

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and minimal in most other areas. New large fire activity was reported in the Eastern Great Basin, Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. Large fire activity continued in the Northern California, Southern California, Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas. Competition exists for Type I crews. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized airtankers, helicopters, infrared aircraft, telecommunications equipment, commissary, engines, caterer, shower unit, smokejumpers, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. This fire is located near Willow Creek, northeast of Lake Arrowhead, CA. The fire has jumped State Highway 173 and is now threatening the communities of Apple valley, Lucerne Valley, Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. Rare and endangered species are threatened. Firefighters performed a backfire operation North of Lake Arrowhead. Extreme winds and steep terrain are causing control problems. The fire has destroyed 30 structures.

MIXING, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) is assigned. This fire is located on State Highway 243 near Mountain Center, CA. Herkey Creek Campground has been evacuated. Mt. Baldy Trailer Park is under a voluntary evacuation. State Highway 74 between Mountain Center and Lake Hemet is open to residents by escort only.

BRIDGE, Angeles National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is located on Highway 39 north of the city of Azusa, CA. The fire is burning in pine, oak, and brush in rugged terrain. Three recreational cabins have been lost. The fire is heading toward the town of Pine Mountain. State Highway 39 is closed. Crystal Lake, Falling Springs, Coldbrook and Deer Flat recreational areas have been evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WILLOW	CA	BDF	55400	25	UNK	299	42	21	2	30	NR	NR
MIXING	CA	BDF	3000	70	UNK	371	19	47	4	NR	NR	NR
BRIDGE	CA	ANF	3000	15	UNK	NR	26	16	1	3	NR	NR
COULTERVILLE	CA	MMU	1000	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WIND	CA	KRN	300	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MERCED	CA	MMU	500	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

PINE	CA	RRU	1523	100	----	772	25	47	6	6	NR	NR
SHANNON	CA	LAC	3065	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	NR	NR

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MMU = Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry.  
 KRN = Kern County Fire Department.  
 RRU = Riverside Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry.  
 LAC = Los Angeles County.

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES

MHRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. The complex consists of nine fires of which four are contained. Current threats are to structures in the State Highway 70 corridor.

FRRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. This complex consists of six lightning fires north and west of Lake Oroville. Crews have begun constructing fireline on the Stag Point fire. Demobilization of some resources has begun.

HIGH COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Young) is in effect. This complex consists of 19 lightning fires 22 miles north of Redding. Burnout operations continues near structures.

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bacon) is assigned. This complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville. The complex consists of five lightning fires, the Onion (3,020 acres), Fawn (1,920 acres), Soldier/Megram (295 acres) and Dee s (1 acre). Crews are constructing fireline along the north and south flanks of the Fawn fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	12342	30	UNK	2160	54	75	0	0	NR	6.5M
FRRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	3755	72	UNK	1350	69	37	8	0	NR	3.8M
HIGH COMPLEX	CA	SHF	18500	20	9/4	1748	52	101	9	0	NR	NR
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	5235	16	UNK	934	27	32	9	0	NR	NR
SHASTA-TRINITY	CA	SHU	2500	100	----	600	22	25	5	0	NR	NR
YELLOW PINE COM	CA	MDF	34441	100	----	250	3	25	2	0	NR	1.5M

SHU = Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry.  
 MDF = Modoc National Forest.

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN FIRES:

PARKER, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. This fire is located southwest of Dugway Proving Grounds. The fire started on Dugway Proving Grounds and spread to public lands. Strong winds and dry fuels are causing control problems.

EAST SLICK, Lower Snake River District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. This fire is five miles south of Glenns Ferry, ID. The fire was started by a downed power line. The fire growth is a result of strong winds associated with a cold front. A potato cellar was destroyed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PARKER	UT	SLD	800	50	UNK	6	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
EAST SLICK	ID	BOD	34000	40	9/2	153	2	21	3	1	NR	NR
FLAT	UT	SLD	1805	100	----	55	2	1	1	0	NR	NR

SLD = Salt Lake Field Office, BLM.

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES

ASH CREEK, Crow Agency, BIA. This fire is located near Wyola, MT. No new information was received.

ANACONDA, Glacier National Park, NPS. This fire is located near West Glacier, MT. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

BRINEY, Southern Land Office, Montana State. This fire is located near the town of Briney, MT. Concerns include predicted winds of 50 MPH.

WESSEL, Southern Land Office, Montana State. This fire is burning in timber and grass. High winds are a concern.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ASH CREEK	MT	CRA	500	80	UNK	85	3	4	1	NR	NR	NR
ANACONDA	MT	GNP	600	0	UNK	14	0	0	0	0	NR	14K
BRINEY	MT	SOS	850	50	UNK	50	0	0	1	0	NR	NR
WESSEL	MT	SOS	1000	50	9/1	16	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

#### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

DARBY SPRINGS, Texas State. This fire is located southeast of the town of Lydia, TX. An accident occurred involving a type II helicopter while performing bucket operations. There were no injuries.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
DARBY SPRINGS	TX	TXS	2000	45	9/2	42	0	0	2	0	NR	NR

PITCHFORK	TX	TXS	1960	100	----	15	0	4	0	NR	NR	NR
CORBETT RANCH	TX	TXS	220	100	----	17	0	2	2	0	NR	NR

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TXS = Texas State

#### WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
SELLEM	NV	ELD	10000	100	----	314	9	7	4	0	NR	NR

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ELD = Ely Field Office, BLM.

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR SOUTHERN NEVADA FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY. \*\*\*

An upper level trough will dominate the northern tier states with cool temperatures in the 60's and 70's. Partly cloudy skies are expected with mostly dry conditions. There will be a chance of showers and wet thunderstorms over Montana and Wyoming. West to southwest winds of 15 to 25 MPH will blow east of the Rockies over Montana and Wyoming. A surface low pressure will form over Wyoming, Utah and into southeastern Nevada. A cold front will lie along this axis. South to southwest winds of 15 to 30 MPH will blow ahead of this front over southern Utah, southern Nevada and northwest Arizona.

The monsoonal axis will bring scattered wet thunderstorms to central and eastern Arizona, New Mexico and into Colorado. A few isolated thunderstorms are expected over southeast Utah with a chance of thunderstorms over the mountains of southern California. Northern California will lie in the cool air mass of the trough with partly cloudy skies and a slight chance of showers.

Southern and central California will lay south of the front with partly cloudy skies, a chance of showers and thunderstorms over the Sierra Nevada. There will be breezy southwest winds of 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Lowest relative humidity readings will occur over southern Nevada valleys with minimums of 8 to 13 percent. Surrounding this, will be an area with relative humidity minimums of 15 to 25 percent over southern Utah, northwest Arizona, southern California and central Nevada.

Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas will be partly cloudy, with a slight chance of wet thunderstorms over Texas. Thunderstorms will be widely scattered over southern Arkansas. Temperatures will be in the 90's with a few 100 degree readings in south Texas. South winds of 15 to 20 MPH will blow over northeast Texas and Oklahoma.

## FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	3			2	1	7
	ACRES	0	80			1	0	81
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				20	2	23
	ACRES	1				1224	1484	2709
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				2	17	2	21
	ACRES				1	2002	13900	15903
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				1	6	8
	ACRES	1				1050	0	1051
GB-EAST	FIRES		3			2	3	8
	ACRES		33860			4	0	33864
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1	1		1	1	4
	ACRES		0	0		0	0	0
EASTERN	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						8	8
SOUTHERN	FIRES					150	8	158
	ACRES					4627	146	4773
TOTAL	FIRES	3	8	1	2	193	29	236
	ACRES	2	33941	0	1	8908	15538	58390

## FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	42	31	13	388	0	475
	ACRES	1	301525	285194	155932	277772	0	1020424
NORTHWEST	FIRES	333	360	16	47	1419	1262	3437
	ACRES	8048	28231	44629	189	7176	4123	92396
CA-NORTH	FIRES	123	49	7	23	2578	937	3717
	ACRES	189	14001	33	132	61114	78792	154261
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	62	136	9	52	2523	765	3547
	ACRES	1627	6290	12	13953	27613	28209	77704
NORTHERN	FIRE	485	65	19	11	711	1207	2498
	ACRES	5566	4998	178	2	40125	5697	56566
GB-EAST	FIRES	55	669		20	272	611	1627
	ACRES	4725	413863		38	38957	6014	463597
GB-WEST	FIRES	31	597	3	5	81	176	893
	ACRES	755	1392340	116	3	25632	14236	1433082
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	792	119	9	43	757	1412	3132
	ACRES	13082	27133	225	410	69302	11426	121578
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	479	384	34	43	953	229	2122
	ACRES	8813	12873	705	49	51768	3220	77428
EASTERN	FIRES	513			86	14475	321	15395
	ACRES	2947			810	91854	4277	99888

SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		70	96	32025	946	33173
	ACRES	667		21456	11125	612581	45035	690864
TOTALS	FIRES	2910	2421	198	439	56182	7866	70016
	ACRES	46420	2201254	352548	182643	1303894	201029	4287788
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								58190
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2562716

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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
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
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
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5

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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		0	0
	ACRES				43		15	58
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				60		2	62
GB-EAST	FIRES							0

GB-WEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	FIRES	0	0	0	103	0	17	120

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	1	0	1008	7715
YUKON TERRITORY			159	185941
ALBERTA	2	0	1169	117792
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			164	533529
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	721	178525
MANITOBA	2	453	580	118151
ONTARIO	22	2012	907	318106
QUEBEC	17	1	880	95584
NEWFOUNDLAND			214	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	558	1250
NOVA SCOTIA			413	1695
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	46	2466	6838	1667203

#### 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	2	4	6	3	1				36	7
CA-NORTH	121	120	103	335	8	32	2	3	546	532
CA-SOUTH	98	12	31	57	25	4	10		88	5
NORTHERN	14		20	18	3	2			28	9
GB-EAST	10		23	13	8	1			21	1

GB-WEST	10	1	6	6	4				55	3
SOUTHWEST	1			10						18
ROCKY MTN			5		1					
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	10		2	5					34	4
TOTAL	266	137	196	447	50	39	12	3	808	579

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