

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in southern California, Eastern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain and Northwest areas. Good progress was made on existing large fires in the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Increased initial attack activity was reported in most areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized helicopters, airtankers, infrared aircraft, caterers, a shower unit, radio equipment, crews, smokejumpers and miscellaneous overhead. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Nevada, California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Alaska and Idaho.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

FALL, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carr) is assigned. This fire is thirty miles northwest of Stanley, ID. High winds over the fire delayed smokejumpers efforts.

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. Full containment was expected yesterday. No new information was received and this will be the last report unless new information is reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
FALL	ID	SCF	150	0	UNK	50	2	0	2	0	NR	NR	
WRIGLEY	UT	MOD	3,711	45	7/6	NR	11	5	0	0	NR	NR	
RAILROAD	UT	RID	61,417	100	----	427	10	37	5	3	490K	1.5M	
WEST MOUNTAIN I	UT	UIF	7,976	100	----	209	5	4	2	0	0	211K	
MEADOW SPRING	UT	CCD	1,226	100	----	135	4	4	1	0	NR	225K	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PARSHALL RANGE, Craig District, BLM. This fire is located 3 miles southwest of Hot Sulphur Springs, CO. Crews made good progress today despite steep, rocky terrain. There is still some potential for fire activity on the east flank and a slopover is being worked on the north flank. Containment was expected last night.

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 Wrigley fire on Moab Field Office, BLM has burned into this complex. The fire continues to be

active. Slow progress is being made in the wilderness study area due to rugged terrain. Natural barriers and firing operations are being utilized to minimize impacts to wilderness values.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
PARSHALL RANGE	CO	CRD	356	50	7/7	53	2	0	0	0	NR		NR
BLACK RIDGE COM	CO	GJD	4,100	55	7/8	211	6	2	4	0	0	0	439K
BIRTHDAY	CO	CRD	650	100	---	97	3	3	2	0	NR		NR

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

THOMAS, Fremont National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (McElwain) is assigned. This fire is located nine miles northwest of Lakeview, OR. The fire is burning on steep slopes in heavy timber with snags. Current threats are to timber and private lands.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
THOMAS	OR	FRF	1,000	0	NR	100	24	17	7	0	UNK		UNK
MAJOR CREEK	WA	SES	728	100	---	404	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	0	530K

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS:

INDEPENDENCE DAY 99 SEARCH AND RESCUE, Superior National Forest, USFS. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bonde) is assigned. On July 4, the Superior National Forest experienced a major stand replacing wind event in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The area is 10 to 12 miles wide and 30 miles long. Many campers cannot get out due to downed trees that are chest high on the portages. Nineteen people have been medi-vaced due to injuries.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

ELLIOTT, San Bernardino Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is threatening homes on Cajon Pass. High winds pushed this fire destroying at least one home and threatening more. High temperatures, low humidities and winds are hampering control efforts.

POWER, San Bernardino National Forest. The fire is burning in heavy fuels and steep terrain. High temperatures and low humidities are causing control problems. Current threats area to powerlines and watershed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
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ELLIOTT	CA	BDU	2,500	5	UNK	572	20	35	4	1	NR	NR
POWER	CA	BDF	110	UNK	UNK	NR	9	12	6	NR	NR	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

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	100	----	846	40	64	4	26	1.6M	2.2M	

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTH CENTRAL OREGON, THE COLUMBIA BASIN OF WASHINGTON AND THE SOUTHERN EAST SLOPE OF THE CASCADES FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES. ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EASTERN AND SOUTH-CENTRAL IDAHO FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, LOW FUEL MOISTURE, STRONG WINDS, AND POSSIBLE THUNDERSTORMS. ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR SOUTHWEST WYOMING FOR WINDY CONDITIONS AND WIDELY SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS. ***

An upper level low pressure trough with an associated dry cold front will swing through the northwestern states today. As the front moves into Wyoming tonight, gusty west to southwest winds will blow across the Columbia Basin and eastern slopes of the Cascades, the Snake River valley and southwestern Wyoming. Sustained winds are expected to reach speeds of 15 to 25 MPH with gusts to 35 MPH. Marginally low relative humidities and the added threat of a few thunderstorms over eastern Idaho and southwest Wyoming have prompted the issuance of three fire weather watches. Breezy conditions are expected over northwest Nevada and western Montana. Scattered showers and areas of drizzle are expected west of the Cascades and a few wet thunderstorms in northern Idaho and western Montana.

Monsoonal moisture will continue in New Mexico and Arizona under a broad Four Corners upper level high pressure system. Numerous to scattered wet thunderstorms are again forecasted for most of Arizona and New Mexico. Scattered wet thunderstorms will occur over eastern Utah and western Colorado but northern Colorado, southwest and central Wyoming could experience some dry thunderstorms. Isolated dry thunderstorms are expected from the mountains of southern California, southern Nevada, and into southeastern Idaho.

High temperatures will range from the 70's on the coast and far north, the 80's and 90's over the Great Basin and southwestern states. The hottest southwestern deserts will once again reach 100 to 110 degrees.

The lowest forecast minimum relative humidities will range from 10 to 20 percent in western and southern Nevada. In southwest Utah through the

Colorado River valley and into the deserts of southern California low humidities will be in the 6 to 15 percent range.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIREs		0	0	0	9		9
	ACRES		39,770	29,000	37,165	61,953		167,888
NORTHWEST	FIREs	1	3			17	6	27
	ACRES	5	4			23	1,010	1,042
CA-NORTH	FIREs	3		1	1	57	6	68
	ACRES	4		0	4	498	0	506
CA-SOUTH	FIREs	2			1	41	2	46
	ACRES	45			0	2,616	510	3,171
NORTHERN	FIREs	21	1				4	26
	ACRES	15	2				0	17
GB-EAST	FIREs		5			3	10	18
	ACRES		62			151	166	379
GB-WEST	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
SOUTHWEST	FIREs	1	1			6	32	40
	ACRES	0	1			77	12	90
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	7	0			1	3	11
	ACRES	11	101			305	1	418
EASTERN	FIREs				1	19		20
	ACRES				1	43		44
SOUTHERN	FIREs					45	4	49
	ACRES					72	97	169
TOTAL	FIREs	35	11	1	3	198	67	315
	ACRES	80	39,940	29,000	37,170	65,738	1,796	173,724

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIREs	2	30	14	7	326		379
	ACRES	1	137,491	116,282	102,366	179,279		535,419
NORTHWEST	FIREs	83	51	3		491	129	757
	ACRES	1,971	2,992	1,910		2,274	1,354	10,501
CA-NORTH	FIREs	60	6	6	14	1,366	217	1,669
	ACRES	42	5	33	34	6,144	1,240	7,498
CA-SOUTH	FIREs	25	68	7	13	1,533	305	1,951
	ACRES	981	981	11	13,941	11,482	4,249	31,645
NORTHERN	FIREs	139	6	2		160	157	464
	ACRES	2,140	126	8		2,219	616	5,109
GB-EAST	FIREs	19	251		9	97	121	497
	ACRES	1,354	109,367		7	6,842	17,489	135,059
GB-WEST	FIREs	13	116	1	4	30	64	228
	ACRES	316	46,392	116	3	3,054	222	50,103
SOUTHWEST	FIREs	638	95	7	25	667	1,059	2,491

ROCKY MTN	ACRES	7,301	23,036	218	370	67,073	11,271	109,269
	FIRES	240	202	27	14	550	116	1,149
EASTERN	ACRES	5,284	5,420	660	7	31,791	1,041	44,203
	FIRES	513			69	11,481	270	12,333
SOUTHERN	ACRES	2,947			726	81,914	4,050	89,637
	FIRES	34		58	100	27,194	748	28,134
TOTALS	ACRES	626		18,773	13,731	521,405	42,248	596,783
	FIRES	1,766	825	125	255	43,895	3,186	50,052
	ACRES	22,963	325,810	138,011	131,185	913,477	83,780	1,615,226
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								42,163
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1,165,140

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					8		8
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		39					39
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1,730		1,730
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	39	0	0	0	1,738	1,777

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	4	50	321	1,875
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	67	95,994
ALBERTA	1	3	497	67,149
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	72	87,983
SASKATCHEWAN	2	3	330	42,735
MANITOBA	0	0	356	98,284
ONTARIO	2	2	540	306,249
QUEBEC	5	0	602	91,998
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	180	43,069
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	1	451	1,267
NOVA SCOTIA	10	1	301	1,633
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	47
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	21	65,259
TOTALS	28	60	3,756	903,542

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	10			5					
NORTHWEST		2	14	2	1		2		14	
CA-NORTH		43	4	64		5	1		18	147
CA-SOUTH	5	25	39	29	4	7	2	4	4	19
NORTHERN			36	24	1	2			7	
GB-EAST	38	6	55	28	12	1			223	33
GB-WEST									7	
SOUTHWEST	5		3		5				2	3
ROCKY MTN	19		9	2	5	2	1		60	14
EASTERN						2			22	
SOUTHERN									12	2
TOTAL	73	86	160	149	33	19	6	4	369	218

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