

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was minimal in most areas. Large fire activity continued in the Northern California, Northwest, Western Great Basin, Southern and Eastern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized infrared aircraft, helicopters, an airtanker, telecommunications equipment, crews and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, South Dakota, Wyoming, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

MHRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. Two uncontained fires in the complex (Bucks and Pigeon) continued to be active. Direct attack attempts were unsuccessful due to active fire behavior and spotting.

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bacon) is assigned. This complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of three lightning started fires; the Onion (12,198 acres), Fawn (4,217 acres) and Soldier/Megram (1,127 acres). Aerial operations were suspended due to a smoke inversion on the Onion Fire. Crews were able to hold the fireline along the New River and completed firelines around the two largest fires. Residential structures, a key watershed, and salmon and steelhead habitat continue to be threatened.

STEIN, Klamath National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area, twelve miles northeast of Forks of the Salmon, CA. The fire is burning in heavy concentrations of snags and downed timber. Crews and smokejumpers attempted to contain spot fires with the aid of air support. Suppression activity on the main fire is limited due to hazardous conditions.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	25321	35	UNK	3228	123	158	0	0	NR	8.1M
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	17542	60	9/10	1137	34	57	8	0	NR	8.0M
STEIN	CA	KNF	700	0	UNK	328	9	0	12	0	NR	NR
HIGH COMPLEX	CA	SHF	38080	100	---	1258	38	55	4	0	NR	15.7M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

CEMETERY, Carson City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management

Team (Giampaoli) is assigned. Dozer and hand constructed firelines were completed around the fire. These firelines were secured by burnouts. Two spot fires were quickly contained. Containment was expected on 9/7.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CEMETERY	NV	CCD	4120	60	9/7	328	9	16	5	0	NR	720K
CHINA GULCH	NV	HUF	400	100	----	122	4	9	0	0	NR	NR

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

RAINBOW QUARRY, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Andrade) is assigned. This fire is ten miles southwest of Maupin, OR. A major burnout of unburned areas in the interior of the fire was successful yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
RAINBOW QUARRY	OR	WSA	2586	65	9/8	353	12	16	4	0	NR	150K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

OAK CREEK, Texas State. This fire is seventeen miles southwest of Rock Springs, TX. It is burning in grass and juniper. Fire fighters began mopup operations yesterday. Control problems include steep, rocky terrain, with poor road access.

BANKHEAD COMPLEX, Alabama Forestry Commission. This complex is near the community of Black Pond, Alabama and consists of twenty fires. Extremely dry conditions are causing control problems.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
OAK CREEK	TX	WTS	1000	80	UNK	35	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
BANKHEAD COMPLE	AL	ALF	341	UNK	9/11	67	1	5	2	0	65K	60K

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NOONMARK MOUNTAIN, New York State. This fire is located in Essex County. It is burning in a remote area with limited access. Steep slopes and rock outcrops hampered control efforts.

INCIDENT	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
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NAME			CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
NOONMARK MOUNTA	NY	NYS	90	20	UNK	70	4	0	5	0	NR

NYS = New York State.

OUTLOOK:

A broad, dry and stable upper level high pressure will dominate the entire western United States creating mostly sunny conditions. A surface high pressure will center over Montana and Wyoming with a surface low pressure trough extending from southwest Arizona north along the California/Nevada border and into western Oregon and Washington. Dry easterly winds will once again occur east of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon with onshore winds over central and southern California. The best chance of thunderstorms and precipitation will be over southern New Mexico. Temperatures will range from the 70's along the Pacific Coast to extremes of 108 in the Southwest deserts. Inland areas of the west can expect temperatures in the 80's to low 90's. Low relative humidity readings will occur over the Great Basin with minimums of 10 to 20 percent.

Alabama will be partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the south. High temperatures will be in the 90's, with minimum humidity levels dropping to 20-30 percent.

Texas can expect partly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms. They will be more numerous in the southern part of the state. There will be isolated thunderstorms in west Texas and up into the panhandle. High temperatures will be in the 90's.

New York State will be mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. High temperatures will be in the 70's to lower 80's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	3	2			6	4	15
	ACRES	1	0			16	0	17
CA-NORTH	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					5	2767	2772
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					12	2	14
	ACRES					19	18	37
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	2				0	0	2
GB-EAST	FIRES					1	4	5
	ACRES					1	92	93
GB-WEST	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0

SOUTHWEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1			3		4
	ACRES		1			0		1
EASTERN	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					3		3
SOUTHERN	FIRES					341	21	362
	ACRES					3865	105	3970
TOTAL	FIRES	4	3	0	0	379	36	422
	ACRES	3	1	0	0	3909	2982	6895

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	338	382	16	48	1466	1316	3566
	ACRES	10449	28316	44629	189	7998	4171	95752
CA-NORTH	FIRES	127	53	7	25	2671	966	3849
	ACRES	190	23707	33	132	61374	130738	216174
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	63	136	9	52	2600	791	3651
	ACRES	1633	6290	12	13953	33154	95176	150218
NORTHERN	FIRES	499	65	19	11	725	1241	2560
	ACRES	5515	4999	178	2	40144	5706	56544
GB-EAST	FIRES	55	694		21	280	624	1674
	ACRES	4725	415330		38	39361	6015	465469
GB-WEST	FIRES	32	611	3	5	84	185	920
	ACRES	775	1394861	116	3	25634	14539	1435928
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	795	120	9	44	761	1430	3159
	ACRES	13085	27133	225	410	69302	11850	122005
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	526	387	36	46	956	239	2190
	ACRES	9415	12874	711	51	51769	3229	78049
EASTERN	FIRES	513			86	14509	331	15439
	ACRES	2947			810	91867	4289	99913
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		70	96	32792	1001	33995
	ACRES	667		21456	11125	622647	45928	701823
TOTALS	FIRES	2985	2490	200	447	57232	8124	71478
	ACRES	49402	2215035	352554	182645	1321022	321641	4442299
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								60558
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2693603

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		1300					1300
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0

CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES						1	1
GB-EAST	ACRES						1	1
	FIRES						3	3
GB-WEST	ACRES						270	270
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES						1	1
ROCKY MTN	ACRES						30	30
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES				1			1
TOTAL	ACRES				27			27
	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	5	6
	ACRES	0	1300	0	27	0	301	1628

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				10		20	30
NORTHERN	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				0		56	56
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						100	100
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	10	0	176	186

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			1018	7726
YUKON TERRITORY			159	185941
ALBERTA			1170	118850
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			164	533529
SASKATCHEWAN			722	178928
MANITOBA			590	120095
ONTARIO			955	320461
QUEBEC			930	95806
NEWFOUNDLAND			215	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK			569	1224
NOVA SCOTIA			416	1696
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	0	0	6973	1673171

Canada is reporting on Wednesdays

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	13	5	17	9	7				65	9
CA-NORTH	133	79	156	157	9	23			721	367
CA-SOUTH	127	35	45	170	10	24			481	146
NORTHERN	3		12		2	1			1	
GB-EAST	3		10		3				11	
GB-WEST	4	9	26	16		6			42	28
SOUTHWEST	1		2	10						10
ROCKY MTN			3							
EASTERN		4				5				24
SOUTHERN	13		11	5		4			51	1
TOTAL	297	132	282	367	31	63	0	0	1372	585

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