

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity increased in the Southern Area and was minimal elsewhere. Large fire activity continued in the Northern California, Southern California and Northwest Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized helicopters, infrared aircraft, meteorological equipment, a commissary, a shower unit, radio equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. A tractor plow operator on a Mississippi State fire received second degree burns, was treated at the hospital and released. Mississippi State also reported that a tractor plow unit was overrun by a fire. Although the unit was destroyed, the operator was not injured. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Idaho, Utah, California, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, South Dakota, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The complex, which is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA, will transition from a Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) to a Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) this morning. The complex consists of the Fawn, Soldier, Megram, and Onion fires. The Fawn fire continues to spread west of Jeep Ridge, but has remained south of Soldier creek. Crews are holding the southern and northwest portions of this fire. The Megram fire is burning actively to the south, backing downhill. Objectives are to keep this fire from crossing Virgin Creek. Active burning occurred in the interior of the Onion fire. Inversions continue to pose problems for air support.

STEIN, Klamath National Forest. This fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area, twelve miles northeast of Forks of the Salmon, CA. Crews worked to mop up 300 feet in from the fire s perimeter. Demobilization is underway.

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	32181	55	UNK	899	25	38	9	0	NR	12.7M
STEIN	CA	KNF	876	95	9/16	318	3	0	3	0	NR	2.2M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

KIRK COMPLEX, Los Padres National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) has assumed command of the Kirk Complex North, which includes the Tassajara, Five, and Mountain fires. A Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned to the Kirk Complex South, which includes the Hare and Kirk fires. This complex is in the Ventana Wilderness, approximately twenty miles southeast of Carmel, CA. The

Tassajara and Five fires expanded rapidly under northwest winds and are expected to burn together. The Mountain fire is a lightning holdover which grew significantly yesterday and is 0% contained. The Hare fire did not expand as quickly as the northern fires and may be contained within a few more days.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	2700	10	UNK	1574	26	16	22	0	NR	5.9M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FLOYD. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) will arrive in Sumter, SC today to manage a receiving and distribution center at Shaw Air Force Base. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ferguson) has set up a receiving and distribution center at Dobbins Air Force Base near Atlanta. The hurricane is expected to make landfall near Wilmington, NC this morning.

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. Yesterday's burnout operation was successful and another burnout is planned for today. The estimated loss figure refers to high value old-growth timber.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MONTEITH ROCK	OR	WIF	275	55	9/17	641	24	11	6	0	2.5M	1.1M

OUTLOOK:

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

High pressure will weaken over the Northwest today as a low pressure area moves east across southern Canada. Dry conditions will continue to dominate in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

A weak upper level low moving into Colorado will bring a chance of afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms into eastern Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico.

California will remain dry with low humidities.

Southern Texas will be warm and dry as high pressure builds. Lingering

moisture across northern and western Texas will result in a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2	1			11	0	14
	ACRES	2	0			16	8	26
CA-NORTH	FIRES					12	4	16
	ACRES					23	888	911
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2315	2315
NORTHERN	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES		11				1	12
	ACRES		30				7	37
GB-WEST	FIRES		5			1		6
	ACRES		12			1		13
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					6	7
	ACRES	0					0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1	101	2	104
	ACRES				2	3482	10	3494
TOTAL	FIRES	3	17	0	1	126	19	166
	ACRES	2	42	0	2	3522	3228	6796

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	346	394	16	48	1599	1369	3772
	ACRES	10483	28341	44629	189	8658	4610	96910
CA-NORTH	FIRES	129	55	7	26	2805	1014	4036
	ACRES	192	23708	33	132	62187	166016	252268
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	65	142	9	52	2735	871	3874
	ACRES	1633	6492	12	13953	33751	102493	158334
NORTHERN	FIRE	506	65	19	12	737	1282	2621
	ACRES	5526	4998	178	2	40180	5734	56618
GB-EAST	FIRES	58	731		23	305	657	1774
	ACRES	4826	421444		38	39536	6220	472064
GB-WEST	FIRES	33	675	3	5	90	197	1003
	ACRES	776	1536418	116	3	25710	15989	1579012

SOUTHWEST	FIRES	800	120	10	44	765	1465	3204
	ACRES	13085	27133	245	410	69305	11864	122042
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	528	408	36	46	956	259	2233
	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	97	34623	1081	35907
	ACRES	667		21456	11127	640346	46691	720287
TOTALS	FIRES	3015	2632	201	452	59941	8536	74777
	ACRES	49553	2363404	352573	182647	1342936	367123	4658236
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								62501
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2783634

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		15000					15000
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				12			12
NORTHERN	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1007	1007
GB-EAST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2312	2312
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						70	70
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	0	0	11	14
	ACRES	0	15000	0	12	0	3389	18401

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				82		410	492
NORTHERN	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						15	15
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	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	82	0	425	507

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	19	7	1047	7734
YUKON TERRITORY	1	13	160	185962
ALBERTA	11	37	1182	118860
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	4301	166	538015
SASKATCHEWAN	2		725	178928
MANITOBA	4		601	120989
ONTARIO	14	5	995	326787
QUEBEC	16	3	1013	97545
NEWFOUNDLAND	11		225	35197
NEW BRUNSWICK	5		589	1242
NOVA SCOTIA	7	4	432	1702
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0		25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	1		40	65368
TOTALS	92	4370	7200	1678386

Canada is reporting weekly 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	15	19	29	20	8	5			197	42
CA-NORTH	18	19	51	35	7	10		4	192	70
CA-SOUTH	117	25	62	57	41	13	11		312	41
NORTHERN			7		1	1				
GB-EAST	3	2	15	1	5				10	
GB-WEST			2	5	1					
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN			7	4						
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	1		9	4	4				88	7
TOTAL	154	65	182	126	67	29	11	4	799	160

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