

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1999 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in most areas. New large fire activity was reported in the Southern California, Great Basin and Northwest Areas. Large fire activity continued in the California, Western Great Basin and Northwest Areas. Competition exists for airtankers, leadplanes, type I and II helicopters and type I crews. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized airtankers, helicopters, lead planes, infrared aircraft, telecommunications equipment, engines, tractor plow, caterer, shower unit, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and South Dakota.

A firefighter from the Santa Barbara city fire department was fatally injured on the Camusa fire in Southern California. An investigation is underway. The firefighting community extends its condolences to the family.

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 (700 acres), East (288 acres), Mammoth (500 acres), Burney LCA (118 acres), Donkey (60 acres) and Backbone (20 acres) fires. Twenty six new lightning fires were reported with the Woods fire contained at two acres, the Bacon fire is twelve acres and the rest were less than one acre.

BUTTE COMPLEX, Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Team (Walters) is assigned. This complex consists of the Musty Buck, Cohasset, Doe Mill, Bloomer, Union, South, Woodland Park and Sycamore.

MHRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. The complex consists of nine fires of which three are contained. The Horton 2 fire is nearing containment, and focus is now shifting to Big, Bucks, Lookout and Pidgon.

FRRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. This complex consists of six lightning fires north and west of Lake Oroville. The Hibbard and China fires were both controlled. Burning operations were conducted on the Bean and Devil's Gap fires. Hand and dozer firelines continue to be constructed and improved.

WILLOW, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. Unified Command with the BLM (Porter) is in effect. This fire is threatening timber, rangeland and archeological sites 20 miles northeast of Susanville. Firelines continue to hold with current conditions. Good progress was made in all divisions. Demobilization has

begun.

HIGH COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Young) is in effect. This complex consists of 19 lightning fires 22 miles north of Redding. The High fire escaped firelines in the northeast corner. Current threats are to 800 structures in Dog Creek Canyon and Lakehead, communications sites, Sugarloaf Lookout, National Recreation Area Lands, timber, threatened and endangered species, archaeological sites and the Lakehead area domestic water supply.

YELLOW PINE COMPLEX, Modoc National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. This complex consists of the Yellow (4,669 acres), Pine (16,294 acres) and Boles (523 acres) fires which are 20 miles south of Tulelake. Burnout activities were successfully completed on the north fireline. Preparation continues for a planned burnout on the east flank of the Pine fire.

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bacon) is assigned. This complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville. The complex consists of five lightning fires, the Onion (1,750 acres), Fawn (1,200 acres), Soldier (2 acres), Dee s (1 acre) and Megram (110 acres). The fires are burning in steep, inaccessible terrain. Construction of indirect fireline continues in preparation of a burnout.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SHASTA-TRINITY	CA	SHU	2500	50	UNK	600	22	25	5	0	NR	NR
BUTTE COMPLEX	CA	BTU	32879	75	8/30	2447	61	218	0	0	1.6M	4.0M
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	8530	15	UNK	1463	43	20	7	0	NR	1.4M
FRRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	3550	43	UNK	787	24	18	10	0	NR	1.7M
WILLOW	CA	LMU	7000	95	8/29	516	18	33	0	0	NR	1.2M
HIGH COMPLEX	CA	SHF	18000	10	UNK	2106	50	62	9	0	NR	NR
YELLOW PINE COM	CA	MDF	25192	40	UNK	455	10	25	2	0	NR	1.4M
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	4281	UNK	UNK	577	18	13	7	0	NR	NR
TEHAMA-GLENN CO	CA	TGU	35400	100	----	626	25	48	10	0	NR	1.7M
WIMER	CA	NOD	533	100	----	58	2	1	0	0	NR	NR

NOD = Northern California District, BLM.

TGU = Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SELLEM, Ely Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is 80 miles southwest of Ely, NV. The fire is burning in sagebrush, grass and heavy, continuous pinyon pine and juniper. Current threats are to the Grant Range Wilderness, range allotments and wildlife habitat.

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, NV. The fire received 1/10 inch of rain which allowed firefighters to secure the fireline and begin mopup

operations. The fire is beginning demobilization.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SELLEN	NV	ELD	10000	10	UNK	212	8	8	2	0	NR	NR
FISH COMPLEX	NV	CCD	45000	80	8/29	219	5	8	3	0	NR	914K
SUTRO	NV	CCD	2000	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

CCD = Carson City Field Office, BLM.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

MAJOR II, Southeast, Washington State. A Department of Natural Resources Team (Murphy) is assigned. This fire is located four miles west of Lyle, WA. One home has been destroyed. The fire is wind driven in dry grass. A rural fire engine rolled over en route to the fire with one injury taken to the hospital.

INCIDENT 64, South Puget Sound, Washington State. This fire is located five miles southwest of Wellpinit, WA. The fire is burning in timber with spotting occurring from strong winds.

BADGER, Sheldon-Hart National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. Flashy fuels are creating control problems. A large burnout operation is in progress on the southeast flank.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MAJOR II	WA	SES	300	0	UNK	35	5	10	2	1	NR	NR
INCIDENT 64	WA	SPA	100	0	UNK	50	2			0	NR	NR
BADGER	OR	SHR	40452	95	8/29	753	12	20	6	0	NR	1.3M
CALICA	OR	WSA	1500	100	----	62	2	6	1	0	NR	NR

WSA = Warm Springs Agency, BIA.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN FIRES:

FLAT, Salt Lake District, BLM. This fire is located 40 miles west of Salt Lake City, UT. Steep, rocky terrain, limited access, extreme winds, flashy fuels and high rates of spread are causing control problems. A burnout operation is planned along Monarch Canyon Road.

MARBLEHEAD, Salt Lake District, BLM. This fire is located 45 miles west of Salt Lake City, UT. Intense winds and flashy fuels are contributing to rapid rates of spread.

INCIDENT	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
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NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
FLAT	UT	SLD	400	50	UNK	25	0	8	0	0	NR	NR
MARBLEHEAD	UT	SLD	750	50	UNK	10	0	5	0	0	NR	NR

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/Groveland area. The fire is burning in brush and timber. Three tent structures were lost at Camp Towanga. Highway 120 is open to all traffic.

SHINN, Angeles National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) is assigned. This fire is burning in brush north of Claremont. Crews made good progress on the fire yesterday. Steep terrain is making fireline difficult to construct.

CAMUSA, Los Padres National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. This fire is near Santa Barbara, Ca. The fire is posing a threat to watershed and cultural resources.

PINE, Riverside Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is located on Highway 243 at the junction of Twin Pine Road near the town of Silent Valley. Four structures have been lost.

WILLOW, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stutler) has been ordered. This fire is located near Willow Creek northeast of Lake Arrowhead. The town of Smith Ranch is being evacuated and the fire is threatening Lucerne Valley.

MIXING, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) will be reassigned from the Shinn fire. This fire is located on Highway 243 near Mountain Center, CA. Steep terrain and heavy fuels are causing control problems.

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PILOT	CA	STF	4028	95	8/29	1628	50	77	3	1	NR	NR
SHINN	CA	ANF	600	80	8/29	335	7	9	3	0	NR	NR
CAMUSA	CA	LPF	180	60	9/2	190	22	6	4	0	NR	NR
PINE	CA	RRU	800	10	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WILLOW	CA	BDF	1500	0	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MIXING	CA	BDF	1500	0	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TOPEKA, Texas State Forest Service, Texas State. This fire is located 22 miles northwest of Lampasas, TX. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

TUGGLE SPRINGS, Texas State Forest Service, Texas State. This fire is

located on Highway 123 northeast of Paris. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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TOPEKA	TX	TXS	1700	70	UNK	83	0	24	4	NR	NR	NR
TUGGLE SPRINGS	FL	TXS	580	UNK	UNK	50	2	4	1	NR	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR INTERIOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY. ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR NORTHWEST NEVADA FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY. ***

A deep upper level low pressure trough will approach the northwest coast today, with clouds and drizzle west of the Cascades over Washington and Oregon. There will be strong southwesterly winds 15 to 30 mph with a few higher gusts over northern California, northeastern Nevada and southern Oregon east of the Cascade Mountains. An upper level disturbance far ahead of the trough will bring scattered wet thunderstorms to eastern Montana and Wyoming. Monsoonal moisture will produce scattered wet thunderstorms in southern California, Arizona, southeast Utah, northwest New Mexico and Colorado.

Temperatures will range in the 80's and 90's over most of the western U.S., with 100 degrees throughout Texas extending to the deserts of Arizona and southern California, with 60's and 70's on the Pacific Coast.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	9	0	2	6	8	26
	ACRES	100	205	2452	0	323	101	3181
CA-NORTH	FIRES					23	7	30
	ACRES					6808	42643	49451
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				1	3	5
	ACRES	0				800	3010	3810
NORTHERN	FIRES	6	1			31	51	89
	ACRES	127	15			251	20	413
GB-EAST	FIRES	0	11			3	24	38
	ACRES	40	1349			2	15	1406
GB-WEST	FIRES		7				2	9
	ACRES		15017				5000	20017
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		2				1	3

EASTERN	ACRES		1				2	3
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES					20		20
TOTAL	ACRES					526		526
	FIRES	8	30	0	2	85	98	223
	ACRES	267	16587	2452	0	8710	50791	78807

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	301525	285194	155932	277772	0	1020424
NORTHWEST	FIRES	329	355	15	46	1374	1243	3362
	ACRES	7260	28229	44185	89	7035	4090	90888
CA-NORTH	FIRES	122	49	7	22	2520	907	3627
	ACRES	188	14001	33	130	59211	52682	126245
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	61	136	9	50	2463	755	3474
	ACRES	1626	6290	12	13950	21593	25209	68680
NORTHERN	FIRES	469	60	15	11	692	1214	2461
	ACRES	4941	4992	130	2	39306	5535	54906
GB-EAST	FIRES	54	660		20	256	600	1590
	ACRES	4297	371424		38	38450	5978	420187
GB-WEST	FIRES	31	583	3	5	80	170	872
	ACRES	755	1392004	116	3	25632	10924	1429434
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	792	119	9	45	755	1402	3122
	ACRES	13082	27133	225	410	69298	11409	121557
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	479	369	33	43	949	219	2092
	ACRES	8813	12869	705	49	51767	2871	77074
EASTERN	FIRES	513			85	14471	314	15383
	ACRES	2947			810	91843	4255	99855
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		70	97	31850	939	32992
	ACRES	667		21456	11126	609100	44963	687312
TOTALS	FIRES	2888	2373	192	437	55796	7763	69449
	ACRES	44577	2158467	352056	182539	1291007	167916	4196562
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								57964
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2460675

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				166			166
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0

NORTHERNRO	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		2000					2000
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	2000	0	166	0	0	2166

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						4	4
NORTHERN	FIRES				1		16	17
	ACRES				120		33	153
GB-EAST	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		1	1
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	3	0	19	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	120	0	38	158

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			987	7703
YUKON TERRITORY			159	185941
ALBERTA			1162	117822
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			164	533529
SASKATCHEWAN	12	0	706	177671
MANITOBA	4	8002	556	108670
ONTARIO	21	4408	857	311118
QUEBEC	9	3	833	95544
NEWFOUNDLAND			214	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK			557	1249
NOVA SCOTIA	2	20	413	1695
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	48	12433	6673	1649857

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	19	16	29	20	6	2	3		185	40
CA-NORTH	143	155	112	419	18	46	3	15	646	631
CA-SOUTH	83	19	50	38	23	6			713	266
NORTHERN	13		36	7	7	1			29	
GB-EAST	5	1	40	5	12				2	
GB-WEST	12	1	4	12	3	2			62	16
SOUTHWEST	1			14						21
ROCKY MTN			7		1					
EASTERN									2	
SOUTHERN			1	3					3	
TOTAL	276	192	279	518	70	57	6	15	1642	974

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