

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1999 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack and large fire activity continued in the Rocky Mountain, Great Basin, northern California and Northwest Areas. Alaska reported several thousand new acres burned on fires in limited suppression areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized an infrared aircraft, airtankers, helicopters, a shower unit, radio equipment, engines, crews and miscellaneous overhead. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Alaska, Wyoming, west Texas and Idaho.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

RAILROAD, Richfield Field Office, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Storey) is assigned. This fire is 24 miles northwest of Nephi, UT. The fire exhibited rapid rates of spread in fine flashy fuels. The community of Mammoth and part of Eureka were evacuated and remain threatened.

WRIGLEY, Moab Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is 50 miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO. This fire has burned into the Black Ridge Complex on Grand Junction District, BLM. No other information was reported.

MEADOW SPRING, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. This fire is 60 miles northwest of Cedar City, UT. Eight structures northeast of the fire are threatened. Retardant was used for structure protection.

RUSH, Northwest Utah State. This fire is three miles west of Stockton, UT. Control efforts were hampered by high winds and accessibility problems. The fire burned up to the edge of the Tooele Army Depot.

STEAMBOAT, Moab Field Office, BLM. This fire is 50 miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO in a remote area. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
RAILROAD	UT	RID	40,000	20	UNK	397	11	27	4	3	175K	500K
WRIGLEY	UT	MOD	2,800	0	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MEADOW SPRING	UT	CCD	250	UNK	UNK	65	2	6	1	0	NR	NR
RUSH	UT	NWS	3,000	30	7/5	96	3	9	0	0	NR	NR
STEAMBOAT	UT	MOD	100	0	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
LITTLE HOLE	UT	MOD	2,800	100	----	5	0	1	0	0	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACK RIDGE COMPLEX, Grand Junction District, BLM. A Type II Incident

Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. The fires in this complex are 20 to 25 miles west of Grand Junction, CO. The Tom's Canyon fires and fires in the Black Ridge Wilderness Study Area comprise this complex. The fires are threatening camp sites, ranch structures and riparian areas.

Recreational activities along the Colorado River could be affected by the fires.

FRUITLAND, Montrose District, BLM. This fire is 10 miles west of Crawford, CO. The fire cooled significantly yesterday with the aid of a single engine airtanker. Volunteer Fire Department Engines were released.

NORTH RIDGE, Craig District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is near Meeker, CO. Crews made good progress on all flanks of the fire yesterday, despite torching and small runs.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Grand Junction District, BLM. This fire is burning on private and BLM land five miles north of Mesa, CO. Although weather conditions were extreme yesterday, crews were still able to make good progress.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BLACK RIDGE COM	CO	GJD	2,000	0	UNK	116	6	4	5	0	NR	NR	
FRUITLAND	CO	MRD	500	30	UNK	25	1	8	1	0	NR	NR	
NORTH RIDGE	CO	CRD	500	75	7/5	100	5	0	1	0	NR	NR	
BLACK MOUNTAIN	CO	GJD	230	50	7/4	70	2	6	0	0	NR	40K	

#### WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

HUNTER, Elko Field Office, BLM. High winds pushed this fire yesterday afternoon just west of Elko, NV. Air support was effective in slowing down the fire spread; however, winds continue to pose a threat to subdivisions on the west edge of Elko.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
HUNTER	NV	EKD	2,500	50	UNK	175	4	23	2	0	NR	NR	
MIRA LOMA	NV	CCD	2,297	100	----	250	7	35	2	2	NR	400K	

CCD = Carson City Field Office, BLM

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

LOWDEN, California Department of Forestry, Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is near the community of Lewiston, CA. Twenty-three homes and three outbuildings were confirmed destroyed. All roads in the area were opened and evacuated residents were permitted back in their homes yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL   CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
LOWDEN	CA	SHU	2,000	50	UNK	1,977	81	70	14	26	600K	335K

#### NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

MAJOR CREEK, Southeast Washington State. A State Type II Incident Management Team is assigned. This fire is burning in fine fuels three miles west of Lyle, WA. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL   CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
MAJOR CREEK	WA	SES	650	60	7/4	368	16	22	2	0	NR	NR

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED IN EASTERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN NEVADA FOR POSSIBLE STRONG WINDS, MOST OF UTAH FOR GUSTY WINDS, WESTERN COLORADO FOR GUSTY SOUTHWEST WINDS AND WYOMING'S SOUTHERN PLAINS FOR GUSTY AFTERNOON WINDS. A NEAR RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED FOR THE LARAMIE VALLEY AND SOUTHEAST MOUNTAINS OF WYOMING FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY THIS AFTERNOON \*\*\*

A weakening upper level trough over the northwest states will bring unseasonably cool temperatures with showers and isolated wet thunderstorms to Washington, Oregon, northern Idaho and northwest Montana. Southern Idaho, northwest Wyoming and eastern Montana will be breezy and cool with isolated afternoon thunderstorms in northwest Wyoming and eastern Montana.

South of the trough over the Great Basin strong upper level winds aloft are expected to surface in the afternoon bringing sustained winds of 15 to 25 MPH, gusting to 35 MPH over much of Nevada, Utah, northern Arizona, New Mexico and southern Wyoming. Limited moisture will confine thunderstorm activity to the mountains of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming. There is a chance of dry thunderstorms over northeast Utah and northwest Colorado.

California will be mostly sunny with lighter winds and areas of fog and low clouds along the coast.

High temperatures will range from the 60's and 70's along the Pacific coast and the northern states. Inland California, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming will have highs in the 80's. Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico will have highs in the 90's with the southwestern deserts reaching 110 degrees.

#### FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		0	0	1	6		7
	ACRES		9,000	13,928	2,001	1,758		26,687
NORTHWEST	FIRES	4	1	1		5	1	12
	ACRES	4	0	920		2	0	926
CA-NORTH	FIRES					102	5	107
	ACRES					1,582	1	1,583
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		3			23	6	32
	ACRES		0			68	0	68
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES		3			6	2	11
	ACRES		30,301			2,953	0	33,254
GB-WEST	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		1,030					1,030
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	4	3		1	3	11	22
	ACRES	11	0		50	1	3	65
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	4	2			2	2	10
	ACRES	5	721			4	1	731
EASTERN	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	12	15	1	3	147	28	206
	ACRES	20	41,052	14,848	2,052	6,368	5	64,345

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	28	13	7	299		349
	ACRES	1	94,321	22,581	65,201	110,871		292,975
NORTHWEST	FIRES	73	45	3		459	119	699
	ACRES	1,962	4,330	1,910		2,138	350	10,690
CA-NORTH	FIRES	42	6	5	6	1,189	192	1,440
	ACRES	33	5	33	27	4,409	1,239	5,746
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	23	60	7	12	1,314	278	1,694
	ACRES	936	971	11	13,941	10,405	3,657	29,921
NORTHERN	FIRES	118	4	2		156	147	427
	ACRES	2,125	122	8		2,219	612	5,086
GB-EAST	FIRES	21	225		9	85	101	441
	ACRES	1,352	85,552		7	6,397	5,841	99,149
GB-WEST	FIRES	13	108	1	4	25	63	214
	ACRES	316	30,218	116	3	2,537	221	33,411
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	630	92	7	24	662	952	2,367
	ACRES	7,294	23,034	218	370	66,997	11,120	109,033
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	230	189	27	13	506	107	1,072
	ACRES	5,272	4,770	660	7	31,412	1,032	43,153
EASTERN	FIRES	513			68	10,311	269	11,161
	ACRES	2,947			725	80,563	4,010	88,245
SOUTHERN	FIRES	34		58	100	27,113	744	28,049

TOTALS	ACRES	626		18,773	13,731	521,218	42,151	596,499
	FIRES	1,699	757	123	243	42,119	2,972	47,913
	ACRES	22,864	243,323	44,310	94,012	839,166	70,233	1,313,908
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								41,244
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1,010,712

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			40				40
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				4			4
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		200				15	215
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	200	40	4	0	15	259

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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	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	313	1,824
YUKON TERRITORY	2	1,500	62	50,521
ALBERTA	2	1	490	67,140
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	72	19,554

SASKATCHEWAN	3	1	324	42,725
MANITOBA	0	260	355	86,355
ONTARIO	2	0	531	306,246
QUEBEC	2	94	597	92,227
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	178	45,069
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	445	1,266
NOVA SCOTIA	2	4	288	1,632
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	47
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	20	65,259
TOTALS	13	1,860	3,693	779,865

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	5				2					
NORTHWEST	5	11	21	17	1	2	1		23	50
CA-NORTH	17	80	29	64		16		6	9	164
CA-SOUTH	1		4		2		1			
NORTHERN	3		33	25	2	2			2	
GB-EAST	19	5	64	17	5	1			46	5
GB-WEST	7	6	42	32	2	2			44	31
SOUTHWEST	5		4		5				2	3
ROCKY MTN	21		14	11	10	1			45	6
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	83	102	211	166	29	24	2	6	171	259

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