

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2000 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Improving weather conditions assisted firefighters working on the large fires in the Northwest, Western Great Basin and Rocky Mountains Areas. Resources continued arriving on fires in the Eastern Great Basin and Northern Rockies Areas. High pressure rebuilding into the Pacific Northwest will start a warming and drying trend, but predicted lower wind speeds should help firefighters on most large fires. 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:

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is burning in a rugged wilderness area 26 miles northwest of Salmon, ID.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 27 miles north of McCall, ID. The fire remained active, even though temperatures were lower and relative humidities were higher.

FENSTER CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is four miles north of Salmon, ID.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	25000	0	UNK	166	6	0	0	0	0	NR
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	1200	0	UNK	UNK	1	4	0	0	NR	NR
FENSTER CREEK	ID	SCF	3500	40	7/17	184	1	4	1	0	NR	108K

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. There was a precautionary evacuation of some homeowners to a campground.

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 fires range in size from one acre to 60 acres. Fire growth was rapid and spotting was a problem. Most fires are remotely located and have poor access.

CLEARWATER COMPLEX. Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spechts) is assigned. These fires are 40 miles east of Missoula, MT. The complex consists of approximately 50 fires ranging from one tenth of an acre to 90 acres. New holdover fires continue to appear in the area.

EAGLE POINT, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Hamilton, MT. This lightning-caused fire started on 7/13 and is burning in a steep, heavily timbered area. Due to a lack of roads, crews are being shuttled to the firelines by helicopter. Good progress was made yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	3000	0	UNK	103	7	2	4	0	NR	NR
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	180	0	UNK	70	4	3	2	0	NR	NR
CLEARWATER COMP	MT	SWS	150	50	UNK	309	6	17	3	0	NR	NR
EAGLE POINT	MT	BRF	125	25	7/18	83	3	0	2	0	NR	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. Aided by favorable weather conditions, crews made good progress on the fire yesterday. Areas of unburned vegetation within the fire s perimeter continue to be of concern.

JACKSON, Vale District, BLM. A Type II Team (Ostman) is assigned. The fire is 25 miles north of Vale, OR. Two residences and one outbuilding were destroyed. Low fire growth was due to light winds and higher relative humidities late yesterday afternoon.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BEATY BUTTE	OR	LAD	26500	90	UNK	575	10	34	3	0	0	668K
JACKSON	OR	VAD	108000	60	7/16	207	3	37	0	3	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SAGE CREEK #3. Rock Springs District, BLM. This is three fires 25 miles southwest of Rock Springs, WY, and is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and dense sagebrush. Air operations assisted engines and crews and containment is expected some time today.

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. Fire activity was low and some resources are being released from the fire.

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. Favorable weather conditions allowed for direct attack, fire growth potential is low.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SAGE CREEK #3	WY	RSD	1373	60	NR	125	0	8	3	0	NR	NR
MUDDY CREEK	WY	WRA	3843	100	---	182	6	6	2	0	NR	776K
HIGHLAND CREEK	SD	WCP	1136	75	7/16	232	7	12	2	0	NR	223K

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. Cloudy, cooler weather aided suppression efforts. Crews are staying in spike camps due to access problems on the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CHERRY	NV	ELD	7450	70	7/18	492	13	14	6	0	NR	1M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONGLEAF VISTA, Kisatchie National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. The fire is located 30 miles northwest of Alexandria, LA. Mop up has been completed up to 200 feet inside the perimeter.

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	100	7/17	273	9	4	2	0	NR	603K

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

ZITZIANA, Tanana Zone, BLM. This lightning-caused fire, which started on 6/13, is 85 miles west of Fairbanks. A detection airplane flew the fire

and reported only a few light smokes on the southern perimeter. Light rain was reported during the day.

BERING CREEK, Tanana Zone, BLM. This fire is 35 miles southwest of Tanana. Crews were demobilized and the fire will be monitored.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ZITZIANA	AK	TAD	166177	0	UNK	0	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
BERING CREEK	AK	TAD	122994	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN OREGON FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND DRY LIGHTNING. ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR THE SOUTHEAST IDAHO MOUNTAINS FOR DRY LIGHTNING. ***

Monsoon moisture will continue to circulate around the high pressure over the central section of the United States into Utah, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. High pressure should begin to rebuild into the Pacific Northwest for an increase in temperatures and dry conditions. Moisture from California will produce scattered thunderstorms in Oregon with the possibility for some to be dry.

Colorado and Utah will be partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 65 to 80 degrees in the mountains and to 105 degrees in the deserts. Minimum relative humidities will generally be from 10 to 30 percent, except drier across the Utah deserts. Up slope and up valley winds will be 5 to 10 mph.

Montana and Wyoming should be partly cloudy with high temperatures 65 to 85 degrees in the mountains and from the mid 80's to 100 degrees elsewhere. Minimum relative humidities will be from 10 to 25 percent. Winds will be northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph, except 20 to 30 mph in northeast Montana. Minimum relative humidities will be from 10 to 25 percent.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho, and Nevada will be mostly sunny in the morning with increasing clouds in the afternoon. There is a slight chance of thunderstorms in central Oregon. High temperatures should be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and to the lower 90's in the valleys. Minimum relative humidities will range from 10 to 25 percent and winds will be southwest to northwest from 5 to 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				800			800
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	0			7	3	11
	ACRES	0	113000			5	0	113005
CA-NORTH	FIRES					20	3	23
	ACRES					12	1	13
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	2				15	3	20
	ACRES	0				4	0	4
NORTHERN	FIRES					7	6	13
	ACRES					10	275	285
GB-EAST	FIRES	2	3		1	4	6	16
	ACRES	0	2350		0	1	1002	1028
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		452					452
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	3	1			1	10	15
	ACRES	64	1373			8	6	1451
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					640	5	645
TOTAL	FIRES	8	5	0	1	55	33	102
	ACRES	64	114850	0	800	680	1289	117683

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	23	8	281	5	331
	ACRES	9	142001	214827	44563	301131	0	702531
NORTHWEST	FIRES	102	81	9	4	469	237	902
	ACRES	2616	104761	77387	0	24673	1816	211253
CA-NORTH	FIRES	66	5	3	5	1093	323	1495
	ACRES	103	92	4	1	7601	3941	11742
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	28	44	3	37	1402	324	1838
	ACRES	53	1202	20	14	7810	2725	11824
NORTHERN	FIRE	622	30	18	3	597	287	1557
	ACRES	6850	979	1630	1	25029	4232	38721
GB-EAST	FIRES	25	358		14	155	258	810
	ACRES	1126	74667		26	3853	29202	108874
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	241	1	3	50	122	426
	ACRES	2379	89909	0	0	3065	4719	100072
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	646	125	21	34	923	1002	2751
	ACRES	10675	57746	17227	9034	246337	132546	473565
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	435	283	19	23	399	302	1461
	ACRES	16001	15079	1422	12823	27799	22020	95144
EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8569	398	9754
	ACRES	15802			518	81434	15397	113151
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		63	73	31061	929	32194
	ACRES	4287		10700	3070	551788	36921	606766
TOTALS	FIRES	2762	1180	160	231	44999	4187	53519

	ACRES	59901	486436	323217	70050	1280520	253519	2473643
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								46913
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1521073

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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	193	477
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4289	360	67686	96822
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	1807	3033
	ACRES	20768	24313	115734	46086	154365	643170	1004436

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	0	0	464	12381
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	51	7949
ALBERTA	0	0	566	11114
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	146	35780
SASKATCHEWAN	4	297	305	31349
MANITOBA	2	32	154	13363
ONTARIO	0	0	257	1387
QUEBEC	3	0	277	1191
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	97	132
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	188	244
NOVA SCOTIA	2	1	131	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	1	1100	37	3159
TOTALS	15	1430	2692	118512

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	1								2	
NORTHWEST	11	5	64	49	6		1		139	13
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH	1				1	1				
NORTHERN	32	2	17	36	19	3			89	33
GB-EAST	10	1	40		7				53	2
GB-WEST	13		4	11	4	2			72	45

SOUTHWEST	4		9		7				7	
ROCKY MTN	24	1	20	25	7	4			137	29
EASTERN									2	
SOUTHERN	8	1	2	3	3				92	16
TOTAL	104	10	156	124	54	10	1	0	593	138

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