

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in California, Northwest and Southern Areas and minimal elsewhere. New large fire activity was reported in the Northern Rockies and Northwest Areas. Large fire activity continued in California, the Northwest and Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized an air attack aircraft, infrared aircraft, small cargo transport aircraft, helicopters, caterers, a shower, radio equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) and Type II Incident Management Teams (Welch) are assigned. The complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of the Megram and Onion fires. The Onion fire has experienced some reburns in isolated portions of the fire, but is holding within existing control lines. The Megram fire is burning actively. Containment lines have been completed on the South and East sides. Burnout operations are in progress to reinforce control lines. Good progress was made in Quimby Creek drainage. A slopover in Red Cap Creek is causing control problems. Heavy smoke is still restricting air operations and steep rugged terrain is hampering line construction progress. Current threats are to residential structures, key watershed and salmon/steelhead habitat.

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	54784	50	UNK	2111	59	44	13	0	NR	21.8M

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. A Type I Incident Management Team has been assigned to the Kirk Complex South and will transition Sunday morning, 9/26. Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Haines) is no longer in effect. This complex is in the Ventana Wilderness, twenty miles southeast of Carmel, CA. Within the Kirk Complex South, subtropical moisture moving

through the area caused thunderstorms and scattered showers early in the morning. The fire continues to burn toward structures on both the east and west flanks. Resources are positioned for structure protection.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	37155	20	UNK	3516	119	104	26	0	NR	23M

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

DEAD OUT, Blackfeet Agency. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. The fire is 15 miles northwest of Browning, Montana. No other information was reported.

ANACONDA, Glacier National Park. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is approximately 12 miles north of West Glacier, Montana. The fire continues to show activity due to high pressure, above average temperatures and low relative humidities. A Fire Use Management Team is arriving on 9/24.

SWEET 70, Clearwater National Forest. This lightning caused fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 42 miles northeast of Orofino, Idaho.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
DEAD OUT	MT	BFA	250	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ANACONDA	MT	GNP	3500	0	UNK	14	0	0	0	0	NR	60K
SWEET 70	ID	CWF	110	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR	0.5K

#### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

TWO RIVERS, Spokane Agency. This fire is 1.5 miles northwest of Ft. Spokane, Washington. This wind driven fire is burning on both sides of Highway 25. Winds on the fire reached 20 miles per hour. There are structures in the area but none are damaged. The Columbia River runs along the west flank and the Spokane River flows along the south and southeast flanks of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TWO RIVERS	WA	SPA	400	0	NR	190	7	11	1	0	NR	NR
SEBASTOPOL	OR	SIF	300	100	---	228	7	4	4	0	NR	390K
SPRING RIVER BU	OR	DEF	113	100	---	174	6	14	1	0	NR	236K

SIF = Siskiyou National Forest

DEF = Deschutes National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE INCIDENTS:

WILLIAMSON RANCH, Texas State. This fire is near San Saba, TX. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WILLIAMSON RANC	TX	TXS	11000	95	9/24	65	0	15	7	0	NR	150K
BRECKENRIDGE	TX	TXS	450	100	---	20	0	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

TXS = Texas State

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR EASTERN WASHINGTON AND NORTHEAST OREGON FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY\*\*\*

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR WYOMING, SPECIFICALLY THE BIGHORN BASIN, GREAT DIVIDE BASIN, WIND RIVER BASIN, AND LANDER FOOTHILLS FOR GUSTY WINDS, LOW HUMIDITIES AND WARM TEMPERATURES\*\*\*

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR SOUTHERN IDAHO FOR STRONG WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH A DRY COLD FRONT\*\*\*

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR NORTHERN IDAHO AND WESTERN MONTANA FOR LOW HUMIDITIES AND GUSTY WINDS\*\*\*

A dry cold front passing over the Northwest states will bring strong gusty west winds. Winds will be 15 to 25 miles per hour with gusts near 40 miles per hour across Wyoming.

Limited monsoonal moisture will again bring isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms to southeast Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico.

A surface high pressure centered over the southern Atlantic states and a warm, dry west to northwest flow aloft will maintain warm temperatures and low humidities in the region. Humidities will range from 25 to 30 percent in Texas and 35 to 45 percent in the Florida Panhandle. Isolated thunderstorms are possible in the Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend areas of Texas.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES						0

	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2	1			7	3	13
	ACRES	466	0			307	3	776
CA-NORTH	FIRES					19	5	24
	ACRES					251	1381	1632
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					22	6	28
	ACRES					8	539	547
NORTHERN	FIRES	3					6	9
	ACRES	2					0	2
GB-EAST	FIRES		8			1	1	10
	ACRES		38			1	0	39
GB-WEST	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		3					3
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1	1	104	5	111
	ACRES			200	1	1172	12	1385
TOTAL	FIRES	5	11	1	1	157	26	201
	ACRES	468	41	200	1	1740	1935	4384

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	355	402	17	51	1690	1401	3916
	ACRES	10950	28421	44632	189	8855	5537	98584
CA-NORTH	FIRES	133	55	7	31	2917	1066	4209
	ACRES	197	23708	33	132	62586	189773	276429
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	70	144	9	55	2891	922	4091
	ACRES	1634	6492	12	13953	34033	135062	191186
NORTHERN	FIRES	526	60	19	12	748	1329	2694
	ACRES	5900	3857	178	2	48143	5959	64039
GB-EAST	FIRES	61	771		24	312	672	1840
	ACRES	6255	445459		38	39547	6320	497619
GB-WEST	FIRES	36	663	3	5	92	216	1015
	ACRES	861	1536728	116	3	25711	15996	1579415
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	806	124	10	59	765	1494	3258
	ACRES	13085	27143	245	411	69305	11881	122070
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	540	412	36	46	962	266	2262
	ACRES	8953	13456	710	51	51774	3226	78170
EASTERN	FIRES	513			87	15013	362	15975
	ACRES	2947			813	93953	4540	102253
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		71	100	33204	1134	34545
	ACRES	667		21656	11130	640319	47133	720905
TOTALS	FIRES	3077	2673	203	483	58983	8862	74281
	ACRES	51450	2386789	352776	182654	1352013	425427	4751109
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								63457

TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES

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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						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			10			1	11
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				655		2540	3195
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						95	95
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1		2			3
	ACRES		400		56			456
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	3	0	5	10
	ACRES	0	400	10	711	0	2686	3807

## WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				2			2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						5	5
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				400		260	660
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
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1		2
	ACRES	0	0	0	402	0	265		667

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			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 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	8	20	15	30	3	8			109	46
CA-NORTH	53	20	57	24	8	12			296	146
CA-SOUTH	30	95	54	67	31		1		350	497
NORTHERN	2	3	12	3	2	1			37	1
GB-EAST	4		62	1	5				9	

GB-WEST											
SOUTHWEST	1		1								
ROCKY MTN	1		3								
EASTERN									5	2	
SOUTHERN	4		4	8	4				31	3	
TOTAL	103	138	208	133	53	21	1	0	837	695	

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