

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2000 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

One new large fire was reported in the Southern California Area. Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationwide. Containment goals were reached on several large fires in Idaho, Montana and Hawaii. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, lead planes, an air attack aircraft, infrared aircraft, radio equipment, engines, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, California, Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, 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. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) has been ordered to stage in Denver.

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. The fire is moving east toward the Sage Creek drainage. Several structures and a powerline are threatened.

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. Retardant drops are preventing spread of the fire to the north. Gusting winds and low relative humidities are challenging containment efforts.

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. Another day of red flag conditions caused the fire to make short runs in heavy fuels. Crews made significant progress on fireline construction. One primary residence, two commercial buildings and one outbuilding have been destroyed.

BLACK BUTTE, Rock Springs District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass, sagebrush and juniper near Rock Springs, WY. Strong winds and low humidities are challenging containment efforts. Powerlines are threatened.

DRY FORK, Medicine Bow National Forest. The fire is burning in cottonwood and greasewood in the Cheyenne River bottom, 14 miles northeast of Bill, WY. Inaccessibility and heavy fuel loading are impeding efforts toward containment.

KLINGER, Craig District, BLM. This fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper 15 miles southwest of Rangle, CO. The fire is threatening a pipeline, a pump station and several structures. Strong winds and low

relative humidities again caused containment difficulties.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WILD HORSE BASI	WY	RSD	21000	50	7/10	566	21	17	3	0	NR	290K
BUSTER FLATS	CO	DSP	10060	45	7/9	266	9	6	5	0	NR	522K
CONE MOUNTAIN	CO	GJD	4960	70	7/8	378	10	17	4	4	NR	1M
BLACK BUTTE	WY	RSD	2550	65	UNK	48	1	7	1	0	NR	NR
DRY FORK	WY	MBF	650	50	UNK	10	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
KLINGER	CO	CRD	1700	80	7/8	83	4	0	0	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. The fire exhibited extreme behavior with a run up one canyon and some flare-ups in canyon bottoms and along ridges in the cliffs. Three major communication sites are being protected by retardant and bucket drops. Suppression efforts have been successful in spite of red flag conditions. One outbuilding has been destroyed.

ROCK CREEK, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. This fire is 20 miles east of Logan, UT. Strong winds, low relative humidities and low fuel moistures are hindering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BORROW PIT	UT	SLD	3900	75	7/9	279	10	9	4	1	NR	300K
ROCK CREEK	UT	WCF	150	80	7/8	155	5	3	1	0	NR	220K
12 MILE	ID	SAD	250	100	---	169	6	3	5	0	NR	175K
BELL MARE	ID	SID	10000	100	---	158	4	0	1	0	NR	239K
CEDAR FIELD	ID	IFD	4300	100	---	73	3	0	1	0	NR	NR
WORLEY DRAW	ID	BOD	800	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	70K

SAD = Upper Columbia, Salmon/Clearwater District, BLM

SID = Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM

IFD = Upper Snake River District, BLM

BOD = Lower Snake River District, BLM

#### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

Alaska currently has 21 unstaffed and uncontained fires in limited protection areas for 281,320 acres.

ZITZIANA, Tanana Zone, BLM. This lightning-caused fire, which started on 6/13, is 85 miles west of Fairbanks. Burnout operations around two cabins on Wilderness Lake were successful. The fire is nearing cabin sites on Kindinana Lake, where more burnout operations will be initiated if needed. The south flank of the fire has reached an old burn area which is stopping

the fire s progress toward the east. 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. Observed fire behavior includes running and continuous crowning from strong southeast winds. Fire growth is to the north. Cabin protection measures are ongoing.

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. The fire s north flank is active, creeping and backing with interior burning. An aerial firing operation to protect native allotments is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ZITZIANA	AK	TAD	153720	0	UNK	37	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
BEARPAW MOUNTAIN	AK	TAD	28589	0	UNK	15	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
BERING CREEK	AK	TAD	101075	0	UNK	72	3	0	0	0	NR	NR

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

MORGAN, Angeles National Forest. This fire started on Los Angeles County lands north of Glendora, CA and spread onto Forest Service lands. A microwave site on Johnstone Peak and residences on the north side of the fire are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MORGAN	CA	ANF	300	25	7/8	250	12	30	6	0	NR	NR
BROOMSEDGE	HI	HVP	1008	100	---	83	3	3	1	0	NR	115K

HVP = Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, NPS

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WYANT COULEE	MT	EAS	700	100	---	59	1	12	0	0	NR	NR

EAS = Eastern Land Office, Montana State Department of Natural Resources

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN EAST CENTRAL NEVADA FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND A HAINES INDEX OF SIX \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN SOUTHWEST WYOMING FOR VERY DRY AND WINDY CONDITIONS \*\*\*

A trough of low pressure will remain over the northwest United States today, producing thunderstorms in parts of Oregon, northern California, Idaho, Washington, and northwest Nevada. Ahead of the trough, conditions will be dry and breezy in much of the Great Basin. Monsoon thunderstorms will occur in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and eastern Utah. Dry thunderstorms are possible early today on the northern fringe of the monsoonal flow, but these thunderstorms will turn wet later in the afternoon.

Winds in the Great Basin will be southwest at 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph. 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	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		890			12479		13369
NORTHWEST	FIRES	8			1	11	6	26
	ACRES	1			0	6	0	7
CA-NORTH	FIRES					51	12	63
	ACRES					2199	2	2201
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1			23	4	28
	ACRES		0			31	152	183
NORTHERN	FIRES	2				1	4	7
	ACRES	3				0	0	3
GB-EAST	FIRES		3			3	1	7
	ACRES		101			4	20	125
GB-WEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	3	5			2	8	18
	ACRES	5	2			0	47	54
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		810				3	813
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					105	2	107
	ACRES					1277	1	1278
TOTAL	FIRES	13	10	0	1	198	39	261
	ACRES	9	1803	0	0	15998	225	18035

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	19	8	267	3	311
	ACRES	9	122573	166347	28482	264789	0	582200
NORTHWEST	FIRES	85	52	8	1	353	144	643
	ACRES	467	13983	77268	0	24541	69	116328
CA-NORTH	FIRES	52	5	3	4	985	277	1326
	ACRES	86	92	4	0	9478	3898	13558
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	19	38	2	37	1270	299	1665
	ACRES	41	1202	0	14	6782	2715	10754
NORTHERN	FIRE	617	20	18	3	455	163	1276
	ACRES	6339	622	1630	1	24199	715	33506
GB-EAST	FIRES	20	304		6	135	196	661
	ACRES	1122	58266		25	3835	2136	65384
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	212	1	3	45	114	383
	ACRES	2379	67549	0	0	3055	3527	76510
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	611	117	21	29	890	965	2633
	ACRES	10591	57101	17227	9030	245768	132181	471898
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	408	208	19	16	316	224	1191
	ACRES	12258	14225	1422	12623	26207	19973	86708
EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8458	396	9641
	ACRES	15802			518	81407	15396	113123
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		52	73	30342	893	31428
	ACRES	4287		7386	3070	543352	31604	589699
TOTALS	FIRES	2649	969	143	207	43516	3674	51158
	ACRES	53381	335613	271284	53763	1233413	212214	2159668
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								44316
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1257980

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						2	2
	ACRES						2010	2010
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0

SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2010	2010

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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
	ACRES			60	124		5092	5276
NORTHERN	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	12	2	193	477
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4289	360	67541	96677
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	105	307	1805	2993
	ACRES	20768	24307	104680	46086	154265	642927	993033

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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 Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	30	414	12335
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	45	6338
ALBERTA	0	5	543	11097
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	5	6523	106	20780
SASKATCHEWAN	5	4088	295	25879
MANITOBA	2	3	148	13327

ONTARIO	0	0	243	1384
QUEBEC	0	0	259	357
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	97	132
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	182	243
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	124	445
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	17	17
NATIONAL PARKS	1	727	34	1443
TOTALS	17	11376	2507	93777

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	4								61	
NORTHWEST			2	7					2	5
CA-NORTH	1	3	13	3	2	1				
CA-SOUTH	5	9	12	20	4	4			15	10
NORTHERN	4		2	12	2					8
GB-EAST	41	7	35	16	17	1	1		96	17
GB-WEST				2						
SOUTHWEST	6			6	6					
ROCKY MTN	53	4	27	47	11	10			188	95
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN			1						6	2
TOTAL	114	23	92	113	42	16	1	0	371	137

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