

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California, Southern California, and Southern Areas and limited elsewhere. Containment objectives were reached on some of the large fires in the Northern California, Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin, Northwest, and Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized helicopters, radios, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah, Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, and Mississippi.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Welch) are assigned. The complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex consists of the Megram and Onion fires. A large burnout operation between Slide Creek and Salmon Mountain has been completed. Spot fires and slopovers in the Devils Backbone and Red Cap Creek areas are causing containment problems, and a new slopover south of Trinity Mountain is still being assessed. Challenges include steep inaccessible terrain and limited visibility due to smoke from the inversion over the area.

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	67573	68	UNK	2009	53	38	13	0	NR	25.8M
CANYON	CA	RBC	2200	100	---	1012	29	85	4	173	NR	NR
LAKE	CA	NOD	2400	100	---	95	4	5	1	0	NR	NR

RBC = Coast Cascade Region, California Department of Forestry
NOD = Northern California District, BLM

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. The fire continued active burning in hot and dry weather yesterday. Crews made good progress building direct fire line on the east and south sides of the fire. The west flank continues to hold 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) will be transitioning today. High temperatures, low

humidity, and northeast winds caused some control problems yesterday. Spot fires along the west flank were contained, but increasing winds were predicted along the coast last night. Structure protection measures remain in place for the communities and individual homes scattered along the coast.

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KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	46190	25	UNK	3023	88	105	27	0	NR	30.4M

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

MEADOW CREEK, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is 41 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Aircraft were not able to fly this fire yesterday due to poor weather. The fire received snow.

ANACONDA, Glacier National Park. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 12 miles north of West Glacier, MT. The Fire Use Management Team (Bennett) will demobilize today and the fire will be managed by local resources. Cool temperatures and precipitation yesterday kept fire activity minimal. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

POTATO, Clearwater National Forest. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire, which started on 8/25, is 48 miles northeast of Orofino, ID. Limited suppression action is being taken on the east flank to protect an outfitter s camp located approximately one mile from the fire. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

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MEADOW CREEK	ID	NPF	100	0	NR	23	1	0	0	0	NR	2K
ANACONDA	MT	GNP	11000	0	UNK	26	0	0	0	0	0	40K
POTATO	ID	CWF	319	0	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	NR	4.5K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

OH BROTHER, Olympic National Forest. This fire is 20 miles southwest of Quilcene, WA. No other information was received.

MALLOT, Northeast Washington State. This fire is burning in brush and grass eight miles south of Mallot, WA. Crews are completing the fire line today and continuing the mop up process. Containment was expected last night.

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OH BROTHER	WA	OLF	203	70	9/29	5	0	0	0	0	NR	389K
MALLOT	WA	NES	2200	90	9/27	532	23	29	3	0	NR	300K
ROCKVIEW	WA	OKF	330	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TWO RIVERS	WA	SPA	2924	100	---	196	6	13	1	4	NR	816K

OKF = Okanogan National Forest

SPA = Spokane Agency BIA

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TELLICO COMPLEX, Cherokee National Forest. The complex consists of the Goforth Creek Fire, the Sulfur Springs fire, and several new starts on the south end of the Cherokee National Forest. Crews conducted burnout operations yesterday and began mop up of the fires. The Goforth Creek fire is contained.

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TELLICO COMPLEX	TN	CNF	175	10	9/28	NR	5	4	1	0	NR	165K
THUNDERHOLE	NC	NCF	100	100	---	119	5	1	2	0	NR	NR

NCF = National Forests of North Carolina

OUTLOOK:

A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR MOST OF CALIFORNIA FOR GUSTY NORTH TO EAST WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY

A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR INTERIOR SOUTHWESTERN OREGON FOR GUSTY NORTHWEST WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY

A strong high pressure system centered over Montana and Wyoming will dominate all of the western United States today, producing gusty, drying northeast winds in Oregon, California, Nevada, and Arizona. Rain and mountain snow showers will occur along and east of the continental divide. High temperatures will be in the upper 30's to 50's in the Rocky Mountains and in the 50's and 60's in the northern Intermountain region. The Great Basin and Pacific states will be in the 60's to 80's, except reaching to 102 in the Arizona deserts. Humidity will fall below 15 percent in parts of Oregon, California, Nevada, and Arizona.

Oklahoma will have showers and scattered thunderstorms, with gusty north to northwest winds and falling temperatures. Highs will be in the upper 40's and 50's north to near 70 in the extreme southeast portion of the state.

North Florida and Georgia will have showers and thunderstorms. Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana will be partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Texas will be partly cloudy with a chance of showers in the northern part of the state in the evening. Highs in the gulf states will be in the upper 70's and 80's, except in the upper 80's to mid 90's in Texas.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		0	1		7	3	11
	ACRES		120	15		1116	1	1252
CA-NORTH	FIRES					26	2	28
	ACRES					4164	2189	6353
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				50	5	56
	ACRES	0				5	3027	3032
NORTHERN	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
GB-EAST	FIRES	0				2	3	5
	ACRES	390				0	1	391
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES					19	5	24
	ACRES					9	9	18
SOUTHERN	FIRES					378	5	383
	ACRES					4924	45	4969
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	1	0	482	23	508
	ACRES	391	120	15	0	10218	5272	16016

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	357	418	18	52	1736	1427	4008
	ACRES	13315	30300	44610	189	13033	6079	107526
CA-NORTH	FIRES	145	57	7	31	2981	1089	4310
	ACRES	216	24710	33	132	66894	202653	294638
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	71	144	9	55	3001	934	4214
	ACRES	1634	6492	12	13953	34099	144186	200376
NORTHERN	FIRE	533	60	19	12	851	1340	2815

	ACRES	6847	3857	178	2	49669	5995	66548
GB-EAST	FIRES	62	780	1	24	315	681	1863
	ACRES	8745	447995	1	38	40046	6332	498695
GB-WEST	FIRES	32	666	3	5	92	219	1017
	ACRES	857	1536754	116	3	25711	15996	1579437
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	806	124	10	59	766	1494	3259
	ACRES	13085	27143	245	411	69305	11931	122120
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	540	412	36	46	962	267	2263
	ACRES	8953	13456	710	51	51774	3237	78181
EASTERN	FIRES	513			87	15200	366	16166
	ACRES	2947			813	94617	4702	103079
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		71	100	34070	1157	35434
	ACRES	667		21656	11130	648290	47828	729571
TOTALS	FIRES	3096	2703	205	484	60369	8974	75831
	ACRES	57267	2392232	352755	182654	1371226	448939	4805073
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								64566
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2823885

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			40				40
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
GB-EAST	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				10			10
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
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	40	10	0	0	50

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
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						535	535
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					3		3
	ACRES					31		31
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	31	535	566

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	8	23	18	35		5			96	138	
CA-NORTH	46	44	62	108	4	16	2	1	311	258	
CA-SOUTH	44	46	45	66	30				321	428	
NORTHERN	1		12			1			60		
GB-EAST	2		8	1	3						
GB-WEST											
SOUTHWEST			1						5	8	
ROCKY MTN			1								
EASTERN				5					3	27	
SOUTHERN	20		8	10	7				81	21	
TOTAL	121	113	155	225	44	22	2	1	877	880	

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