

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1999 - 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Fire activity continues to intensify in the Southern Area as warm, dry and windy conditions prevail. Due to the fire activity in the South, Bennett's Type I Incident Management Team is being staged in the area to quickly respond to a new fire. The Rocky Mountain Area also reported a new large fire and was busy with initial attack activity as a strong cold front moved through last night, bringing high winds and mostly dry thunderstorms. The Eastern Area experienced moderate initial attack fire activity and reported one new large fire. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized helicopters, large transport aircraft, infrared aircraft, telecommunications equipment, crews, a Type I Incident Management Team and miscellaneous overhead. Studebaker's Type I Incident Management Team is being mobilized to Atlanta, Georgia for FEMA in anticipation of assistance to areas affected by Hurricane Lenny. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLOOD COMPLEX, Chattahoochee National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. These fires are burning in the Blood Mountain and Rich Wilderness areas near Blairsville, Georgia. No report was received on this fire.

BOOTENS GAP, Shenandoah National Park. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is ten miles east of Shenandoah, Virginia. No report was received on this fire.

STANLEY CREEK, Chattahoochee National Forest. This fire is burning in heavy fuels and steep terrain near Blue Ridge, Georgia. The situation has improved and mop-up is continuing.

BUZZARD CREEK, Daniel Boone National Forest. This fire is nine miles northeast of Whitley City, Kentucky. A hotshot crew assisted in burnout operations yesterday. The expected containment has been delayed until today.

AVEY COMPLEX, National Forests in North Carolina. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. This complex consists of the Avey Creek, Goldie Deaden, Pine Ridge, Horse Cove, Maple Springs and Sweet Water fires. The fires are burning five to eight miles from Robbinsville, North Carolina. Crews made good progress building and holding firelines on all of the fires. The Avey Creek and Horse Cove fires have burned together and made significant acreage gains yesterday. The Goldie Deaden fire also gained significant acreage.

ROBINSON COMPLEX, Buffalo National River, National Park Service. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bollman) is assigned. This is a complex of

several arson starts, which have burned into several large fires 25 miles southeast of Harrison, Arkansas. High winds, low humidities and poor access are hampering control efforts. The forecast calls for high winds and low humidities to continue for the next few days.

CREEK ABC, National Forests in Alabama. This complex consists of nine fires. No other information was reported.

ALABAMA ABC, National Forests in Alabama. This complex consists of six fires, four miles south of Duncanville, Alabama. The fires range from one to 100 acres.

FORT LEWIS MOUNTAIN, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire is five miles north of Salem, Virginia. Crews reestablished firelines that were lost Tuesday night. Approximately 95% of those lines were burned out. Reenforcement of the firelines will continue today.

DOG SLAUGHTER RIDGE 99, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire is seven miles northeast of Shenandoah, Virginia. No new information was reported on this fire which was last reported at 500 acres. This will be the last report, unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLOOD COMPLEX	GA	CHF	2600	60	UNK	200	8	7	1	0	NR	NR
BOOTENS GAP	VA	SHP	500	UNK	NR	30	2	0	0	0	NR	NR
STANLEY CREEK	GA	CHF	600	80	UNK	30	1	2	0	0	NR	NR
BUZZARD CREEK	KY	DBF	1000	50	11/18	25	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
WHITTLETON BRAN	KY	DBF	210	100	-----	25	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
TOWN BRANCH #2	KY	DBF	1961	100	-----	174	8	4	2	0	784K	65K
AVEY COMPLEX	NC	NCF	1800	30	11/20	291	12	0	0	0	NR	148K
ROBINSON	AR	BUP	1500	10	UNK	40	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
PONTZER	VA	VAS	250	100	-----	40	2	0	0	0	NR	NR
CREEK ABC	AL	ALF	203	90	11/17	20	1	2	1	0	NR	NR
ALABAMA ABC	AL	ALF	401	50	11/20	24	1	2	1	0	NR	NR
FORT LEWIS MOUN	VA	VAS	900	90	11/18	80	2	6	2	0	NR	NR
RED MUD CREEK	TX	TXS	270	100	-----	66	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
DOG SLAUGHTER R	VA	VAS	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MIDDLE DERBY, White River National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and timber, 25 miles northwest of Eagle, Colorado in the Flat Top Wilderness. Access is limited, with a three-mile hike to the fire from the end of the road. Safety concerns include falling snags and high winds gusting to 50 MPH. As a result, no personnel were assigned to the fireline yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MIDDLE DERBY	CO	WRF	240	0	UNK	72	2	0	1	0	NR	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FLETCHER #4, Mark Twain National Forest. This arson fire was started Sunday evening near Salem, Missouri. The fire is burning in mixed hardwoods with leaf litter and light slash. Spotting, fire whirls, unseasonably warm temperatures, low humidities and high winds are causing control problems.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FLETCHER #4	MO	MTF	730	90	11/18	65	3	2	0	0	51K	18K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BROKEN COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is eight miles west, northwest of Heber, Arizona. No new information was reported on this fire which was last reported at 150 acres. This will be the last report, unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BROKEN COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR LOW HUMIDITIES AND MODERATE SOUTHERLY WINDS IN MISSOURI, AND FOR LOW HUMIDITIES IN KENTUCKY. ***

Missouri will be sunny and warmer with high temperatures in the 70's. Relative humidity will range from 25-35 percent, with south winds at 15-30 MPH.

Kentucky will be partly sunny and warm with high temperatures in the mid 60's in the east and mid 70's in the west. Relative humidity will be 25 percent in the east and 25-35 percent in the west. Winds will be south to southwest at 10-20 MPH.

Georgia and North Carolina will be sunny with high temperatures ranging from 55 to 70 degrees. Relative humidity will be 25-35 percent, with light winds at 5-10 MPH.

Virginia will be mostly sunny with high temperatures in the mid 60's to lower 70's. Relative humidity will be 25-35 percent, with southwest winds at 10-20 MPH.

Colorado will be partly cloudy with widely scattered showers in the west and snow showers in the mountains. High temperatures will be in the 40's and 50's, with 30's and 40's in the mountains. Strong westerly winds will likely develop in areas east of the Continental Divide. Winds could gust to 70 MPH in the higher terrain of the front range and to 60 MPH on the adjacent high plains after sunrise.

Southern California will be sunny with high temperatures in the 50's in the mountains and 60's in valleys. Relative humidity will be 10-20 percent with southwest winds in the mountains at 5-15 MPH and northeast winds at 5-15 MPH in the valleys.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					9	0	9
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	10	10
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					0	177	177
EASTERN	FIRES					8	16	24
	ACRES					79	981	1060
SOUTHERN	FIRES					354	13	367
	ACRES					10759	938	11697
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	372	34	407
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10847	2106	12953

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	42	31	13	395	0	482
	ACRES	1	301525	285194	155932	277788	0	1020440
NORTHWEST	FIRES	380	449	20	62	1994	1584	4489
	ACRES	19527	35001	47617	24	14318	9310	125797
CA-NORTH	FIRES	152	57	7	29	3402	1158	4805
	ACRES	218	24710	33	131	133762	318574	477428

CA-SOUTH	FIRES	82	167	10	63	3466	1067	4855
	ACRES	1697	6998	92	14046	50388	185343	258564
NORTHERN	FIRE	644	69	33	13	894	1369	3022
	ACRES	12853	12358	1094	5	97453	76652	200415
GB-EAST	FIRES	68	877		29	420	799	2193
	ACRES	9405	484690		60	43422	10212	547789
GB-WEST	FIRES	35	759	3	6	74	237	1114
	ACRES	955	1528164	116	4	162438	15564	1707241
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	816	150	10	61	838	1594	3469
	ACRES	13107	27696	245	421	70547	13852	125868
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	699	462	39	51	1691	354	3296
	ACRES	13630	16048	907	77	68963	6308	105933
EASTERN	FIRES	606			134	16148	539	17427
	ACRES	3018			1242	109609	7150	121019
SOUTHERN	FIRES	39		79	125	41201	1353	42797
	ACRES	696		27681	12586	754550	57119	852632
TOTALS	FIRES	3522	3032	232	586	70523	10054	87949
	ACRES	75107	2437190	362979	184528	1783238	700084	5543126

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL

ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						44	44
CA-NORTH	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						406	406
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			0			6	6
	ACRES			10			1868	1878
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1300	1300
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						750	750
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1	1		1	3
	ACRES			1700	74		14	1788
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	21	23
	ACRES	0	0	1710	74	0	4382	6166

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

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										
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH	2		1	1	3	1			3	6
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST			4							
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	2					1			10	
ROCKY MTN	1	1			3				17	8
EASTERN	1	3	3	1					26	
SOUTHERN	46	7	25	18	13	4			501	37
TOTAL	52	11	33	20	19	6	0	0	557	51

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