

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, JULY 5, 1999 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Large fire activity continued in the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Increased initial attack activity was reported in California. Large acreage increases continued to be reported on limited suppression action fires in Alaska. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized an infrared aircraft, airtankers, helicopters, caterers, shower units, 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. Strong gusty winds continued from the southwest. The most active part of the fire was the west flank. Personnel will continue direct attack with engines and dozers followed by hand crews.

WRIGLEY, Moab Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is 50 miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO and has burned into the Black Ridge Complex on Grand Junction District, BLM. Natural barriers helped slow the fires spread. There was moderate fire behavior observed. Terrain and access are difficult, but crews are making good progress. Coordination with the Black Ridge Complex continues.

MEADOW SPRING, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. This fire is 60 miles northwest of Cedar City, UT. The fire made significant runs to the northeast. High winds limited airtanker usage. High winds, low relative humidity, limited access and steep rocky terrain are hindering suppression efforts.

WEST MOUNTAIN II, Uinta National Forest. This fire is five miles from Genola, UT. The fire made significant runs in unburned fuels within the interior. Persistent strong winds pushed the fire across control lines. The fire made significant runs throughout the day.

RUSH, Northwest Utah State. This fire is three miles west of Stockton, UT. No new information was received.

STEAMBOAT, Moab Field Office, BLM. This fire is 50 miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO in a remote area. Ten smokejumpers will be demobilized today and replaced with two type II crews. No problems are anticipated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
RAILROAD	UT	RID	61,417	70	UNK	427	10	32	5	3	490K	230K	

WRIGLEY	UT	MOD	3,711	45	7/6	NR	11	5	0	0	NR	NR
MEADOW SPRING	UT	CCD	2,400	0	7/7	224	6	14	3	0	NR	NR
WEST MOUNTAIN I	UT	UIF	3,500	50	7/10	86	3	5	0	0	0	50K
RUSH	UT	NWS	3,000	50	7/5	96	4	4	0	0	NR	NR
STEAMBOAT	UT	MOD	100	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIRTHDAY, Craig District, BLM. This fire is near Maybell, CO. Current threats are to a microwave tower, communication site and a ranch house one and a half miles from the fire. Control efforts are hampered by steep rocky terrain, inaccessibility, high winds and erratic fire behavior.

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 the fires in the Black Ridge Wilderness Study Area comprise this complex. The Wrigley fire (Moab Field Office) has burned into this complex. The Incident Management Teams of the two fires are working closely together, sharing resources and coordinating plans. Strong winds caused major runs.

NORTH RIDGE, Craig District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is near Meeker, CO. Crews continued to make good progress despite high winds, high temperatures, low relative humidity and difficult terrain.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BIRTHDAY	CO	CRD	600	0	7/6	13	0	1	0	0	NR	NR	
BLACK RIDGE COM	CO	GJD	3,400	30	7/8	221	6	5	5	0	0	360K	
NORTH RIDGE	CO	CRD	360	80	7/5	100	4	0	1	0	NR	NR	
FRUITLAND	CO	MRD	500	100	----	30	1	3	1	0	NR	44K	
BLACK MOUNTAIN	CO	GJD	230	100	----	70	1	6	0	0	0	40K	

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

PAH RAH, Carson City District, BLM. This fire is north and east of Sparks, NV. Rapid rates of spread and limited road access are hampering containment efforts. Flame lengths of six to 10 feet were observed on the fire yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
PAH RAH	NV	CCD	12,000	35	UNK	350	7	48	3	0	NR	100K	
HUNTER	NV	EKD	4,640	100	----	126	5	11	1	0	NR	220K	

EKD = Elko 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. The fire experienced two slopovers due to winds and low humidities. Personnel are concentrating on improving lines and mopping up the interior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LOWDEN	CA	SHU	2,000	70	7/5	1,402	63	64	8	26	1.6M	1.2M	
PLACER	CA	SHU	200	100	----	200	14	12	3	0	NR	NR	

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. The burn-out in Major Creek was successful.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
MAJOR CREEK	WA	SES	698	80	7/5	413	16	22	4	0	NR	330K	

OUTLOOK:

As the upper level trough over the northwestern states moves into Canada, an upper-level high pressure system will begin to build over eastern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Moving up the western flank of this high will be monsoonal moisture which will bring scattered mountain thunderstorms to western New Mexico and eastern Arizona. Widely scattered thunderstorms will reach into southwestern Colorado, with isolated thunderstorms over northern Colorado and southeastern Utah at the northern fringe of the moisture plume. Western Colorado may see some dry thunderstorms, with low relative humidities forecast for 5-15% in Colorado's northwest plateau.

No other precipitation is expected over the western states except a few showers in extreme north Washington, Idaho and Montana. Mostly sunny conditions will prevail throughout the Great Basin, Northwest and California. The southern deserts of California will have southwest winds at 10 to 20 MPH.

A cold front associated with the exiting northern trough will stretch along the eastern borders of Montana and Wyoming early this morning. In the wake of this front, southwest winds of 15 to 25 MPH with a few gusts to 35 MPH will blow across eastern and southern Wyoming as well as

northern and northwestern Colorado. Near Red Flag conditions are posted for strong winds and low relative humidity in south-central Wyoming.

High temperatures will range from the 60's to mid 70's along the Pacific coast and from the 70's to lower 80's in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Inland California, Nevada, Utah and the higher elevations in Arizona and New Mexico will be in the 80's and 90's. The lowest valleys from southern Utah to the Mexican border will experience highs from the 90's to 112 degrees.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE		0	1		3		4
	ACRES		3,100	64,701		5,860		73,661
NORTHWEST	FIRE	3				9	3	15
	ACRES	4				37	1	42
CA-NORTH	FIRE				1	38	9	48
	ACRES				2	163	1	166
CA-SOUTH	FIRE		1			45	9	55
	ACRES		0			129	34	163
NORTHERN	FIRE					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
GB-EAST	FIRE	1	5			6	6	18
	ACRES	0	24,529			3	3,505	28,037
GB-WEST	FIRE		3				1	4
	ACRES		12,002				1	12,003
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	1					9	10
	ACRES	0					1	1
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	2	3			2	2	9
	ACRES	0	600			0	0	600
EASTERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRE	7	12	1	1	105	39	165
	ACRES	4	40,231	64,701	2	6,192	3,543	114,673

FIRE AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE	2	28	14	7	302		353
	ACRES	1	97,421	87,282	65,201	116,731		366,636
NORTHWEST	FIRE	76	46	3		470	124	719
	ACRES	1,966	4,160	1,910		2,179	354	10,569
CA-NORTH	FIRE	42	6	5	7	1,227	201	1,488
	ACRES	33	5	33	29	4,572	1,240	5,912
CA-SOUTH	FIRE	23	61	7	12	1,359	290	1,752
	ACRES	936	973	11	13,941	10,534	3,693	30,088
NORTHERN	FIRE	118	4	2		158	147	429

GB-EAST	ACRES	2,125	122	8		2,219	612	5,086
	FIRES	21	230		9	93	107	460
GB-WEST	ACRES	1,354	110,131		7	6,400	9,346	127,238
	FIRES	13	110	1	4	26	64	218
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	316	33,860	116	3	3,019	222	37,536
	FIRES	631	92	7	25	662	969	2,386
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	7,294	23,034	218	370	66,997	11,133	109,046
	FIRES	232	191	27	14	508	110	1,082
EASTERN	ACRES	5,272	5,367	660	7	31,412	1,038	43,756
	FIRES	513			68	10,311	269	11,161
SOUTHERN	ACRES	2,947			725	80,563	4,010	88,245
	FIRES	34		58	100	27,113	744	28,049
TOTALS	ACRES	626		18,773	13,731	521,218	42,151	596,499
	FIRES	1,705	768	124	246	42,229	3,025	48,097
	ACRES	22,870	275,073	109,011	94,014	845,844	73,799	1,420,611
	TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES							41,629
	TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES							1,100,726

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			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					200
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	200	0	4	0	0	204

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIREs		2	6		5		13
	ACRES		9,929	1,406		960		12,295
NORTHWEST	FIREs	61	45	25	7		329	467
	ACRES	6,441	14,165	3,971	92		56,929	81,598
CA-NORTH	FIREs	6	5	11	6		113	141
	ACRES	49	943	5,337	195		21,889	28,413
CA-SOUTH	FIREs		5	8	16		231	260
	ACRES		930	508	1,367		15,494	18,299
NORTHERN	FIREs	48	12			6	376	442
	ACRES	1,985	6,116			2,680	43,889	54,670
GB-EAST	FIREs		23	2	5	7	44	81
	ACRES		12,264	1,860	3,756	1,059	40,577	59,516
GB-WEST	FIREs		2		13	1	2	18
	ACRES		2,613		2,400	1,000	80	6,093
SOUTHWEST	FIREs	52	28	22	22	14	253	391
	ACRES	33,239	30,146	19,279	9,071	1,205	71,822	164,762
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	3	29	94	12	36	83	257
	ACRES	175	11,051	12,418	1,129	1,935	30,589	57,297
EASTERN	FIREs	7			12	6	178	203
	ACRES	378			2,502	2,009	19,022	23,911
SOUTHERN	FIREs			134	31	248	992	1,405
	ACRES			61,636	29,808	16,562	696,883	804,889
USA TOTALS	FIREs	177	151	302	124	323	2,601	3,678
	ACRES	42,267	88,157	106,415	50,320	27,410	997,174	1,311,743

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

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
NORTHERN	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIREs		1		2			3
	ACRES		0		0			0
GB-WEST	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIREs				7	1	1	9
	ACRES				7,817	10	50	7,877
ROCKY MTN	FIREs		11				3	14
	ACRES		1,580				3	1,583
EASTERN	FIREs						6	6
	ACRES						10	10
SOUTHERN	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				3,155			3,155
USA TOTALS	FIREs	0	12	0	10	1	10	33

ACRES	0	1,580	0	10,972	10	63	12,625
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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	5	1	65	50,522
ALBERTA	3	7	493	67,147
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	17,200	72	36,754
SASKATCHEWAN	4	7	328	42,732
MANITOBA	1	11,800	356	98,155
ONTARIO	2	1	533	306,247
QUEBEC	0	0	597	92,227
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	0	181	43,069
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	446	1,266
NOVA SCOTIA	3	0	291	1,632
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	47
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	20	65,259
TOTALS	22	29,016	3,713	806,881

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	6	1			2					
NORTHWEST	5	11	20	17		4	1		21	105
CA-NORTH	9	77	27	71		13		2	6	153
CA-SOUTH			1		1					
NORTHERN			36	25	2	2			2	
GB-EAST	31	6	51	23	7	1			148	33
GB-WEST	8	8	39	30	4	1			20	13
SOUTHWEST	8		1		5				7	
ROCKY MTN	23		18	7	4	4			58	14
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	90	103	193	173	25	25	1	2	262	318

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