

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Eastern, Southern, Northern California, and Northwest Areas and light elsewhere. New large fire activity was reported in the Western Great Basin and Northwest Areas. Large fire activity continued in California and the Southern Area. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized crews, a lead plane, an air tanker, a helicopter, radio equipment, a shower unit, a commissary, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, Texas, Georgia, and Indiana.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) and Type II Incident Management Team (Welch) are assigned. The complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of the Megram, Fawn, and Onion fires. The Onion fire has experienced some reburns in isolated portions of the fire, but it is still holding within existing control lines. The Megram fire has combined with the Fawn fire and is still burning actively. On the east side, fire in the Slide Creek and Eagle Creek drainages is burning toward control lines. Active fire in the Trinity Mountain area continues to threaten the Six Rivers National Forest and the Klamath National Forest. Other threats are to structures, salmon and steelhead habitat, and key watershed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	51707	43	UNK	1868	61	44	13	0	NR	18.2M	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

KIRK COMPLEX, Los Padres National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to 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. Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Haines) is in effect. This complex is in the Ventana Wilderness, approximately twenty miles southeast of Carmel, CA. The Tassajara fire continues to grow in a northeasterly and southeasterly direction. In the Kirk Complex South, burnout operations were completed eastward along Nacimiento-Fergusson Road and across the Limekiln drainage. Crews were able to keep the fire within control lines. Managers in the Kirk Complex North are considering several suppression strategies and planning burnout operations based on an opportunity to complete containment without jeopardizing natural resources or firefighter safety.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	32023	16	UNK	3614	134	98	25	0	NR	23.4M	

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SEBASTOPOL, Siskiyou National Forest. This fire is five miles west of Cave Junction, Oregon. It is burning in mixed conifer and scrub brush. Crews made good progress yesterday in steep and rough terrain with the assistance of helicopter bucket drops. Current threats are to historical sites.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
SEBASTOPOL	OR	SIF	120	NR	9/25	103	5	5	3	0	NR	90K	

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FLOYD. The Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) was released yesterday. A few people will remain to complete supply and equipment inventory at the receiving and distribution center. This will be the last report unless activity changes.

WILLIAMSON RANCH, Texas State. This fire is near San Saba, TX. Engine crews continue to mop up and reinforce fire lines, with aerial support from helicopters with buckets. Low humidities, rocky terrain and poor access are hindering containment efforts.

BRECKENRIDGE, Texas State. This fire is south of Breckenridge, TX. Helicopters are assisting crews to keep the fire from spreading toward a canyon to the south. Containment is expected today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WILLIAMSON RANC	TX	TXS	11000	85	UNK	73	0	18	7	0	NR	124K	
BRECKENRIDGE	TX	TXS	450	95	9/22	20	0	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
FIVE MILE SWAMP	FL	FLS	871	100	---	3	0	0	1	0	NR	NR	

FLS = Florida State.

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS:

HURRICANE FLOYD. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ferguson) has set up a receiving and distribution center at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. To date, the mobilization center has received and shipped 817,894 liters of water and 452,680 pounds of ice. The Incident Management Team will demobilize today, but the Fort Dix warehouse and two New Jersey satellite locations will be maintained by a smaller organization for three to five more days.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST CTN	UNIT CTN	SIZE 100	% ---	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
RYEPATCH	NV	BMD	300	100	---	45	2	7	0	0	NR	NR	

BMD = Battle Mountain District

OUTLOOK:

An upper level ridge will prevail over most of the northern tier states and the Great Basin, with a surface high pressure over Colorado and Wyoming. A surface low pressure trough will extend along the Pacific Coast from California to Washington. Mostly sunny conditions are expected over eastern Oregon, southern Idaho and northern Nevada. Relative humidities will be lowest in northeast Oregon and southern Idaho.

Tropical moisture from hurricane Hilary will spread over most of California, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado. On the fringes of this moisture, isolated thunderstorms will occur in southeast Oregon, southern Idaho, and southeast Wyoming.

Surface high pressure will dominate over Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas. Mostly sunny skies and light winds are forecast, along with minimum humidities of 25 to 40 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2		1		9	4	16
	ACRES	1		3		1	149	154
CA-NORTH	FIRES			4		13	8	25
	ACRES			0		5	1575	1580
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	2				5	7	14
	ACRES	0				26	3953	3979
NORTHERN	FIRES	2				3	5	10
	ACRES	4				1	1	6

GB-EAST	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
GB-WEST	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	300						300
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	0					2	2
	ACRES	5					0	5
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
EASTERN	FIRES				30			30
	ACRES				192			192
SOUTHERN	FIRES				133			133
	ACRES				7157			7157
TOTAL	FIRES	6	2	1	4	193	27	233
	ACRES	5	305	3	0	7382	5678	13373

FIRE 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	353	398	17	50	1670	1397	3885
	ACRES	10484	28417	44632	189	8742	5535	97999
CA-NORTH	FIRES	133	55	7	31	2881	1049	4156
	ACRES	197	23708	33	132	62333	186662	273065
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	70	144	9	55	2861	915	4054
	ACRES	1634	6492	12	13953	34025	130245	186361
NORTHERN	FIRE	519	60	19	12	742	1317	2669
	ACRES	5895	3857	178	2	48113	5789	63834
GB-EAST	FIRES	61	758		24	311	669	1823
	ACRES	6255	445412		38	39546	6320	497571
GB-WEST	FIRES	36	661	3	5	91	216	1012
	ACRES	861	1536725	116	3	25710	15996	1579411
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	806	124	10	59	765	1489	3253
	ACRES	13085	27143	245	411	69305	11873	122062
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	540	411	36	46	962	266	2261
	ACRES	8953	13455	710	51	51774	3226	78169
EASTERN	FIRES	513			87	15009	348	15957
	ACRES	2947			813	93952	4349	102061
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		70	99	36054	1111	37370
	ACRES	667		21456	11129	658138	47109	738499
TOTALS	FIRES	3068	2653	202	481	61735	8777	76916
	ACRES	50979	2386734	352576	182653	1369425	417104	4759471
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	FIRES							63153
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	ACRES							2790630

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES	250						250
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			3				3
NORTHERN	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	20						20
GB-EAST	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			30		1260		1290
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					4		4
EASTERN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					300		300
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	1	0	4	6
	ACRES	20	250	0	33	0	1564	1867

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				7		10	17
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				300		401	701
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						35	35
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				8			8
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1	2

ACRES	0	0	0	315	0	446	761
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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			1047	7734
YUKON TERRITORY			160	185962
ALBERTA			1182	118860
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			166	538015
SASKATCHEWAN			725	178928
MANITOBA			601	120989
ONTARIO			995	326787
QUEBEC			1013	97545
NEWFOUNDLAND			225	35197
NEW BRUNSWICK			589	1242
NOVA SCOTIA			432	1702
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	0	0	7200	1678386

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	12	6	31	8	6	4			34	10
CA-NORTH	54	19	55	23	7	11			255	138
CA-SOUTH	50	85	34	65	28				347	495
NORTHERN	2		6		4	1			12	
GB-EAST	6		4		3				9	
GB-WEST	1	2	14							
SOUTHWEST			1							
ROCKY MTN			1							
EASTERN									43	16
SOUTHERN	4		4	11	4	1			53	7
TOTAL	129	112	150	107	52	17	0	0	753	666

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