

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Moderate initial attack activity occurred nationwide. New large fires were reported in the Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. Good progress was accomplished on large fires in Northern Rockies and southern California. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized a lead plane, air tankers, helicopters, infrared aircraft, telecommunications equipment, crews and miscellaneous overhead. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, North Dakota, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming and New Jersey.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

DEVIL STORM, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Darby, Montana. This incident includes the Devils Point and the Storm Ridge fires, which have burned together. The fire is burning in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. The fire grew from 12 to 500 acres yesterday. The current threat is to the Hell s Half Acre lookout. Hot, dry weather are hampering control efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
DEVIL STORM	MT	BRF	500	0	UNK	98	3	0	1	0	NR	NR
SHIVELY	MT	CRA	400	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
FISHEL CREEK CO	MT	SOS	33000	100	----	400	8	40	3	7	70K	595K

CRA = Crow Agency, BIA.

SOS = Southern Land Office, Montana State.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

EAST, Klamath National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. The East fire became a separately managed incident yesterday, due to fire size and an extensive burnout operation. Most resources from Happy Camp ABC have been reassigned to the East fire.

HAPPY CAMP ABC, Klamath National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. The Happy Camp Complex includes the Five fire (50 acres), the Lighting fire (35 acres), the Snag/Cub fire 10 acres, the Stein fire (10 acres), and the Lake (5 acres). Numerous snags continue to cause safety concerns for fire crews.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
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EAST	CA	KNF	1146	UNK	UNK	742	27	40	5	0	NR	284K
HAPPY CAMP ABC	CA	KNF	181	50	UNK	186	6	2	5	0	NR	1M

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

BULL ELK PARK, Big Horn National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles west of Dayton, Wyoming in Sheridan County. The combination of heavy dry fuels, unpredictable winds and inaccessible terrain increased the potential for fire spread. The east flank was secured by ground crews and aircraft support.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BULL ELK PARK	WY	BHF	130	10	UNK	171	7	0	2	0	0	NR	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

TURTLE, San Bernardino National Forest. This fire is near Interstate 15 and Cajon Pass. The fire is being managed under a Unified Incident Command Type II Team including, G. Gorley for the United States Forest Service, P. Kerrigan for the California Department of Forestry and T. Wellman for San Bernardino County. No significant fire activity occurred during the night. Demobilization will begin today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
TURTLE	CA	BDF	4035	90	7/28	1097	8	109	6	2	NR	327K	

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SOLDIER, Salmon/Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. These two lightning ignited fires, thirty miles northwest of Stanley, Idaho, are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
SOLDIER	ID	SCF	800	0	UNK	27	1	0	2	0	NR	74K	

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BILL BRANCH, National Forest of Florida. This fire is near Silver Springs, Florida. This fire was controlled, however strong winds pushed the fire across fire lines, increasing for an additional 12 acres. There is potential for increase in fire activity due to the lack of rain.

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BILL BRANCH	FL	FNF	227	90	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	12K	

OUTLOOK:

High pressure aloft continues to dominate the weather across the western United States. Monsoon moisture will continue to move northward out of the southwestern states. An upper level trough and low pressure system along the west coast will keep the Pacific Northwest, coastal California and much of the interior dry and warm.

Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, and eastern Idaho will have isolated to scattered afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. This activity will be prevalent over the mountains. Utah and Arizona may experience heavy rain accompanying thunderstorms.

Montana, Nevada, eastern Oregon, Wyoming and western Idaho will experience isolated dry thunderstorms.

The rest of the western states will be dry and mostly sunny, except for morning low clouds and fog along the California and Oregon coasts. High temperatures will be in the 80's to near 100 in most locations, with the exception of 70's in the mountains to near 110 in the desert lowlands.

Eastern Oregon, western Idaho, and Nevada will see relative humidities down to near 10 percent in the afternoon.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRE	1	1			13	8	23
	ACRES	2	0			6	3	11
CA-NORTH	FIRE		1			27	5	33
	ACRES		3			14	1051	1068
CA-SOUTH	FIRE	1				17	7	25
	ACRES	1				1269	1	1271
NORTHERN	FIRE	2				5	8	15
	ACRES	0				0	500	500
GB-EAST	FIRE		10			2	7	19
	ACRES		140			42	1	183
GB-WEST	FIRE	1	1					2

SOUTHWEST	ACRES	3	0					3
	FIRES	4				2	13	19
	ACRES	7				3	0	10
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		0			4	0	4
EASTERN	FIRES			1	11	6		18
	ACRES			1	67	18		86
SOUTHERN	FIRES				28	3		31
	ACRES				159	52		211
TOTAL	FIRES	9	14	0	1	106	58	188
	ACRES	13	143	0	1	1564	1626	3347

FIRE AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	28	13	379		464
	ACRES	1	299201	283294	155632	265424		1003552
NORTHWEST	FIRES	142	93	11	8	730	362	1346
	ACRES	2248	3534	3728	2	4273	2019	15804
CA-NORTH	FIRES	105	10	6	14	1822	405	2362
	ACRES	91	8952	33	34	8477	2733	20320
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	45	118	7	29	1959	521	2679
	ACRES	891	1276	11	13947	27237	11853	55215
NORTHERN	FIRE	372	37	12	5	354	373	1153
	ACRES	4355	2279	125	2	37789	2611	47161
GB-EAST	FIRES	27	389		14	175	224	829
	ACRES	1192	179447		7	19782	22608	223036
GB-WEST	FIRES	20	195	2	5	46	89	357
	ACRES	747	248209	116	3	20550	800	270425
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	753	109	8	31	704	1261	2866
	ACRES	12687	24352	225	371	67819	11344	116798
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	404	287	29	25	675	167	1587
	ACRES	8526	12061	663	14	48302	1253	70819
EASTERN	FIRES	513			73	12932	282	13800
	ACRES	2947			762	87099	4185	94993
SOUTHERN	FIRES	34		59	91	28022	790	28996
	ACRES	626		18803	11114	538633	43124	612300
TOTALS	FIRES	2417	1280	162	308	47798	4474	56439
	ACRES	34311	779311	306998	181888	1125385	102530	2530423
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								48430
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1713985

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			75				75
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERNRO	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		150					150
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					80		80
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			450			2258	2708
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	2	0	0	3	6
	ACRES	0	150	525	0	0	2338	3013

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					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
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	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	150	455	4797
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	95	159635
ALBERTA	2	1325	740	117397
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	17000	105	146931
SASKATCHEWAN	3	871	555	105887
MANITOBA	1	2	462	92075
ONTARIO	19	60	653	306449
QUEBEC	5	9	703	95148
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	198	43485
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	507	1231
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	366	1662
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	76
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	28	65329
TOTALS	33	19417	4890	1140102

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										
NORTHWEST	4	2	12	3	3				18	
CA-NORTH	23	17	22	24	3	9		2	153	75
CA-SOUTH	14	33	56	78	11				138	163
NORTHERN	15		25	46	5	2	1		117	21
GB-EAST	3	1	19	7	8				18	
GB-WEST			1							
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN	15	1	7		6	2	3		40	20
EASTERN									22	10
SOUTHERN			2	1					11	
TOTAL	74	54	144	159	36	13	4	2	517	289

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