

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Heavy initial attack and large fire activity continued in the Northwest and California Areas. Moderate initial attack activity was reported in most of the other areas. Large fire activity in Nevada and California have depleted most local resources. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized airtankers, helicopters, lead planes, infrared aircraft, radio equipment, caterers, showers, engines, crews and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Texas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES

SHASTA-TRINITY COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This complex consists of the Rock (670 acres), East (100 acres), Mammoth (400 acres) and three other fires less than 100 acres. The Rock fire is three miles south of Shingletown and the Mammoth fire is two miles west of Shasta Lake. The communities of Shingletown and Manton are currently threatened.

BUTTE COMPLEX, Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Team (Walters) is assigned. This complex consists of 47 fires that have burned a total of 3,500 acres. There was a fatality to a civilian that was not involved in firefighting efforts. No other information is available at this time. Three fires have burned together and are threatening 50 residences. The complex is divided into six branches.

TEHAMA-GLENN COMPLEX, Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. All of the fires in the complex are contained except the DeHaven Gulch fire which is 10 miles east of Red Bluff. The fire made significant upslope runs yesterday afternoon.

MHRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. The team will also be responsible for initial attack west of Highway 89/70 through the Mt. Hough Ranger District. Access is hampering suppression efforts.

LASSEN-MODOC LIGHTNING, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. These fires are 20 miles northeast of Susanville, CA. There are 35 active fires ranging from .25 to 100 acres. Intense winds, flashy fuels and extreme fire behavior are creating control problems.

WILLOW, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Hoppis) is assigned. This fire is threatening timber, rangeland and archeological sites 20 miles northeast of Susanville. Shifting winds, flashy fuels and extreme fire behavior caused the fire to blow out to the north, making

major runs and crossing Highway 139.

HIGH COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team is assigned and a Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) has been ordered. This complex consists of 15 lightning fires 22 miles north of Redding. Threats are to structures, private property and recreational areas.

FRRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. No other information was reported.

YELLOW PINE COMPLEX, Modoc National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. Major concerns are for a radar site and eagle winter roost sites. Poor access and variable winds are causing suppression problems.

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. This complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville and consists of four fires ranging from one to 150 acres. Threats are to several ranches west of the fires, wilderness and timber resources. All resources were pulled off of the fireline yesterday afternoon due to extreme fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SHASTA COMPLEX	CA	SHU	1275	16	UNK	600	32	25	5	0	NR	NR
BUTTE COMPLEX	CA	BTU	3500	UNK	UNK	625	17	109	3	0	NR	NR
TEHAMA-GLENN CM	CA	TGU	10500	75	UNK	500	20	25	4	0	NR	NR
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	500	10	UNK	293	8	14	2	0	NR	116K
LASSEN-MODOC LG	CA	LMU	400	90	UNK	604	23	26	4	0	NR	NR
WILLOW	CA	LMU	4100	20	UNK	192	11	9	1	0	NR	NR
HIGH COMPLEX	CA	SHF	550	10	UNK	350	10	22	4	0	NR	NR
FRRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	900	20	UNK	416	13	17	0	0	NR	200K
YELLOW PINE COM	CA	MDF	6000	0	UNK	237	5	7	0	0	NR	192K
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	125	UNK	UNK	15	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
CHANDLER	CA	MDF	100	100	--	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

RED ROCK, Carson City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lianardos) is assigned. This fire is threatening numerous structures in an urban interface area 10 miles north of Reno. The fire has burned through a wild animal sanctuary and many one plus acre ranch estates. The fire burned rapidly in grass, sage, pinyon pine and juniper.

PASS CREEK, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) has been ordered. This fire is 70 miles northwest of Winnemucca. High rate of spread and extreme fire behavior was reported as the fire burned through heavy grass and sage. Retardant lines kept the fire within 100 feet of a ranch. Intensive suppression action saved numerous ranch buildings. Threats remain to ranches, wildlife habitat, grazing and a high use recreation area.

FISH COMPLEX, Carson City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, sage and juniper 45 miles north of Reno. All four fires in this complex have burned together. Increased fire activity, with runs on the west, south and east flanks occurred mid-morning after a heavy inversion lifted. Hunters were evacuated from the area early in the afternoon. Firefighting efforts are being hampered by extremely dry, flashy fuels, extreme fire behavior and inaccessible terrain. Current threats are to ranches, livestock, wildlife habitat, a gas pipeline and powerline.

DIDO COMPLEX, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. These fires are burning in grass, sage, pinyon pine and juniper six miles northwest of Jiggs, NV. Individual trees and islands of unburned fuels continued to torch and crown well within the fire s perimeter. Crews made significant progress toward containment as they continued direct attack and mop up operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
RED ROCK	NV	CCD	4500	15	8/27	150	1	53	1	0	NR	NR
PASS CREEK	NV	WID	3500	20	UNK	146	4	11	1	0	NR	122K
FISH COMPLEX	NV	CCD	18000	25	8/27	150	5	5	2	0	NR	NR
DIDO COMPLEX	NV	EKD	16250	90	8/25	1006	34	37	5	0	NR	1.8M
IZZENHOOD RANCH	NV	EKD	1000	100	--	31	0	9	0	0	NR	NR
DAVIS	NV	BMD	500	100	--	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
TUNGSTEN	NV	WID	4000	100	---	43	3	3	0	0	NR	30K

BMD = Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

BUCK CREEK, Prineville District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass, sage and juniper. Unstable winds caused a five acre slopover.

BADGER, Sheldon-Hart National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. This fire is actively burning in mahogany and sage. Intense winds are causing control problems. Current threats are to a cabin.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUCK CREEK	OR	PRD	1100	70	8/25	9	0	3	1	0	NR	11K
BADGER	OR	SHR	5000	0	UNK	27	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ROCK CREEK	OR	BUD	3500	100	---	20	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
WINDY POINT	OR	BUD	350	100	---	46	2	3	0	0	NR	NR
REICHENS CORNER	OR	BUD	350	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
JACK MOUNTAIN	OR	BUD	300	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR

BUD = Burns District, BLM.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

PILOT, Stanislaus National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. This fire is east of the Buck Meadows/Grovelin area, burning in steep terrain. The fire was very active yesterday afternoon, burning in heavy brush and some timber. The fire jumped firelines on the east flank with 50 foot flame lengths, spotting a quarter of a mile and runs of 18-40 chains per hour. The fire is burning in a easterly direction above the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River posing a threat to camp Towenga.

CARMOKE, Stanislaus National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. These lighting ignited wildland fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fires are in the Mokelumne and Carson- Iceberg Wilderness Area. Two new fires were added to the complex. Fire growth was moderate with low intensities and short runs through brushy fuels.

SOUTH PARK COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This complex consists of several fires being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No other information was reported.

NORTH PARK COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. The Eleanor Fire is approaching a management action point which is being evaluated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PILOT	CA	STF	1100	50	UNK	567	18	15	0	0	NR	NR
CARMOKE	CA	STF	511	0	UNK	18	1	0	3	0	NR	NR
SOUTH PARK COMP	CA	YNP	482	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
NORTH PARK COMP	CA	YNP	5280	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SRINGTOWN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located 35 miles southwest of McAlester. Extreme fire behavior was reported on the fire yesterday. An entrapment occurred with at least one firefighter deploying a fire shelter, there were no injuries involved.

KNOX, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located in Shackelford County. The fire experienced high winds. No other information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SRINGTOWN	OK	OXS	700	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
KNOX	TX	TXS	450	50	8/25	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

WEST SHOOFLY, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire is located 12 miles northwest of Riddle, ID. The fire is in rocky and uneven terrain.

SILENT, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. This fire is 17 miles west northwest of St. George, UT. The east flank burned actively yesterday. Control problems include very steep and rocky terrain, gusty thunderstorm winds and dry live fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WEST SHOOFLY	ID	BOD	2000	50	8/25	38	0	6	2	0	NR	NR
SILENT	UT	CCD	2100	75	8/26	96	2	8	2	0	NR	20K
MIDDLE BUTTE	ID	BOD	8000	100	----	15	0	4	0	0	NR	83K

OUTLOOK:

Much of the west and Texas will be warmer and drier. A few afternoon thunderstorms, some dry, will develop in the west from the Sierra range eastward and in the southern parts of Texas. Numerous thunderstorms are likely to be wet over the southern Sierra and southeast Utah.

Oregon, California and Idaho will be mostly sunny, warmer and drier today. The coastal areas will have low clouds and morning fog. High temperatures will be in the 60's along the coast to the 100's inland. Minimum humidities will range from 7-30% inland to 60% along the coastal areas.

Nevada and Utah will have scattered thunderstorms over the mountains, and in northeast and central Nevada. Nevada can expect some dry thunderstorms while southeast Utah should see numerous, wet thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the upper 60's and 70's in the mountains to near 100 in the lower elevations. Minimum humidities will range from 10-35%.

Texas will be mostly sunny in the north. Partly cloudy conditions and scattered thunderstorms will develop in the west and southern parts of the state. High temperatures will be in the 80's in the mountains and 90's to 103 in the plains and deserts. Minimum humidities will be 15-25% north and west, and 45-55% south and east.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	29	2		25	50	107
	ACRES	10	4605	3000		10	67	7692
CA-NORTH	FIRES		1			156	53	210
	ACRES		0			20675	1700	22375
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1			2	40	5	48

NORTHERN	ACRES	30			0	48	1101	1179
	FIRES	2				5	18	25
	ACRES	7				233	10	250
GB-EAST	FIRES		14				12	26
	ACRES		4401				21	4422
GB-WEST	FIRES		23				2	25
	ACRES		26173				55	26228
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1			1	1	6	9
	ACRES	0			20	40	6	66
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		5			1		6
	ACRES		0			1		1
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					139	4	143
	ACRES					1725	4	1729
TOTAL	FIRES	5	72	2	3	367	150	599
	ACRES	47	35179	3000	20	22732	2964	63942

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	31	13	386	0	474
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155932	282964	0	1026302
NORTHWEST	FIRES	319	323	15	44	1306	1191	3198
	ACRES	4089	27988	6733	89	6548	3955	49402
CA-NORTH	FIRES	117	49	7	22	2443	861	3499
	ACRES	147	14001	33	130	30617	11975	56903
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	59	130	9	49	2407	697	3351
	ACRES	1306	6038	12	13950	20791	22219	64316
NORTHERN	FIRE	456	56	15	10	623	1064	2224
	ACRES	4712	4975	130	2	38990	5456	54265
GB-EAST	FIRES	48	622		25	245	542	1482
	ACRES	4235	368297		38	38369	5860	416799
GB-WEST	FIRES	30	549	3	5	79	160	826
	ACRES	751	1364424	116	3	25622	5922	1396838
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	788	117	9	45	752	1380	3091
	ACRES	13080	27129	225	410	69298	11829	121971
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	475	340	33	39	948	213	2048
	ACRES	8809	12844	705	27	51753	2869	77007
EASTERN	FIRES	513			85	14471	311	15380
	ACRES	2947			810	91843	4253	99853
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		68	96	31378	925	32502
	ACRES	627		19954	11125	599825	44748	676279
TOTALS	FIRES	2842	2228	190	433	55038	7344	68075
	ACRES	40704	2127907	313102	182516	1256620	119086	4039935
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								57105
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2363522

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				166			166
NORTHERNRO	FIRES			6				6
	ACRES			1969				1969
GB-EAST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
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
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	6	0	0	1	7
	ACRES	0	0	1969	166	0	3	2138
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WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		0					0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				2338		68	2406
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				1		5	6
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	5	0	1	0	0	6

ACRES	0	0	0	2339	0	73	2412
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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	8	155	968	7338
YUKON TERRITORY	1	8928	159	185941
ALBERTA	17	222	1145	117823
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1320	164	525174
SASKATCHEWAN	6	22402	672	177111
MANITOBA	2	4017	520	96670
ONTARIO	2	3	819	306707
QUEBEC	4	227	787	95527
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	212	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	548	1260
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	411	1675
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	39	65368
TOTALS	41	37274	6469	1624141

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	7	4	53	13	9				33	8
CA-NORTH	51	127	109	227	16	24	6	7	197	165
CA-SOUTH	10	30	21	24	7	2			173	278
NORTHERN	5	5	16		5	1			1	
GB-EAST	3	1	25	5	6	1	1		20	
GB-WEST	47	12	78	93	9	11			124	54
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN	1	1	2	4	2				4	6
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN			2		1				23	
TOTAL	124	180	306	366	55	39	7	7	575	511

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