
BAPTIST ACADEMY	TX	TXS	110	100	----	52	0	16	2	0	NR	NR	

VAS = Virginia Department of Forestry

PCR = Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

OUTLAW, Casper District BLM. This fire is located fifteen miles southwest Kaycee, WY and is burning in grass, sage and ponderosa pine. Three outbuildings were destroyed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
OUTLAW	WY	CAD	1320	50	8/21	120	1	9	0	3	NR	NR	

OUTLOOK:

Monsoonal moisture will continue to flow into the Four Corners area causing scattered thunderstorms across most of New Mexico and Arizona. As the moisture tracks north, scattered thunderstorms will move through Utah, eastern Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

California, Oregon and Washington will have the coastal low clouds, fog and drizzle with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the northern mountains, otherwise conditions will be mostly sunny. A weak cold front will push through the Pacific Northwest, bringing breezy conditions to the coast range and through Idaho into Montana. High temperatures will change little with 60's to 70's along the coast with 80's to 90's inland and up to 112 for the deserts.

A stationary front will extend from southwest Texas, east along the gulf coast then north to New England, causing scattered thunderstorms again over Virginia and southern Texas. Minimum relative humidities will be 45 percent in Virginia. North of the front in central and northern Texas the minimum relative humidities will be 25 percent with afternoon temperatures reaching 104.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	3	4			2	4	13
	ACRES	80	3400			47	5	3532
CA-NORTH	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					10	3	13
	ACRES					7	0	7
NORTHERN	FIRES	6			1	7	14	28
	ACRES	7			0	1	0	8
GB-EAST	FIRES		15		1	6	7	29
	ACRES		373		0	369	32	774
GB-WEST	FIRES		19			2	2	23
	ACRES		284			30	250	564
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1	8	9
	ACRES					0	0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		5			1		6
	ACRES		16			2		18
EASTERN	FIRES					150	3	153
	ACRES					1732	1	1733

SOUTHERN	FIRES				78	2	80
	ACRES				2160	22	2182
TOTAL	FIRES	9	43	0	2	257	47
	ACRES	87	4073	0	0	4348	311
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FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	31	13	386		474
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155932	282964		1026302
NORTHWEST	FIRES	317	268	13	35	1230	1069	2932
	ACRES	4150	22190	3733	20	6069	3838	40000
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1011	39	7	20	2241	649	3967
	ACRES	93	13960	33	128	9828	3631	27673
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	54	129	9	43	2308	676	3219
	ACRES	1273	5838	12	13949	19530	19827	60429
NORTHERN	FIRE	448	53	15	10	599	1074	2199
	ACRES	4703	4973	130	2	38750	5459	54017
GB-EAST	FIRES	46	581		25	236	488	1376
	ACRES	4233	353614		24	38359	5815	402045
GB-WEST	FIRES	25	444	3	5	73	132	682
	ACRES	749	1307680	116	3	23923	3984	1336455
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	784	113	9	44	741	1355	3046
	ACRES	13078	24379	225	390	67966	11402	117440
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	471	335	33	39	945	203	2026
	ACRES	8809	12844	705	27	51751	2076	76212
EASTERN	FIRES	513			85	14107	303	15008
	ACRES	2947			810	90853	4253	98863
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		65	94	30744	900	31838
	ACRES	627		19685	11119	590333	44435	666199
TOTALS	FIRES	3706	2004	185	413	53610	6849	66767
	ACRES	40663	2047689	309833	182404	1220326	104720	3905635
	TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES							56206
	TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES							2300995

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			8				8
	ACRES			822				822
GB-EAST	FIRES							0

GB-WEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	8	0	0	1	9
	ACRES	0	0	822	0	0	1	823

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				285		76	361
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						25	25
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1		2			3
	ACRES		1		23			24
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
	ACRES	0	1	0	308	0	101	410

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	23	6	938	7183
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	155	170833
ALBERTA	56	105	1013	117275
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	11	833	151	464540
SASKATCHEWAN	3	1	599	153638
MANITOBA	2	7	495	92625
ONTARIO	6	9	803	306702
QUEBEC	4	0	770	95299
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	211	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	548	1260
NOVA SCOTIA	0	58	407	1676
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	65368
TOTALS	108	1019	6152	1519946

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	10	9	26	10	7	1			20	
CA-NORTH	1		6	1	1					1
CA-SOUTH	7				9				69	2
NORTHERN	1		13		5	2				1
GB-EAST	7	2	39	3	6		3			
GB-WEST	13	4	61	34	5	10			30	10
SOUTHWEST				2						3
ROCKY MTN	3		9	14	2				4	6
EASTERN									1	
SOUTHERN	6		2	1	2				51	3
TOTAL	48	15	156	65	37	13	3	0	176	25

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