

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Eastern Great Basin Area. A Type I Incident Management Team was mobilized for a fire in Idaho. Containment goals were reached on large fires in the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Areas. Dry lightning is forecast for Idaho, northern Montana, eastern Oregon and eastern Washington which will raise the possibility of increased initial attack activity in those areas. Mobilization of resources through the National Interagency Coordination Center was steady. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FENSTER CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is four miles north of Salmon, ID. The fire was very active during the night due to poor relative humidity recovery. The fire made several runs and spotting was observed. Some forest roads and campgrounds have been closed.

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is northwest of Salmon, ID. Permanent and seasonal residences are threatened, and one residence is confirmed destroyed. Difficult access and steep terrain are slowing fireline construction. An inversion yesterday limited air operations. The anadromous fishery is a concern.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 27 miles north of McCall, ID. Residences in a subdivision and a hot spring resort are threatened. The remote location of the fire and the steepness of the terrain are hindering suppression efforts.

BARE CANYON, Targhee National Forest. This fire is burning in timber 32 miles west of Dubois, ID. Obstacles to containment include steep terrain and inaccessibility of the fire location. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

BIRCH CREEK 2, Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM. This fire was ignited by lightning six miles southeast of Oakley, ID. Fuels involved are grass, brush and juniper. Shifting winds from passing thunder cells caused a significant increase in the fire's size.

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE ACRES	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG PERS	HELI PERS	STRC PERS	EST PERS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D LOSS
FENSTER CREEK	ID	SCF	3500	50	7/19	378	10	6	6	0	NR	535K	

CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	25000	2	UNK	508	18	19	8	1	NR	350K
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	2350	0	UNK	353	11	13	2	0	NR	322K
BARE CANYON	ID	TAF	500	0	UNK	40	0	4	1	0	NR	NR
BIRCH CREEK 2	ID	SID	400	50	7/17	37	0	9	1	0	35K	25K
INDIAN RIDGE	ID	BOD	700	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

BOD = Lower Snake River District, 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. Approximately 50 residences have been evacuated. Torching and short runs occurred yesterday afternoon. Inaccessibility, rugged terrain, and difficulty with securing anchor points are impeding suppression efforts.

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, #6, and Morrell fires. The fires range in size from one acre to 60 acres. Most fires are remotely located and have poor access. Observed fire behavior includes torching and spotting.

CLEARWATER COMPLEX. Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. These fires are 40 miles east of Missoula, MT. The complex consists of approximately 37 fires ranging from one tenth of an acre to 90 acres. Most of the fires are contained, but new holdover fires continue to appear.

EAGLE POINT, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Hamilton, MT. The fire is burning in a steep, heavily timbered area which is inaccessible by road. Crews are making progress toward containment, assisted by helicopter bucket drops.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	6100	10	UNK	249	6	5	4	0	NR	NR	
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	180	0	UNK	184	6	0	1	0	0	NR	
CLEARWATER COMP	MT	SWS	130	75	UNK	400	11	39	1	0	NR	NR	
EAGLE POINT	MT	BRF	125	40	7/18	83	4	0	2	0	NR	110K	

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

YELLOW BUTTE, Black Hills National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is northeast of Newcastle, Wyoming. No other information was reported.

SAGE CREEK #3. Rock Springs District, BLM. This complex is comprised of three fires 25 miles southwest of Rock Springs, WY. The fires are burning

in thick stands of pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. The current threat is to the Firehole Canyon Recreational Area. Crews and engines are making progress on containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
YELLOW BUTTE	SD	BKF	785	90	7/17	150	5	13	0	0	50K	150K	
SAGE CREEK #3	WY	RSD	1373	90	7/18	34	3	8	2	0	NR	NR	
HIGHLAND CREEK	SD	WCP	1136	100	---	265	9	4	1	0	NR	400K	

WCP = Wind Cave National Park

#### 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. Another day of cooler, cloudy weather has allowed crews to make progress toward containment. Some torching of trees has been observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CHERRY	NV	ELD	7450	90	7/18	429	10	12	6	0	NR	1.1M	

#### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

Alaska has 26 unstaffed and uncontained fires burning in limited protection areas for 676,563 acres.

ZITZIANA, Tanana Zone, BLM. This lightning-caused fire, which started on 6/13, is 85 miles west of Fairbanks. All crews have been demobilized and the fire will be monitored. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

BERING CREEK, Tanana Zone, BLM. This fire is 35 miles southwest of Tanana. All crews have been demobilized and the fire will be monitored. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

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

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BEATY BUTTE	OR	LAD	26500	100	---	409	2	31	3	0	NR	1.5M	
JACKSON	OR	VAD	82289	100	---	229	3	34	2	2	NR	405K	

LAD = Lakeview District, BLM

VAD = Vale District, BLM

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN OREGON, SOUTHWESTERN IDAHO, AND THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS OF SOUTHEASTERN WASHINGTON FOR DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

Monsoon moisture will continue to circulate around the southwestern states, causing scattered high-based dry thunderstorms to develop over the central and northern Great Basin and interior northwest. Lower level dryness and warmer than normal temperatures will maintain high fire danger.

Colorado and Utah will be partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and afternoon thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 65 to 80 in the mountains and in the 80's and 90's at lower elevations. The Utah deserts will be 100 to 105 degrees. Minimum relative humidities will be from 10 to 20 percent. Upslope and up valley winds will be 5 to 10 mph.

Montana and Wyoming will be partly to mostly cloudy with scattered thundershowers in Wyoming and southern Montana. In northern Montana there is a chance for dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 65 to 85 in the mountains and 85 to 95 in the valleys. Winds will be south at 5 to 15 mph, except 10 to 20 mph at higher elevations. Minimum relative humidities will be from 15 to 25 percent.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho, and Nevada will be partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of afternoon dry thunderstorms. High temperatures should be in the upper 70's and 80's in the mountains and to the mid 90's in the valleys. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities will range from 10 to 25 percent.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE						0
	ACRES						0
NORTHWEST	FIRE		1		9	6	16
	ACRES		0		6	0	6
CA-NORTH	FIRE	1			21	3	25

CA-SOUTH	ACRES	1				41	0	42
	FIRES				2	21	4	27
	ACRES				0	19	1	20
NORTHERN	FIRES	2				7	13	22
	ACRES	0				21	3114	3135
GB-EAST	FIRES	2	13			9	19	43
	ACRES	0	1389			198	2077	3664
GB-WEST	FIRES		2				4	6
	ACRES		0				0	0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1	2	4	7
	ACRES				30	82	0	112
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3	1		2	4	14
	ACRES		1	0		0	1	2
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
SOUTHERN	FIRES					5	4	9
	ACRES					380	28	408
TOTAL	FIRES	5	19	1	5	78	62	170
	ACRES	1	1390	0	30	748	5221	7390

FIRE 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	103	83	9	4	498	241	938
	ACRES	2966	109831	77387	0	24905	1819	216908
CA-NORTH	FIRES	67	5	3	5	1114	326	1520
	ACRES	104	92	4	1	7642	3941	11784
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	28	44	3	29	1423	334	1861
	ACRES	53	1202	20	14	7829	2726	11844
NORTHERN	FIRE	624	30	18	3	603	300	1578
	ACRES	6850	979	1630	1	25050	7346	41856
GB-EAST	FIRES	27	371		14	164	273	849
	ACRES	1126	76071		26	4051	35279	116553
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	243	1	3	50	126	432
	ACRES	2379	89909	0	0	3065	4719	100072
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	646	125	21	35	925	1006	2758
	ACRES	10675	57746	17227	9064	246419	132546	473677
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	434	288	20	25	404	301	1472
	ACRES	16758	15083	1422	12823	27800	22013	95899
EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8569	399	9755
	ACRES	15802			518	81434	15398	113152
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		63	73	31066	933	32203
	ACRES	4287		10700	3070	552168	36949	607174
TOTALS	FIRES	2767	1202	161	226	45097	4244	53697
	ACRES	61009	492914	323217	70080	1281494	262736	2491450
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								47078
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1537913

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

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

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				4		7	11
	ACRES				2		1	3
NORTHERN	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				1		1	2
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					390		390
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	5	0	16	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	3	0	392	395

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	0	0	464	12381
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	52	7949
ALBERTA	0	0	564	11114
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	146	35780

SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	306	31349
MANITOBA	1	35	155	13398
ONTARIO	0	1	258	1388
QUEBEC	18	447	295	1638
NEWFOUNDLAND	4	3	101	135
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	189	244
NOVA SCOTIA	2	0	133	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	2809
TOTALS	27	486	2719	118648

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		1					1			
NORTHWEST	2	3	78	28	8				185	30
CA-NORTH		4		8		1				3
CA-SOUTH	1				1	1				
NORTHERN	40	6	34	39	15	1			145	62
GB-EAST	27	15	66	25	13	10			146	9
GB-WEST	10	2	3	9	4	2			68	56
SOUTHWEST	1		2							
ROCKY MTN	20	7	34	28	3	5			58	31
EASTERN									27	
SOUTHERN	3		2	3	1				94	15
TOTAL	104	38	219	140	45	20	1	0	723	206

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