

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Eastern Great Basin, Northern Rockies, and Rocky Mountain Areas. Continued dry and windy weather, along with forecast dry lightning in Utah and Colorado, will increase the potential for new fires. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for airtankers, helicopters, air attack aircraft, infrared aircraft, caterers, shower units, radio equipment, meteorological equipment, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Alaska, Oregon, California, Arizona, and South Dakota.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the large fires in western Colorado and southwest Wyoming.

BUSTER FLATS, Dinosaur National Monument, NPS. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper 75 miles northwest of Craig, CO in very steep terrain. Gusting winds and low relative humidities are challenging containment efforts. Precautionary evacuations of two campgrounds are still in effect.

WILD HORSE BASIN, Rock Springs District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire, near Rock Springs, WY, is burning in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Observed fire behavior includes running, torching and crowning in juniper. The fire has crossed a creek and is burning east toward a powerline. Several structures are threatened.

CONE MOUNTAIN, Grand Junction District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is burning in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper 38 miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO. Red flag conditions caused the fire to spot, torch and make short runs in heavy fuels. Crews are making significant progress on the west side of the fire. Historic mining structures, residences, a radio tower, and powerlines are threatened. Rough terrain and poor access are impeding containment efforts.

KLINGER, Craig District, BLM. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Rangley, CO. It is burning in pinyon pine and juniper fuels. The fire is threatening a pipeline, a pump station, and several structures. Another day of strong winds and low relative humidities resulted in containment difficulties.

DRY FORK, Medicine Bow National Forest. The fire is burning in cottonwood and greasewood trees in the Cheyenne River bottom, 14 miles northeast of Bill, WY. Efforts at containment are being hindered by heavy fuel loading and inaccessibility.

BLACK BUTTE, Rock Springs District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass, sagebrush and juniper near Rock Springs, WY. Power lines are threatened. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUSTER FLATS	CO	DSP	10050	30	7/9	220	6	2	3	0	NR	NR
WILD HORSE BASI	WY	RSD	21000	0	UNK	NR	20	12	0	0	NR	290K
CONE MOUNTAIN	CO	GJD	4250	40	7/9	361	9	15	4	1	NR	906K
KLINGER	CO	CRD	1200	70	UNK	168	5	5	2	0	NR	NR
DRY FORK	WY	MBF	650	50	UNK	40	0	6	0	0	NR	NR
BLACK BUTTE	WY	RSD	2550	65	UNK	48	1	7	1	0	NR	NR

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BORROW PIT, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shell) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City near Lake Point, UT. Three major communication sites on Farnsworth and Kessler Peaks are threatened. The fire is exhibiting extreme behavior with major runs up canyons. Burnout operations are planned for today.

12 MILE, Upper Columbia, Salmon/Clearwater District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. The fire is 12 miles south of Salmon, ID. Light precipitation received yesterday morning aided the efforts of firefighters. Current threats are to wildlife habitat and timber resources. Three local residents were burned, two seriously, while attempting to extinguish the fire prior to the arrival of agency firefighters. A team is scheduled to arrive today to investigate the circumstances which led to the injuries.

ROCK CREEK, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. This fire is 20 miles east of Logan, UT. High winds, low relative humidities and extreme fire behavior have slowed the rate of containment. Torching and crowning fire behavior has been observed.

BELL MARE, Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM. The fire is 10 miles northwest of Bliss, ID. Crews are making good progress on fireline construction. Structures are no longer threatened. Containment was expected late last night.

CEDAR FIELD, Upper Snake River District, BLM. This fire is burning in sagebrush and juniper ten miles southwest of American Falls, ID. High winds, torching and spotting continue to cause containment problems. Cultural resources in Massacre Rocks State Park and wildlife habitat are threatened.

WORLEY DRAW, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire started on private land 35 miles southwest of Hagerman, ID and quickly spread onto BLM land. It is burning in grass and sagebrush. The current threat is to winter range for cattle.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BORROW PIT	UT	SLD	3000	45	7/8	185	6	5	3	0	NR	500K	
12 MILE	ID	SAD	250	75	7/7	111	12	0	4	0	NR	NR	
ROCK CREEK	UT	WCF	140	5	7/9	130	5	4	1	0	NR	90K	
BELL MARE	ID	SID	13000	70	7/6	130	2	21	2	0	NR	NR	
CEDAR FIELD	ID	IFD	4300	90	7/7	80	3	4	1	0	NR	NR	
WORLEY DRAW	ID	BOD	800	30	7/7	50	1	6	2	0	NR	NR	
DIVIDEND	UT	NWS	1295	100	---	50	2	1	0	0	NR	95K	
LOGAN CANYON	UT	NWS	120	100	---	65	2	13	1	0	NR	NR	

NWS = Northwest Utah State

#### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

Alaska currently has 24 unstaffed and uncontained fires in limited protection areas for 279,265 acres.

BERING CREEK, Tanana Zone, BLM. This fire is 35 miles southwest of Tanana. It was started by lightning on 6/14 in a limited suppression area. Crews prepared for a burnout operation and continued to protect native allotments on the Atutsak River. The north and south flanks are actively burning.

BEARPAW MOUNTAIN, Tanana Zone, BLM. The fire is burning in black spruce 100 miles southwest of Fairbanks. It was started on 6/24 by lightning. The fire is backing and creeping 3/4 of a mile from a cabin. Cabin protection operations are continuing at several locations.

ZITZIANA, Tanana Zone, BLM. This lightning-caused fire, which started on 6/13, is 85 miles west of Fairbanks. Firefighters are burning out around cabin sites at Wilderness Lake. Cabin protection is also ongoing at two other nearby lakes.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BERING CREEK	AK	TAD	101075	0	UNK	45	2	0	0	0	NR	NR	
BEARPAW MOUNTAI	AK	TAD	27700	0	UNK	15	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
ZITZIANA	AK	TAD	143741	0	UNK	18	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

WYANT COULEE, Eastern Land Office, Montana State Department of Natural Resources. This fire, 23 miles north of Colstrip, MT, was started by lightning on 7/4. The fire is burning in grass, sagebrush, thick juniper and ponderosa pine. Torching and spotting are causing control problems. One residence and several outbuildings are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL   CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
WYANT COULEE	MT	EAS	700	80	7/7	65	1	13	1	0	NR	NR

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BROOMSEDGE, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, NPS. This grass fire is burning 30 miles southwest of Hilo, HI. Crews are constructing fireline on the south flank of the fire and patrolling the north flank for hot spots. High relative humidities have been assisting containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   PERS	TOTAL   CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
BROOMSEDGE	HI	HVP	1008	75	7/7	83	3	3	1	0	NR	115K

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN NORTHEAST UTAH AND NORTHWEST COLORADO FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN MOST OF UTAH FOR STRONG SOUTH WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND AN UNSTABLE AIRMASS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN SOUTHWEST AND CENTRAL WYOMING FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, STRONG WINDS AND AN UNSTABLE AIRMASS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHEAST UTAH AND SOUTHWEST COLORADO FOR ISOLATED TO WIDELY SCATTERED DRY THUNDERSTORMS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EAST CENTRAL NEVADA FOR STRONG AND GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

A trough of low pressure will move over the northwest United States today, producing thunderstorms in parts of Oregon, California, Idaho, and Nevada. Ahead of the trough, conditions will be dry and quite windy in much of the Great Basin. Monsoon thunderstorms will occur in the southwest. Dry thunderstorms are possible in southeast Utah and southwest Colorado.

Winds in the warning areas will be southwest at 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Winds in Idaho will be 20 mph or less. Temperatures will range from the 70's in the mountain areas to near 100 in the deserts of southern Utah and Nevada. Minimum afternoon relative humidities will be 5 to 10 percent in the driest areas. Overnight humidity recovery will be under 30 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE		0	0	0	1		1
	ACRES		17350	26066	165	57996		101577
NORTHWEST	FIRE	2	2			4	2	10
	ACRES	0	1			3	0	4
CA-NORTH	FIRE					41	25	66
	ACRES					37	11	48
CA-SOUTH	FIRE	1				18	2	21
	ACRES	2				6	0	8
NORTHERN	FIRE	6	2			2	4	14
	ACRES	3	16			700	3	722
GB-EAST	FIRE	1	5			5	1	12
	ACRES	0	5074			195	70	5339
GB-WEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	1				3	1	5
	ACRES	1				71	50	122
ROCKY MTN	FIRE		0		1	2	5	8
	ACRES		1650		110	135	731	2626
EASTERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRE					103	1	104
	ACRES					870	1	871
TOTAL	FIRE	11	9	0	1	179	41	241
	ACRES	6	24091	26066	275	60013	866	111317

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE	1	12	19	8	266	3	309
	ACRES	9	121683	166347	28482	252310	0	568831
NORTHWEST	FIRE	77	51	7		343	137	615
	ACRES	466	13003	100303		1813	69	115654
CA-NORTH	FIRE	52	5	3	3	934	257	1254
	ACRES	86	92	4	0	7279	3885	11346
CA-SOUTH	FIRE	19	37	2	29	1247	295	1629
	ACRES	41	1202	0	14	6751	2563	10571
NORTHERN	FIRE	600	18	18	3	453	157	1249
	ACRES	6296	606	1630	1	23499	713	32745
GB-EAST	FIRE	19	300		6	130	194	649
	ACRES	1100	57685		25	3830	2116	64756
GB-WEST	FIRE	8	212	1	3	44	114	382
	ACRES	2379	67549	0	0	3053	3527	76508
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	608	106	21	29	888	942	2594
	ACRES	10586	57097	17227	9030	245768	131132	470840
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	408	208	19	16	315	221	1187
	ACRES	12258	13415	1422	12606	26147	19948	85796

EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8458	396	9641
	ACRES	15802			518	81407	15396	113123
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		52	73	30237	891	31321
	ACRES	4287		7386	3070	542075	31603	588421
TOTALS	FIRES	2620	949	142	197	43315	3607	50830
	ACRES	53310	332332	294319	53746	1193932	210952	2138591
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 43987								
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 1214930								

PRESCRIBED 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
	ACRES							0
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				1			1
	ACRES				350			350
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	350	0	0	350

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		3		4
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	18	21	25			188	252
	ACRES	5637	3534	5022			20257	34450
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	3	1		120	126
	ACRES		328	832	12		10315	11487
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			2	3		79	84

NORTHERN	ACRES			60	124		5092	5276
	FIRES	20	5	82	3	58	230	398
	ACRES	1775	1991	15962	395	6446	35248	61817
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
	ACRES	272	1497	1448	975	153	11325	15670
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	9	2	188	469
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4269	360	59491	88607
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	134	10	7	63	223
	ACRES	850	2743	17354	2937	675	20263	44822
EASTERN	FIRES	15		2	11	128	208	364
	ACRES	2947		400	1290	84281	18305	107223
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	62	103	704	1015
	ACRES	902		61589	36064	61971	453055	613581
USA TOTALS	FIRES	95	264	417	102	307	1800	2985
	ACRES	20768	24307	104680	46066	154265	634877	984963

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	2	9	412	12305
YUKON TERRITORY	0	1	45	6338
ALBERTA	1	2	543	11092
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	101	14257
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	289	21791
MANITOBA	3	25	146	13324
ONTARIO	2	0	243	1384
QUEBEC	0	0	259	357
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	97	132
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	181	243
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	124	445
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	17	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	32	716
TOTALS	9	37	2489	82401

#### 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	2								45	
NORTHWEST	1		2	5					3	

CA-NORTH	1	3	5	3	2	1						
CA-SOUTH	2		3		2	1	1			5		
NORTHERN	4		3	12	2	1					6	
GB-EAST	43	8	43	24	17	2	1		75		50	
GB-WEST												
SOUTHWEST	7		4		6							
ROCKY MTN	37	5	44	43	10	2			155		38	
EASTERN										2		
SOUTHERN			1	1					11		3	
TOTAL	97	16	105	88	39	7	2	0	296		97	

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