

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Moderate initial attack activity was reported in most areas. New large fires occurred in the Great Basin and the Northern Rockies. Good progress was made on large fires in the Great Basin, California, Northern Rockies and the Northwest. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized infrared aircraft, air attack aircraft, lead planes, helicopters, radio equipment, caterers, a shower unit, Type I crews and miscellaneous overhead. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, Nevada, California, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

SPANISH, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, California. A Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. This fire is eighteen miles west of Cuyama, California on Spanish Ranch. Control lines have been completed to the Sierra Madre Ridge. Crews are improving the Sierra Madre jeep trail and fuel break as the primary control line for the southwest portion of the fire. Burning operations are occurring to secure the existing fireline.

GOAT, Los Angeles County Fire Department, California. This fire is on Catalina Island, northwest of the Airport in the Sky. Attempts to burnout the line were hampered by high relative humidity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SPANISH	CA	SBC	9,067	55	7/25	1,688	114	62	7	0	NR	1.7M
GOAT	CA	LAC	320	65	7/23	123	4	12	0	0	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

CEDAR BUTTE, Upper Snake River District, BLM. The fire is twenty five miles northwest of Blackfoot, Idaho. Structures, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, power lines and a historic trail are threatened. Sage Grouse habitat loss is a primary environmental concern. Gusty winds and low relative humidities are hampering suppression efforts.

EIGHT MILE, Salmon/Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is assigned. The fire is twenty miles west of Challis, ID. Extremely low fuel moisture, strong gusty winds, very low relative humidities and steep, rocky terrain are hampering control efforts. Fisheries and potable water sources are threatened.

SAMARIA, Northwest Utah State. The fire is near Portage, Utah.

Containment was expected last night.

SOLDIER, Salmon/Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Wallace) is assigned. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning thirty miles northwest of Stanley, Idaho. Fisheries, historic structures and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River Corridor are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CEDAR BUTTE	ID	IFD	36,673	70	7/26	188	3	21	2	0	NR	79K
EIGHT MILE	ID	SCF	100	70	7/24	89	3	0	2	0	13K	108K
SAMARIA	UT	NWS	1,980	80	7/22	37	0	14	0	0	40K	8K
SOLDIER	ID	SCF	500	0	UNK	15	0	0	1	0	NR	8K

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

BURNED POINT, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is twenty miles south of Augusta, MT. The fire is burning in grass, and timber.

TIN, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. This fire is twenty miles from Winnett, MT. Winds, low relative humidity, high temperatures, spotting and light fuels are hampering suppression efforts. Strong northwest winds caused the fire to increase in size from 100 to 500 acres in a two hour period yesterday afternoon.

ABEL RANCH, Southern Land Office, Montana State. This fire is fifteen miles north of Pompey's Pillar. The fire is burning in timber and range. This is a County assist fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BURNED POINT	MT	LCF	500	0	UKN	NR	6	7	2	0	NR	NR
TIN	MT	LED	500	15	7/24	42	1	2	1	0	14K	NR
ABEL RANCH	MT	SOS	250	70	7/23	17	0	1	0	0	5K	1K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

WAGON BOX, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carr) is assigned. This fire is fifteen miles northwest of Grouse Creek, UT. Five firefighters from the Heber Hot Shots received burn related injuries. All have been treated at the hospital and released. Resources threatened are archaeology sites, the California National Historical Trail, recreation and deer winter range. Steep inaccessible terrain, and gusty winds are hampering control efforts.

SAND SPRINGS, Carson City Field Office, BLM. This fire is fifty miles east of Fallon, NV. The fire started on the Fallon Naval Air Station

bombing range and has spread to BLM land. This wind driven fire is burning in Pinyon, Juniper, low shrub and grass. Military ordnance in the area is restricting accessibility. Current threats are to BLM and Navy communications sites.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WAGON BOX	NV	EKD	27,800	30	UNK	500	17	7	5	0	NR	NR
SAND SPRINGS	NV	CCD	3,500	0	7/23	65	2	4	1	0	NR	6K

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

BIG DIPPER, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. This fire is near Sumpter, Oregon and is burning in sub-alpine fir. No other information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BIG DIPPER	OR	WWF	96	90	7/23	NR	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES:

DRY, Northern California District, BLM. This fire is thirty miles east of Susanville, CA. Containment is expected today. Demobilization of the fire is nearly complete.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
DRY	CA	NOD	10,000	80	7/23	10	1	4	1	0	200K	365K

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENT:

MONSOON 99, Grand Canyon NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. The incident is 8 miles north of the Grand Canyon Village. The Bright Angel trail is cleared and open to Plateau Point. Crews are still working on the lower Bright Angel Trail near the Colorado River and the North Kaibab Trail. Work has started on the South Kaibab Trail. The Indian Gardens Campground has been opened.

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MONSOON 99	AZ	GCP	NA	NA	NA	222	9	0	4	0	NR	823K

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS IN NORTHEAST CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN, CENTRAL AND EASTERN NEVADA. ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR DRY LIGHTING IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING IN SOUTHWEST AND SOUTHCENTRAL OREGON. ***

Northern California will be sunny, except for isolated afternoon thunderstorms over the mountains. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 12 to 25 MPH with stronger gusts in the afternoon and evening. High temperatures will be in the lower 60's along the coast and mid 70's to near 90 inland.

Nevada will be sunny, except for isolated dry afternoon thunderstorms. Winds will be southwest at 15 to 30 MPH with gusts to around 45 MPH in the afternoon. High temperatures will be 66 to 85 in the mountains and 85 to 108 in the lower elevations.

Oregon will be mostly clear in the morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon with a chance of dry thunderstorms. Winds will be light and variable in the morning, becoming northwest at 10 to 15 MPH in the afternoon. High temperatures will be in the mid to upper 60's along the coast and mid 70's to mid 90's inland.

Elsewhere in the western U.S. there will be scattered, wet thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening across New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and southern Montana. Northeast Washington and northern Idaho will have scattered mountain showers. High temperatures will be 60's to mid 70's along the coast, mid 60's to mid 80's in the mountains and 90's to 120 in the inland valleys.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			2,000				2,000
NORTHWEST	FIRES		4			14	6	24
	ACRES		17			9	4	30
CA-NORTH	FIRES	4				16	3	23
	ACRES	4				27	2	33
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	2	3			18	7	30
	ACRES	50	13			16	2,501	2,580
NORTHERN	FIRES	2	3	1		9	29	44
	ACRES	37	653	50		265	527	1,532
GB-EAST	FIRES		3			5		8
	ACRES		6,730			5		6,735
GB-WEST	FIRES	3	4					7
	ACRES	4	5,502					5,506
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		1				0	1

ROCKY MTN	FIRES	3	4		1	1	4	13
	ACRES	2	131		1	0	4	138
EASTERN	FIRES				1	66		67
	ACRES				36	258		294
SOUTHERN	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					188		188
TOTAL	FIRES	14	22	1	2	141	51	231
	ACRES	97	13,047	2,050	37	768	3,038	19,037

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	43	29	13	378		465
	ACRES	1	291696	281534	153850	254994		982075
NORTHWEST	FIRES	135	90	11	8	663	281	1188
	ACRES	2240	3533	3728	2	4153	1987	15643
CA-NORTH	FIRES	89	8	6	14	1723	340	2180
	ACRES	73	8946	33	34	8218	1401	18705
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	40	91	7	29	1867	497	2531
	ACRES	889	1164	11	13948	15646	7332	38990
NORTHERN	FIRE	328	25	10	4	299	304	970
	ACRES	4062	915	119	2	4251	1403	10752
GB-EAST	FIRES	26	360		14	145	187	732
	ACRES	1192	165060		7	13639	22550	202448
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	191	2	5	43	87	346
	ACRES	739	232022	116	3	4963	800	238643
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	745	109	8	31	699	1228	2820
	ACRES	12677	24352	225	371	67814	11341	116780
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	339	258	28	20	669	155	1469
	ACRES	5473	12043	661	13	48279	1123	67592
EASTERN	FIRES	513			73	12705	277	13568
	ACRES	2947			762	86800	4116	94625
SOUTHERN	FIRES	34		59	91	27498	779	28461
	ACRES	626		18803	11114	524402	42693	597638
TOTALS	FIRES	2269	1175	160	302	46689	4135	54730
	ACRES	30919	739731	305230	180106	1033159	94746	2383891
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								46915
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1577448

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

NORTHERNRO	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES						1	1
ROCKY MTN	ACRES						140	140
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES			2	1		2	5
TOTAL	ACRES			660	1,500		4,207	6,367
	FIRES	0	0	2	1	0	3	6
	ACRES	0	0	660	1,500	0	4,347	6,507

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
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						10	10
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				174			174
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	174	0	11	185

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	5	26,258	424	30,676
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	70	96,031
ALBERTA	17	262	701	75,224
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	5,689	104	122,716
SASKATCHEWAN	26	13,594	460	68,224
MANITOBA	5	6	402	90,306
ONTARIO	8	2	586	306,288
QUEBEC	7	8	668	92,134
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	192	42,785
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	3	491	1,222
NOVA SCOTIA	2	1	357	1,661
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	76
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	26	65,328
TOTALS	76	45,823	4,504	992,671

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	4	2	19	1	3				4	
CA-NORTH	3	1	14	2	1				9	1
CA-SOUTH	21	94	29	36	7	2			80	132
NORTHERN	8		43	18	6	2			44	25
GB-EAST	7	2	30	24	5	1	1		72	7
GB-WEST	21		12		7				67	6
SOUTHWEST	9				4	1			130	33
ROCKY MTN			5							
EASTERN	3	1		16		1			16	15
SOUTHERN									3	
TOTAL	76	100	152	97	33	7	1	0	425	219

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