

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1999 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the California and Southern Areas and minimal elsewhere. New large fire activity was reported in the Northern Rockies, Northwest and Southern Areas. Large fire activity continued in California, the Northwest, Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized an infrared aircraft, small cargo transport aircraft, helicopters, radio equipment, a crew, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Indiana, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, 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. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bateaman) has been assigned and will transition 9/27. The complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of the Megram and Onion fires. The Onion fire has spots near the line and reburns continue to test containment lines. The Megram fire is burning actively. Containment lines on the south and east sides are holding. A large burnout operation was completed west of Mary Blaine Mountain. The fire in Eightmile Creek continues to burn actively. The slopover in Red Cap Creek is causing containment problems. Cultural resource sites continue to be at risk. Heavy smoke is still restricting air operations, and steep rugged terrain is hampering line construction. Current threats are to residential structures, key watershed and salmon/steelhead habitat.

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	57265	63	UNK	2118	56	42	13	0	NR	22.8M	

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. Significantly dryer and warmer weather is being experienced over the fire. Crews are working a 1/4 acre spot fire discovered on the south fork of the Big Sur River. 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 (Hutchinson) has been assigned to the Kirk Complex South and will transition Sunday morning, 9/26. Warmer and dryer conditions allowed for the continuation of burnout operations along the Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd.

Protection plans have been implemented for structures along Highway 1 on the west side of the fire and along Milpitas Road on the east. The fire has burned into portions of the Lineklin State Park on Highway 1.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	38040	20	UNK	3393	119	105	27	0	NR	25.3M	

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

DEAD OUT, Blackfeet Agency. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is eight miles southeast of St. Mary. Crews and dozers made good progress on line construction. Winds and heavy fuels are hampering control efforts. Protection of cultural resources are a concern for the Blackfeet Nation.

DEAN RIDGE, Flathead National Forest. This fire has spotted into the wilderness, east of Kalispell. Limited information was provided.

GORDON CREEK, Flathead National Forest. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed for resource benefit. A protection action plan is being prepared for an outfitter camp.

HAYSTACK I, Bitterroot National Forest. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed for resource benefit. As a precautionary action, a structure protection plan has been implemented for Magruder Work Center.

BURNT STRIP, Bitterroot National Forest. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being utilized to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 25 miles southwest of Darby in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

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. The fire continues to show activity. A Fire Use Management Team (Bennett) is in place at the Glacier National Park Headquarters.

WHITE RIVER PARK, Flathead National Forest. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being utilized for resource benefit. No other information was reported.

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DEAD OUT	MT	BFA	900	40	9/26	277	9	8	2	0	NR	NR	
DEAN RIDGE	MT	FNF	1575	0	11/1	4	0	0	0	0	NR	8K	
GORDON CREEK	MT	FNF	345	0	11/1	4	0	0	0	0	NR	0.3K	
HAYSTACK I	MT	BRF	280	NR	NR	6	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
BURNT STRIP	MT	BRF	325	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
ANACONDA	MT	GNP	10000	0	UNK	21	0	0	0	0	NR	31K	
WHITE RIVER PAR	MT	FNF	285	0	11/1	4	0	0	0	0	NR	5K	

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MILEPOST 363, Vale District. This fire started along Interstate 84, ten miles north of Ontario. No other information was reported.

TWO RIVERS, Spokane Agency. A Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is one and a half miles northwest of Ft. Spokane. Crews are tying tractor line together and are completing burnout operations. Structure protection has been a priority with heavy use of airtankers.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
MILEPOST 363	OR	VAD	650	90	9/24	35	0	9	0	0	NR	NR
TWO RIVERS	WA	SPA	1500	10	9/30	187	4	30	1	4	NR	150K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JERUSALEM COMPLEX, Arkansas Forestry Commission. The complex is a series of three fires, five miles south of Jerusalem. Spotting is a major control problem. Several structures have been threatened.

WILLIAMS RANCH, Texas State. No new information was reported on this fire near San Saba. Full containment was expected last night. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
JERUSALEM COMPL	AR	ARS	100	5	9/25	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WILLIAMS RANCH	TX	TXS	11000	95	9/24	15	0	10	0	0	NR	135K

OUTLOOK:

*** RED FLAG WARNINGS ARE POSTED FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITIES IN EASTERN WASHINGTON FROM THE CASCADE CREST TO THE IDAHO BORDER, CENTRAL AND EASTERN OREGON AND SOUTH CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST IDAHO. ***

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED FOR HIGH WINDS AND DRY CONDITIONS IN WESTERN NEVADA AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. ***

A strong flow of air from the west and northwest across the northwest states will cause afternoon winds from 20 to 30 MPH and humidities from 15 to 25 percent.

An upper-level ridge of high pressure over the southwest will keep winds light with warm temperatures and lower humidities. Humidities will range from 15 percent in the lower elevations to 35 percent in the mountains.

An upper-level weather disturbance crossing east Texas, eastern Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana will bring clouds, showers and scattered thunderstorms. Elsewhere in the southern states warm, dry conditions will continue. Humidities will be 20 to 30 percent across the western half of Texas and 35 to 45 percent from Mississippi to the Florida panhandle.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1		1
NORTHWEST	FIRES	0	0			2	4	6
	ACRES	1000	650			1	0	1651
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				16	8	25
	ACRES	0				14	2487	2501
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					14	1	15
	ACRES					23	966	989
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				7	4	12
	ACRES	900				12	31	943
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		55			1		56
GB-WEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						115	115
SOUTHERN	FIRES					266	4	270
	ACRES					1949	6	1955
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	0	0	316	23	342
	ACRES	1900	705	0	0	2002	3605	8212

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	42	31	13	395	0	482
	ACRES	1	301525	285194	155932	277788	0	1020440
NORTHWEST	FIRES	355	402	17	51	1692	1406	3923
	ACRES	11950	29071	44632	189	8857	5535	100234
CA-NORTH	FIRES	134	55	7	31	2933	1075	4235
	ACRES	197	23708	33	132	62600	192260	278930
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	70	144	9	55	2905	923	4106

NORTHERN	ACRES	1634	6492	12	13953	34056	136028	192175
	FIRE	530	60	19	12	840	1333	2794
	ACRES	6836	3857	178	2	49663	5990	66526
GB-EAST	FIRE	61	772		24	313	671	1841
	ACRES	6255	445514		38	39548	6320	497675
GB-WEST	FIRE	36	663	3	5	92	216	1015
	ACRES	861	1536728	116	3	25711	15996	1579415
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	806	124	10	59	765	1494	3258
	ACRES	13085	27143	245	411	69305	11881	122070
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	540	412	36	46	962	266	2262
	ACRES	8953	13456	710	51	51774	3226	78170
EASTERN	FIRE	513			87	15013	363	15976
	ACRES	2947			813	93953	4655	102368
SOUTHERN	FIRE	36		71	100	33553	1138	34898
	ACRES	667		21656	11130	642732	47139	723324
TOTALS	FIRE	3082	2674	203	483	59463	8885	74790
	ACRES	53386	2387494	352776	182654	1355987	429030	4761327
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								63640
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2799220

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRE						1	1
	ACRES					500		500
GB-EAST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRE				0			0
	ACRES				1			1
EASTERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	500	501

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				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				8500		1714	10214
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	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	8501	0	1715	10216

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

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	6	17	25	36	1	7			132	76
CA-NORTH	49	19	60	24	7	11			317	150
CA-SOUTH	30	96	54	66	30				326	450
NORTHERN	15		19	5	5	1			95	7
GB-EAST	3		5	2	5				9	
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	1		1							7
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN									5	2
SOUTHERN	4		4	8	4				31	3
TOTAL	108	132	168	141	52	19	0	0	915	695

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