

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2000 - 0900 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Seven Type I and II Incident Management Teams were assigned to new large fires in the Northwest, Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin, and Rocky Mountain Areas. Initial attack activity was heavy in the Rocky Mountain and Northern Rockies Areas. Hot, dry weather and strong winds today will challenge containment efforts on large fires in Montana and Idaho. Mobilization of aircraft, equipment, crews, and miscellaneous overhead through the National Interagency Coordination Center accelerated. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, and California.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 27 miles north of McCall, ID. Structures are threatened. The fire grew from ten acres to 1200 acres in less than four hours.

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is burning in a rugged wilderness area 26 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. The fire made an eight mile run yesterday. Residences along Panther Creek have been evacuated. Voluntary evacuations are underway in other areas near the fire. Suppression efforts are concentrated on structure protection.

FENSTER, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is four miles north of Salmon, ID. About 20 structures are threatened. Extensive retardant drops assisted in protecting these structures.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	1200	0	UNK	UNK	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	23000	0	UNK	UNK	3	3	3	0	0	NR
FENSTER	ID	SCF	2500	0	UNK	UNK	1	4	1	0	NR	NR
ROSS FORK	ID	IFD	1241	100	---	67	2	8	1	0	NR	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

LITTLE BLUE, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles southwest of Darby, MT. Precautionary evacuation of 25 to 30 homes and a campground along the west

shore of Painted Rocks Reservoir is taking place. Control problems include high winds, heavy fuels and inaccessibility.

SEELEY COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. These fires are 34 miles northeast of Missoula in the Seeley Lakes area. The complex is made up of about 30 lightning-caused fires including the Upper Monture, Fenn Mountain, McCabe, and Morrell fires. The largest two are 60 acres each. Most fires are remote and have poor access.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	2500	0	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	NR	NR
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	180	0	UNK	70	4	3	2	0	0	NR

#### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BEATY BUTTE, Lakeview District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. This lightning-caused fire is 60 miles northeast of Lakeview, OR. It is burning in heavy brush in an inaccessible area. Pushed by gusty winds, the fire is actively running and spotting. Current threats are to wildlife habitat and the Basque Wilderness Study Area east of the fire.

JACKSON, Vale District, BLM. A Type II Team (Ostman) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass and brush near Huntington, OR. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BEATY BUTTE	OR	LAD	16000	0	UNK	500	16	35	3	0	0	NR
JACKSON	OR	VAD	15000	0	UNK	70	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
OAK FLATS	WA	SES	280	100	---	87	5	4	1	0	1.5K	80K
STONE GIANT	WA	YAA	2080	100	---	61	1	7	1	0	3K	15K

SES = Southeast Washington State Forestry

YAA = Yakima Agency, BIA

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

HIGHLAND CREEK, Wind Cave National Park. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bustamante) is assigned. This fire is burning in timber 15 miles southeast of Custer, WY. The cause of the fire was lightning.

MUDDY CREEK, Wind River Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. The fire is burning in pockets of sagebrush and juniper ten miles west of Thermopolis, WY. Overall fire activity continues to be low. Crews are improving firelines, mopping up and cold

trailing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HIGHLAND CREEK	SD	WCP	200	0	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MUDDY CREEK	WY	WRA	3800	75	7/15	340	13	15	2	0	NR	495K

#### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHERRY, Ely Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. The fire is burning in dense pinyon pine, juniper, white fir and mountain mahogany 30 miles northwest of Ely, NV. Crews made good progress on the east flank of the fire. High winds in the afternoon halted air operations. Running , torching and spotting fire behavior have been observed. Extremely dry fuels, low relative humidity, and rolling debris in the fir stands are posing problems to containment.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CHERRY	NV	ELD	7000	50	7/18	475	14	16	7	0	NR	720K

#### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONGLEAF VISTA, Kisatchie National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. The fire is burning in a wilderness area 30 miles northwest of Alexandria, LA. The burnout operation has been successfully completed and crews are engaged in mopup. Extremely warm temperatures are hindering suppression efforts.

TWIN COMPLEX, Florida State Division of Forestry. This complex in Polk County consists of the Difficult and Stump fires, which have burned together in a swamp. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LONGLEAF VISTA	LA	KIF	2500	80	7/17	280	8	4	3	0	NR	446K
TWIN COMPLEX	FL	FLS	1000	50	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
WHITE	LA	SBR	350	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR	1K

SBR = Sabine National Wildlife Refuge

#### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

ZITZIANA, Tanana Zone, BLM. This lightning-caused fire, which started on 6/13, is 85 miles west of Fairbanks. The fire has experienced strong northeast winds and drying conditions for the past two days. One crew is continuing native allotment protection operations.

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 burnout on the west side of the fire is completed. The fire crossed a river and bucket work was used to contain the spot fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ZITZIANA	AK	TAD	165377	0	UNK	25	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
BERING CREEK	AK	TAD	122994	0	UNK	27	1	0	0	0	NR	NR

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN WYOMING FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, STRONG WINDS AND DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN MONTANA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND STRONG WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHEAST IDAHO FOR STRONG WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN THE INLAND PORTION OF THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

Monsoon moisture will continue to circulate into portions of Utah, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. Low pressure off the west coast will move inland and bring high clouds and wind to Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Colorado and Utah will have partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated to scattered showers and mainly dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from 65 to 80 in the mountains and in the 80's and 90's at lower elevations and up to 105 in desert areas. Winds will be south to southwest at 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 30 percent, except drier across the southern Utah deserts.

Montana and Wyoming will be partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 65 to 85 at higher elevations and 85 to 100 in the valleys. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 25 mph with occasional gusts to 35 mph in Montana. Winds will be gusty near thunderstorms. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 25 percent.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho, and Nevada will be mostly sunny and breezy. High temperatures will be 70 to 85 at high elevations and in the 80's and lower 90's in the valleys. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph, with gusts to 30 mph in southeast Idaho. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 25 percent.

Louisiana will be mostly sunny and hot. High temperatures will be in the mid 90's to around 100. Winds will be west to northwest at 5 to 10 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 40 to 50 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		0	1		0		1
	ACRES		5	4100		28		4133
NORTHWEST	FIRES	3	1			3	4	11
	ACRES	2082	16000			1	0	18083
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				14	7	22
	ACRES	0				102	5	107
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2			13	1	16
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
NORTHERN	FIRES		4			11	46	61
	ACRES		40			4	3220	3264
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			4	7	12
	ACRES		2506			0	23458	25964
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		500					500
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1	2				1	4
	ACRES	60	2				0	62
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	10	4		5	4	18	41
	ACRES	801	0		200	150	38	1189
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			2		53	2	57
	ACRES			93		722	565	1380
TOTAL	FIRES	15	15	3	5	102	86	226
	ACRES	2943	19054	4193	200	1007	27286	54683

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	23	8	278	5	328
	ACRES	9	142001	214827	43763	301135	0	701735
NORTHWEST	FIRES	101	80	9	4	461	230	885
	ACRES	3616	31521	77387	0	24302	1816	138642
CA-NORTH	FIRES	66	5	3	5	1073	318	1470
	ACRES	103	92	4	1	7589	3911	11700
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	26	44	3	37	1387	321	1818
	ACRES	53	1202	20	14	7806	2725	11820
NORTHERN	FIRE	622	30	18	3	551	262	1486
	ACRES	6850	979	1630	1	24875	4042	38377
GB-EAST	FIRES	25	355		13	151	252	796
	ACRES	1126	74642		26	3852	26700	106346

GB-WEST	FIRES	9	240	1	3	50	122	425
	ACRES	2379	89457	0	0	3065	4719	99620
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	646	125	21	34	905	1000	2731
	ACRES	10675	57746	17227	9034	272007	132546	499235
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	432	281	19	23	398	292	1445
	ACRES	15937	13706	1422	12823	27791	22014	93693
EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8569	398	9754
	ACRES	15802			518	81434	15397	113151
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		63	73	31060	928	32192
	ACRES	4287		10700	3070	551148	36916	606121
TOTALS	FIRES	2756	1173	160	230	44883	4128	53330
	ACRES	60837	411346	323217	69250	1305004	250786	2420440
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								46733
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1499095

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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							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			60				60
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					1		1
	ACRES					100		100
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	60	0	100	0	160

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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	23	25			188	254
	ACRES	5637	3540	5022			20257	34456
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	3	1		120	126
	ACRES		328	832	12		10315	11487
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			4	3		80	87
	ACRES			260	124		5152	5536
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	82	3	58	231	399
	ACRES	1775	1991	15956	395	6446	35286	61849
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	194	478
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4289	360	67591	96727
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	7	63	224
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	675	20263	44847
EASTERN	FIRES	15		34	11	129	208	397
	ACRES	2947		11235	1290	84381	18305	118158
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	62	103	704	1015
	ACRES	902		61589	36064	61971	453055	613581
USA TOTALS	FIRES	95	266	452	105	308	1808	3034
	ACRES	20768	24313	115734	46086	154365	643075	1004341

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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	6	4	464	12381
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	50	7949
ALBERTA	3	0	565	10238
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	0	146	35012
SASKATCHEWAN	0	61	301	31052
MANITOBA	1	0	152	13331
ONTARIO	2	1	257	1387
QUEBEC	4	181	274	1191
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	97	132
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	1	186	244
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	129	445
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	338	36	2059
TOTALS	20	586	2676	115438

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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	2								9	
NORTHWEST	11	15	44	38	4	3	5		68	32
CA-NORTH			2		1					
CA-SOUTH	1				1	1				
NORTHERN	20	2	28	5	13	1			63	
GB-EAST	27	3	55	10	16				13	2
GB-WEST	15	1	10	12	8				55	32
SOUTHWEST	4		10		7				7	
ROCKY MTN	41	1	40	34	9	4			192	43
EASTERN									28	
SOUTHERN	11		3	6	4	2			129	40
TOTAL	132	22	192	105	63	11	5	0	564	149

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