

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in California, Southern, and Northwest Areas, and minimal elsewhere. Large fire activity continued in California and the Northwest Areas. Containment objectives were reached on large fires in Western Great Basin and Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized infrared aircraft, large transport aircraft, a helicopter, crews, a caterer, a shower, radio equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Indiana, South Dakota, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. This complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of the Onion, Fawn and Soldier/Megram fires. Current concerns are with holding the Fawn fire on the southern and northwest perimeters. The Megram fire is burning actively to the north and northeast. Crews are successfully holding the Onion fire within the existing fireline. Residential structures, key watershed, salmon and steelhead habitat and wilderness areas continue to be threatened.

STEIN, Klamath National Forest. This fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area, twelve miles northeast of Forks of the Salmon, CA. Transition to a Type III Forest Incident Management Team was completed yesterday. Fire activity is minimal. Crews mopped up remaining hot spots.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	31293	55	UNK	873	25	38	9	0	NR	11.5M
STEIN	CA	KNF	876	95	9/16	318	3	0	3	0	NR	2.2M
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	46143	100	---	2197	120	77	7	0	NR	27.5M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

KIRK COMPLEX, Las Padres National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) are assigned. This complex is in the Ventana Wilderness, approximately twenty miles southeast of Carmel, CA. The Type I Team is managing the Tassajara and Five fires, while the Type II Team has the Hare and Kirk fires. Fire behavior on both sets of fires is expected to increase significantly today due to warmer and drier weather conditions.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	2475	20	UNK	1008	26	16	22	0	NR	3.0M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FLOYD. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is staged in Atlanta, Georgia, and a Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is on standby in anticipation of the landfall of Hurricane Floyd some time today or tomorrow. Mandatory evacuation of coastal Florida, Georgia and South Carolina is occurring.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

MONTEITH ROCK, Willamette National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is four miles east of Oakridge, OR. Light winds and cooperative weather are aiding suppression efforts. Burnout operations are planned for today to strengthen control lines. The presence of heavy fuels in old-growth timber will require extensive mop up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MONTEITH ROCK	OR	WIF	275	30	9/17	622	30	11	6	0	2.5M	716K

OUTLOOK:

****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR THE WESTERN FLORIDA PANHANDLE FOR LOW HUMIDITY THIS AFTERNOON****

High pressure on the surface and aloft will weaken over the Northwest today. Dry conditions will prevail, along with seasonable temperatures across Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

A weak upper level low moving into Utah will bring a chance of afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms into eastern Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico. It will remain dry across California as this upper level low moves east.

Southern Texas will be warm and dry as high pressure remains in place. A cold front sagging across northern Texas will create a slight chance for afternoon showers and thunderstorms.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1			24	4	29
	ACRES		1			7	12	20
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				10	7	18
	ACRES	1				1	1352	1354
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					8	14	22
	ACRES					83	1279	1362
NORTHERN	FIRES	2					1	3
	ACRES	2					0	2
GB-EAST	FIRES		2			2	4	8
	ACRES		5			0	2	7
GB-WEST	FIRES		7					7
	ACRES		3					3
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2					16	18
	ACRES	0					0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
SOUTHERN	FIRES					80	2	82
	ACRES					513	1	514
TOTAL	FIRES	5	10	0	0	124	51	190
	ACRES	3	9	0	0	604	2648	3264

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	42	31	13	389	0	476
	ACRES	1	301525	285194	155932	277787	0	1020439
NORTHWEST	FIRES	344	393	16	48	1584	1368	3753
	ACRES	10481	28341	44629	189	8598	4609	96847
CA-NORTH	FIRES	129	55	7	26	2793	1015	4025
	ACRES	192	23708	33	132	62164	165128	251357
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	65	142	9	52	2735	863	3866
	ACRES	1633	6492	12	13953	33751	100178	156019
NORTHERN	FIRES	506	65	19	12	735	1280	2617
	ACRES	5526	4998	178	2	40180	5734	56618
GB-EAST	FIRES	58	718		23	305	656	1760
	ACRES	4826	421413		38	39536	6213	472026
GB-WEST	FIRES	33	672	3	5	89	195	997
	ACRES	776	1536406	116	3	25709	15989	1578999
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	799	120	10	44	765	1459	3197
	ACRES	13085	27133	245	410	69305	11863	122041
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	528	408	36	46	956	255	2229
	ACRES	9417	13345	710	51	51768	3205	78496
EASTERN	FIRES	513			86	14937	341	15877
	ACRES	2947			810	93708	4301	101766
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		70	96	34538	1079	35819

	ACRES	667		21456	11125	639577	46681	719506
TOTALS	FIRES	3012	2615	201	451	59826	8511	74616
	ACRES	49551	2363361	352573	182645	1342083	363901	4654114
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								62387
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2782026

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1500					1500
CA-NORTH	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			640				640
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				18			18
NORTHERN	FIRES						11	11
	ACRES						1458	1458
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						300	300
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						300	300
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						34	34
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	13	15
	ACRES	0	1500	640	18	0	2092	4250

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				73		250	323
NORTHERN	FIRES						0	0

	ACRES						317	317
GB-EAST	FIRES				50		0	50
	ACRES				0		284	284
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	50	0	0	50
	ACRES	0	0	0	73	0	851	924

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			1028	7727
YUKON TERRITORY			159	185949
ALBERTA			1171	118697
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			165	533714
SASKATCHEWAN			723	178928
MANITOBA			597	120989
ONTARIO			981	326782
QUEBEC			997	97542
NEWFOUNDLAND			223	43495
NEW BRUNSWICK			584	1233
NOVA SCOTIA			425	1698
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	0	0	7118	1682179

Canada is reporting weekly on Wednesdays

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	20	44	23	19	7	11	1		181	178	
CA-NORTH	104	51	88	67	9	14		1	426	356	
CA-SOUTH	93	25	52	57	44	12	11		312	41	
NORTHERN	1		7		1	1			2		
GB-EAST	4	2	16	3	8				10		
GB-WEST			10	7							
SOUTHWEST											
ROCKY MTN			6	4							
EASTERN									3		
SOUTHERN	2	2	7		4	1			96	14	
TOTAL	224	124	209	157	73	39	12	1	1030	589	

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