

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Moderate initial attack activity was reported in California, with light activity elsewhere. Containment objectives were reached on most existing large fires in the California and Southern Areas. In addition to the fires reported below in Alaska's large fire narratives, the state has 48 fires burning in limited and modified protection areas for a total of 643,000 acres. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized an air tanker, a lead plane, a smokejumper aircraft, radio equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, California, Oregon, Washington, and Nevada.

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

KINK, Northern Field Office, BLM - Upper Yukon Zone. This fire was started by lightning on June 12 and is currently burning three miles north of Chicken, Alaska. Crews are working to create defensible space around cabins near the fire and suppressing spots across the river from the main fire. A dozer line around the town of Chicken has been completed.

ROUNDABOUT MOUNTAIN, Koyukuk NWR - Galena Zone. This lightning-ignited fire started ten miles south of Huslia, Alaska. Crews made good progress on containing a 40 acre spot fire across the Koyukuk River from the main fire. Spotting and torching continue to cause control problems.

JACKSON, Alaska State - Tanana Zone. This fire is burning in black spruce ten miles east of Tanana, Alaska. Crews made significant progress at the south end of the fire yesterday, despite very little water available for the pumps. A hoselay is being placed on the left flank.

PITCHUK, Alaska State - Tanana Zone. This fire is seven miles southwest of Bettles, Alaska. Intermittent torching and flare-ups occurred yesterday. Crews were assisted by helicopter bucket work along the left flank.

MARSHALL CREEK, Alaska State - Tanana Zone. This fire was started by lightning on July 2, eight miles southwest of Rampart, Alaska. Native allotment protection operations were initiated when the fire spread toward allotments to the north. Crews and smokejumpers are currently working to protect allotments on the east side of the fire. Plans are to initiate action to defend the allotments down the Yukon River from the fire. Higher relative humidity and light showers yesterday aided the efforts of the firefighters.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
KINK	AK	NOD	00,000	0	UNK	78	4	0	2	0	NR	340K	
ROUNDABOUT MTN.	AK	KUK	4,330	0	UNK	101	7	0	2	0	NR	NR	
JACKSON	AK	AKS	600	0	UNK	106	5	0	2	0	NR	NR	

PITCHUK	AK	AKS	120	0	UNK	63	3	0	2	0	NR	NR
MARSHALL CREEK	AK	AKS	20,000	0	UNK	88	4	0	2	0	NR	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRE:

LANG SYNE, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is south of Winnemucca, NV and is burning in grass, sage and juniper. Crews are concentrating on mopping up the northwestern part of the fire, with the support of helicopter bucket work. Challenges to containment include steep, rugged terrain, dry fuels, and strong winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LANG SYNE	NV	WID	24,340	65	7/15	425	14	20	3	0	NR	1.03M	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

49, Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit, Calif. Dept. of Forestry. This lightning caused fire is burning near Coulterville, CA. Steep terrain and high temperatures are causing control problems. Several structures remain threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
49	CA	MMU	400	95	7/15	150	11	20	3	0	NR	200K	
WATTS	CA	FKU	1,000	100	---	68	0	11	0	0	NR	NR	
CONEJOS	CA	CNF	298	100	---	89	3	4	3	0	0	350K	

FKU = Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit, California Dept. of Forestry

CNF = Cleveland National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRE:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
ROUTE 42	VA	VAF	141	100	---	110	5	1	0	0	NR	135K	

VAF = George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

OUTLOOK:

An upper level trough over the northwestern states will bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to northwest Montana, northern Idaho and northeastern Washington. A few showers are expected over northern

Oregon with drizzle in Washington west of the Cascades. The associated surface cold front will be moving into the Great Plains during the day. The northern tier states will experience high temperatures only in the 70's and 80's.

Lingering monsoonal moisture will cause isolated to widely scattered wet thunderstorms over Utah, Wyoming, and southern Nevada. The main axis of deeper monsoonal moisture will produce scattered wet thunderstorms over Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, with high temperatures in the 80's and 90's. Mountain areas will be in the 70's, while the southwest desert temperatures reach 104.

Except for low clouds and fog along the coast with highs in the 70's, California will be mostly sunny with highs in the 80's and 90's. Lowest minimum relative humidities will be found in the central valley and deserts of California with 5 to 15 percent readings possible.

Significant winds will blow east of the Cascades at 10 to 20 MPH in southern Oregon and northwest Nevada. On the lee side of the northern Rocky Mountains, in western Wyoming and eastern Montana, winds will be 10 to 25 MPH.

In Alaska, the Mat-Su Valley and McGrath will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and highs in the 60's. The Upper Yukon and Northern Region will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and widely scattered thunderstorms, with highs in the upper 70's and minimum humidities of 35 to 45 percent. The Tanana Zone will be cloudy with showers and highs in the 70's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	2	2	9		14
	ACRES		540	2,499	123	864		4,026
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1	1		12	4	18
	ACRES		0	50		42	81	173
CA-NORTH	FIRES					43	38	81
	ACRES					43	72	115
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		3		3	22	16	44
	ACRES		20		1	446	1	468
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				7	1	9
	ACRES	0				8	0	8
GB-EAST	FIRES		3		1	2	1	7
	ACRES		0		0	550	5	555
GB-WEST	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			50				50
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1			1	4	11	17
	ACRES	3			0	0	2	5
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3			2	1	6
	ACRES		150			0	1	151
EASTERN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					295		295

TOTAL	FIRES	2	11	4	7	112	72	208
	ACRES	3	710	2,599	124	2,248	162	5,846

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	37	24	12	367		442
	ACRES	1	291,541	254,681	134,724	238,874		919,821
NORTHWEST	FIRES	110	60	6		554	160	890
	ACRES	2,066	3,459	2,000		2,509	3,278	13,312
CA-NORTH	FIRES	73	7	6	14	1,575	298	1,973
	ACRES	58	6	33	34	8,035	1,372	9,538
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	33	80	7	27	1,683	926	2,756
	ACRES	830	1,004	11	13,947	15,020	4,744	35,556
NORTHERN	FIRES	309	8	8	2	258	187	772
	ACRES	3,808	127	63	2	3,941	918	8,859
GB-EAST	FIRES	25	318		12	118	150	623
	ACRES	1,192	126,152		7	8,668	22,430	158,449
GB-WEST	FIRES	13	155	3	4	37	79	291
	ACRES	726	147,231	166	3	4,955	230	153,311
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	663	112	8	28	687	1,190	2,688
	ACRES	7,259	23,197	225	371	67,367	11,333	109,752
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	331	238	27	17	604	136	1,353
	ACRES	5,444	6,998	660	12	35,391	1,052	49,557
EASTERN	FIRES	513			71	12,399	275	13,258
	ACRES	2,947			726	86,021	4,062	93,756
SOUTHERN	FIRES	34		58	100	27,281	761	28,234
	ACRES	626		18,773	13,731	522,210	42,485	597,825
TOTALS	FIRES	2,106	1,015	147	287	45,563	4,162	53,280
	ACRES	24,957	599,715	276,612	163,557	992,991	91,904	2,149,736
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								44,786
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1,408,403

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					1		1
	ACRES					820		820
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0

SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				39			39
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	39	0	820	859

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				3			3
	ACRES				0			0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	6	574	356	2,476
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	73	96,000
ALBERTA	3	208	587	74,637
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	64	85	98,524
SASKATCHEWAN	2	1,501	395	48,908
MANITOBA	6	0	388	89,451
ONTARIO	4	4	556	306,255
QUEBEC	8	5	614	92,046
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	4	186	42,737
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	457	1,267
NOVA SCOTIA	4	0	331	1,637
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	76
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	24	65,325
TOTALS	36	2,360	4,075	919,339

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	29	7			16				58	7
NORTHWEST	5		23		1				16	
CA-NORTH	8	29	39	20	3	7	4	4	2	83
CA-SOUTH	14	23	39	31	4	9	1		36	17
NORTHERN	1	2	45	23	3	2			3	
GB-EAST	2	2	3	1	2				6	
GB-WEST	10	4	12	9		3			66	4
SOUTHWEST	2		1		1				2	
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	2		4						49	4
TOTAL	73	67	166	84	30	21	5	4	238	115

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