

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Lightning ignited several new large range fires in the Great Basin and Northwest Areas, and caused heavy initial attack activity in Nevada, Utah and southern Idaho. A Type I Incident Management Team was mobilized to a fire in Nevada. Crews continued to make good progress on the timber fires in Idaho and Montana, aided by cloud cover and scattered precipitation. Dry lightning is forecast today in eastern Oregon and northern Nevada. Aircraft, crew, equipment and overhead mobilization through the National Interagency Coordination Center increased. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is northwest of Salmon, ID. One residence and five outbuildings have been destroyed. Ten residences are threatened. Extremely steep terrain and limited access are challenging containment efforts. Anchor points are difficult to establish. Active weather cells and gusty winds yesterday afternoon increased fire activity.

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 was moderately active yesterday and continued to burn actively all night. The southeast edge of the fire is threatening Warren Wagon Road and the community of Secesh. A precautionary evacuation of War Eagle Lookout is planned.

FENSTER CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) will transition with a Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) today. This fire is four miles north of Salmon, ID. Crews have been able to direct- attack the fire on all divisions and have made significant progress. Current threats are to residences, historic cabins, mine outbuildings, and the Salmon municipal watershed.

BARE CANYON, Targhee National Forest. This timber fire is 32 miles west of Dubois, ID. The fire received some scattered precipitation yesterday, which has aided control efforts and kept fire activity minimal.

SOUTH ROSE RANCH, Northwest Utah State. This lightning-caused fire is 50 miles northwest of Logan, UT. The fire is burning in grass, cedar, pinyon pine and juniper. Strong, shifting winds caused extreme fire behavior. Ranches, powerlines and fences are threatened.

MOLLYS, Northwest Utah State. This fire is burning in grass, sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper 15 miles west of Salt Lake City. A ranch is threatened. The fire made small runs with some torching.

MP 63 I-84, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire is 12 miles

southeast of Boise, ID, north of Interstate 84 in open rangeland. There are structures in front of the fire, but they are not immediately threatened. The fire has potential to grow significantly.

DAYTON, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. The fire is burning on state and private lands 14 miles east of Malad, ID. Strong winds are hampering containment efforts.

MP 77 I-84, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire is 22 miles southeast of Boise, ID. Seven structures, a gas pipeline and several outbuildings were successfully protected by engine crews.

BIRCH CREEK 2, Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM. This fire was ignited by lightning six miles southeast of Oakley, ID. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	39166	5	UNK	687	19	26	19	6	NR	700K
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	2991	16	UNK	396	11	13	6	0	NR	607K
FENSTER CREEK	ID	SCF	3326	75	7/18	623	23	17	5	0	NR	835K
BARE CANYON	ID	TAF	500	60	UNK	134	5	1	1	0	NR	NR
SOUTH ROSE RANC	UT	NWS	2100	30	7/18	25	0	5	0	0	NR	3K
MOLLYS	UT	NWS	3910	50	7/18	61	1	10	1	0	0	69K
MP 63 I-84	ID	BOD	500	40	UNK	37	0	6	0	0	NR	NR
DAYTON	ID	IFD	405	60	UNK	102	3	7	0	0	NR	NR
MP 77 I-84	ID	BOD	2000	75	7/18	25	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
BIRCH CREEK 2	ID	SID	400	50	7/17	37	0	9	1	0	35K	25K

#### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PRINCE ROYAL, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and sagebrush three miles south of Imlay, NV. The fire jumped Highway 400 last night and is threatening the towns of Imlay and Unionville. Observed fire behavior includes spotting and fire whirls. Five structures were saved during initial attack.

BILK CREEK COMPLEX, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchison) has been ordered. The fires are burning in grass and sagebrush 50 miles north of Winnemucca, NV. Fires in the complex include Dry Creek, Cherry Creek, Riverside, Double H, Garden Springs, and Willow Creek. Strong, erratic winds caused extreme rates of spread and intense fire behavior. Powerlines were reported destroyed, and a communications tower and several ranches are threatened.

GREGG CANYON, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. This fire is burning 25 miles southeast of Winnemucca, NV. Current threats are to horses, wildlife habitat and rangeland.

BIG SPRINGS, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is 26 miles southeast of Wells, NV. The fire is making a wind-driven run through grass, sagebrush,

pinyon pine and juniper fuels. It is burning toward an alkali flat. Crews plan to flank the fire once it reaches the sparse fuels on the flat.

PUMPERNICKEL, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. The fire is burning in grass and sagebrush 30 miles southeast of Winnemucca, NV. Strong winds and steep terrain are challenging containment efforts.

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. Rolling debris on steep slopes is causing spotting problems. Crews are engaged in extensive mopup of the 1000 hour fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PRINCE ROYAL	NV	WID	13000	5	7/19	15	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
BILK CREEK COMP	NV	WID	11000	5	UNK	31	2	4	0	0	NR	NR
GREGG CANYON	NV	WID	1200	10	7/18	18	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
BIG SPRINGS	NV	EKD	1700	0	UNK	50	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
PUMPERNICKEL	NV	WID	900	90	7/18	30	0	13	0	0	NR	NR
CHERRY	NV	ELD	7073	95	7/18	403	9	12	6	0	NR	1.4M

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned to a staging area in Missoula, MT.

LITTLE BLUE, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles southwest of Darby, MT. The west half of the fire is rugged and lacking good access. A persistent inversion is limiting air support. Crews are having difficulty securing anchor points.

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. Two new fires were reported yesterday. Fire behavior during the burning period is increasing in intensity each day.

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 38 fires ranging from one tenth of an acre to 90 acres. Only seven of the fires are still staffed, and the rest are in patrol status. This complex is sharing resources with the Seeley Complex.

EAGLE POINT, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Hamilton, MT and is burning in a steep, heavily timbered area which is inaccessible by road. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	6200	20	UNK	563	18	17	5	0	NR	550K
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	120	20	7/21	256	9	0	1	0	0	146K
CLEARWATER COMP	MT	SWS	130	80	UNK	409	13	30	1	0	NR	325K
EAGLE POINT	MT	BRF	125	60	7/19	70	3	0	2	0	NR	145K

#### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SHELBY, Alabama State Forestry Commission. This lightning-caused fire is 25 miles southeast of Birmingham, AL. Suppression operations are hindered by extreme drought conditions, strong winds, high temperatures, and low relative humidity. Parts of the fire are in steep, rocky terrain.

CASA LOMA, Eglin Air Force Base. This fire is one of several arson fires burning near Niceville, FL. A Type I helicopter is assisting with suppression efforts due to urban interface involvement within the incident.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SHELBY	AL	ALS	1200	50	7/18	30	0	6	0	0	NR	NR
CASA LOMA	FL	EAQ	120	60	7/18	NR	0	3	1	0	NR	NR
UPSON	GA	GAS	500	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

GAS = Georgia State Forestry Commission

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

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

SAGE CREEK #3. Rock Springs District, BLM. This complex is comprised of three fires 25 miles southwest of Rock Springs, WY. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
YELLOW BUTTE	SD	BKF	785	90	7/17	92	3	8	0	0	50K	150K
SAGE CREEK #3	WY	RSD	1373	90	7/18	34	0	8	2	0	NR	NR

#### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

ALDERDALE, Klickitat County, Washington State. The fire is burning in sagebrush and is currently threatening a ranch. No other information is available.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ALDERDALE	WA	WAS	12600	20	7/19	60	0	16	0	0	0	26K

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN SOUTHEASTERN OREGON AND NORTHERN AND CENTRAL NEVADA FOR DRY LIGHTNING THIS AFTERNOON \*\*\*

Monsoon moisture is moving northward from the southwest and will produce scattered high-based dry thunderstorms over the central and northern Great Basin and interior northwest today. Lower level dryness and above normal temperatures will keep the fire danger high.

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 mid 80's to mid 90's in the valleys and in the upper 70's and 80's in the mountains. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph. Winds will be gusty around thunderstorms. Minimum relative humidities will range from 10 to 25 percent.

Montana and Wyoming will be partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's to lower 90's at lower elevations and from 65 to 80 in the mountains. 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.

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.

#### FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		5		1	11	9	26
	ACRES		114		0	12605	3	12722
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				12	8	21
	ACRES	0				42	2	44
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					25	3	28
	ACRES					46	2	48

NORTHERN	FIRES	1				8	7	16
	ACRES	3				1	119	123
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	27			2	26	56
	ACRES	1	4364			5958	14255	24578
GB-WEST	FIRES		28		1	3	11	43
	ACRES		27903		0	61	96	28060
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2			1	4	8	15
	ACRES	1			0	97	21	119
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	9		1	2	3	17
	ACRES	0	4		0	0	2	6
EASTERN	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2	359	10	371
	ACRES				100	7436	57	7593
TOTAL	FIRES	7	69	0	6	429	85	596
	ACRES	5	32385	0	100	26248	14557	73295

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	103	88	9	5	507	250	962
	ACRES	2966	139620	77387	0	24907	1822	246702
CA-NORTH	FIRES	75	5	3	5	1126	333	1547
	ACRES	104	92	4	1	7684	3943	11828
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	28	44	3	29	1448	339	1891
	ACRES	53	1202	20	14	7875	5190	14354
NORTHERN	FIRE	628	30	18	3	611	307	1597
	ACRES	7306	979	1630	1	25051	7465	42432
GB-EAST	FIRES	28	402		14	166	302	912
	ACRES	1127	80264		26	10009	49504	140930
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	272	1	4	53	128	467
	ACRES	2379	117812	0	0	3126	4814	128131
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	648	125	21	36	929	1014	2773
	ACRES	10676	57746	17227	9064	272694	132568	499975
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	436	317	20	26	407	306	1512
	ACRES	16758	54487	1422	12823	27800	22015	135305
EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8606	399	9792
	ACRES	15802			518	81439	15398	113157
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		66	79	31473	943	32629
	ACRES	4287		11200	3336	562744	37006	618573
TOTALS	FIRES	2784	1296	164	236	45607	4326	54413
	ACRES	61467	594203	323717	70346	1324460	279725	2653918
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								47318
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1550583

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	2
	ACRES				300		37	337
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	300	0	37	337

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	67691	96827
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	63	103	705	1017

	ACRES	902		61589	36364	61971	453092	613918
USA TOTALS	FIRES	95	266	452	106	308	1809	3036
	ACRES	20768	24313	115734	46386	154365	643212	1004778

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	4	3	487	12383
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	51	7949
ALBERTA	0	0	566	11114
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	146	35780
SASKATCHEWAN	3	60	309	31409
MANITOBA	0	0	155	13398
ONTARIO	3	1	261	1389
QUEBEC	6	893	301	2531
NEWFOUNDLAND	9	177	110	312
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	191	244
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	134	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	2809
TOTALS	28	1134	2767	119781

#### 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					1			
NORTHWEST			14	2	3				8	
CA-NORTH			5							
CA-SOUTH	1				1	1				
NORTHERN	49	3	17	43	14	3			166	54
GB-EAST	55	18	108	54	34	10	2		256	38
GB-WEST	10	13	47	27	6	3			63	64
SOUTHWEST	2		1		1					
ROCKY MTN	13	1	15	13	1	3			33	6
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN	4		3	25	1				24	9
TOTAL	134	36	210	164	61	20	3	0	553	171

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