

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northwest and Great Basin. Precipitation and high humidities along with the lightning kept most new starts from growing rapidly. New large fires were reported in the Eastern Great Basin, Western Great Basin, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Northern California, and Southern Areas. Containment goals were reached on many of the large fires in Nevada, Idaho and Utah. Aircraft, crew, equipment and overhead mobilization through the National Interagency Coordination Center was steady. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, 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. Fire spread has moderated over the past two days due to an increase in humidity. The southern end of the fire is burning in the Frank Church Wilderness.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 27 miles north of McCall, ID. The southeast corner of the fire has spotted across the river. Hindrances to containment include heavy fuels, steep terrain and shifting winds from passing thunder cells. BARE CANYON, Targhee National Forest. This timber fire is 32 miles west of Dubois, ID. The fire received precipitation again yesterday. Crews are making good progress toward containment.

DOPPLER, Northwest Utah State. This fire is 24 miles west of Ogden, UT. Erratic winds, steep slopes and heavy fuels are impeding containment. A doppler radar site and fences are threatened.

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	10	UNK	605	19	34	19	6	NR	1.1M
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	3100	23	UNK	455	11	13	6	0	NR	1.0M
BARE CANYON	ID	TAF	500	80	UNK	125	4	1	0	0	NR	NR
DOPPLER	UT	NWS	800	5	7/19	37	0	9	1	0	0	35K
FENSTER CREEK	ID	SCF	3326	100	---	649	23	17	5	0	NR	1.1M
SOUTH ROSE RANC	UT	NWS	6485	100	---	25	0	9	0	0	NR	9K
MOLLYS	UT	NWS	3910	100	---	29	1	2	0	0	0	81K
MP 63 I-84	ID	BOD	1500	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
DAYTON	ID	IFD	405	100	---	102	2	3	0	0	NR	NR
MP 77 I-84	ID	BOD	2000	100	---	NR	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
BIRCH CREEK 2	ID	SID	400	100	---	0	0	0	1	0	35K	25K

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

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

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BILK CREEK COMPLEX, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchison) is assigned. 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, Willow Creek, and Sod House. Extremely dry fuels and wind gusts from passing thunderstorm cells are challenging containment efforts. Ranch structures are threatened.

PRINCE ROYAL COMPLEX, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. These fires are burning in grass and sagebrush three miles south of Imlay, NV. The fires continued to burn actively yesterday. The Explosive fire, which has been added to this complex, is threatening a mine containing two tons of explosives. Limited access, rough terrain and high winds are hindering containment efforts.

BEOAWAE, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and sagebrush 40 miles west of Elko, NV. It was ignited by lightning on 7/17 and rekindled yesterday.

AURORA, Toiyabe National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is burning northeast of Bridgeport, CA near the Aurora Mine. The fire is wind-driven in pinyon pine and juniper fuels. Crowning fire behavior has been observed, and the fire burned through retardant lines.

BIG SPRINGS, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is 26 miles southeast of Wells, NV. Fuels involved are grass, sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper. The fire had a flare up yesterday, and some interior heat remains.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BILK CREEK COMP	NV	WID	14000	45	7/20	107	5	7	0	0	NR	NR
PRINCE ROYAL CP	NV	WID	30000	45	7/19	39	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
BEOAWAE	NV	EKD	1000	5	UNK	140	5	3	0	0	NR	NR
AURORA	NV	TNF	100	50	7/20	150	7	5	2	0	NR	NR
BIG SPRINGS	NV	EKD	1700	UNK	UNK	UNK	8	2	0	0	NR	NR
GREGG CANYON	NV	WID	1200	100	---	10	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
PUMPERNICKEL	NV	WID	900	100	---	30	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
CHERRY	NV	ELD	7073	100	---	287	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	1.6M

ELD = Ely Field Office, BLM

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. Observed fire behavior includes mostly underburning with occasional torching in the afternoon. The fire received light rain with increased winds due to nearby thunderstorm activity. Resources threatened include plantations, timber, a wilderness study area, trout habitat, and public utilities.

SEELEY COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. This complex of 14 fires is 34 miles northeast of Missoula in the Seeley Lakes area. The most active fire is reported to be crowning and spotting 200 to 300 feet. Two of the fires are unstaffed but have displayed little fire activity. Line construction and mopup are underway on the other 11 fires. Helicopters are transporting crews to previously unstaffed fires.

CLEARWATER COMPLEX. Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This complex consists of 39 fires which are 17 miles southeast of Seeley Lake, MT. Five of the fires are staffed, some are in patrol status, and the rest have been declared out. The acreage increase is due to more accurate mapping.

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. Cooler temperatures and higher humidities have allowed crews to make good progress on fireline construction.

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	40	7/23	579	18	20	5	0	NR	800K
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	160	35	7/22	283	9	0	4	0	0	567K
CLEARWATER COMP	MT	SWS	160	95	7/20	390	12	22	1	0	0	430K
EAGLE POINT	MT	BRF	125	85	7/19	72	3	0	2	0	NR	190K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GRANT, Florida State Division of Forestry. The fire is in Brevard County. Fence line and several vehicles were damaged.

VALKARIA, Florida State Division of Forestry. This lightning-caused fire is in Brevard County. Three fences and an ATM machine were damaged. A total of 70 threatened structures were successfully protected by engines.

MAYTOWN SPUR ROAD, Florida State Division of Forestry. This fire is in Volusia County. The fire received light rain.

CASA LOMA, Eglin Air Force Base. This fire is one of several arson fires burning near Niceville, FL. No new information was received.

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GRANT	FL	FLS	400	50	UNK	6	0	0	1	0	NR	NR
VALKARIA	FL	FLS	700	80	UNK	NR	NR	NR	1	0	3K	NR
MAYTOWN SPUR RO	FL	FLS	450	80	7/19	7	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
CASA LOMA	FL	EAQ	120	60	7/18	NR	0	6	1	0	NR	NR
GATE 5	FL	MIR	700	100	---	15	0	4	2	0	NR	NR
LAUREL LANE	FL	FLS	534	100	---	29	0	3	1	0	NR	NR
ALVIE HOLME	FL	FLS	446	100	---	17	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
EIGHT TO FIVE	FL	FLS	500	100	---	46	0	6	2	0	NR	NR
SHELBY	AL	ALS	1200	100	---	30	0	6	0	0	NR	NR
TWIN COMPLEX	FL	FLS	1000	100	---	5	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

MIR = Merritt Island NWR

ALS = Alabama State Forestry Commission

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JUNIPER 2, Craig District, BLM. This fire is near Craig, CO. Control problems are high winds and low humidities. Airtanker drops have been successful in protecting structures.

YELLOW BUTTE, Black Hills National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is northeast of Newcastle, Wyoming. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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. 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
JUNIPER 2	CO	CRD	100	15	7/19	35	1	6	1	0	NR	NR
YELLOW BUTTE	SD	BKF	785	90	UNK	92	3	8	0	0	50K	150K
SAGE CREEK #3	WY	RSD	1373	90	UNK	20	0	8	1	0	NR	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ALDERDALE, Washington State Lands. The fire is burning in sagebrush fuels in Klickitat County. One barn was destroyed and 20 other structures are threatened. The fire has burned out of a canyon and is moving northeast.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ALDERDALE	WA	WFS	6080	40	7/19	170	5	6	2	1	NR	175K
OLD 730	OR	UMR	950	100	---	56	0	12	0	0	NR	NR

UMR = Umatilla NWR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

GOAT, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is burning in timber with brush understory ten miles west of Susanville, CA. The fire is reported to be spotting and torching and moving in a northeasterly direction. Evacuation orders were put into effect for a subdivision. Structure protection operations are underway.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GOAT	CA	LMU	100	UNK	UNK	250	12	35	4	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

Monsoon moisture moving northeast across Colorado will produce scattered thunderstorms. Moisture over the Pacific Northwest from Washington east to Montana and northern Wyoming will produce afternoon thunderstorms. Lower level dryness and above normal temperatures will keep the fire danger high.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho, and Nevada will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy. There is a chance of afternoon high-based thunderstorms in northern and central Idaho and northern Nevada. High temperatures will 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. Minimum relative humidities will range from 5 to 20 percent.

Montana and Wyoming will be partly cloudy with a chance of scattered showers and afternoon 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 southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be from 20 to 35 percent.

Colorado and Utah will be partly cloudy. Colorado will have scattered dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 65 to 80 in the mountains, 80's and 90's at lower elevations and 100 to 105 degrees in the Utah deserts. Minimum relative humidities will be from 10 to 20 percent. Upslope and up valley winds will be 5 to 15 mph.

A fire weather watch is posted in northern Alabama and inland Florida for low relative humidities.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	13	1		8	41	64
	ACRES	1	28	600		4007	6	4642
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				11	2	14
	ACRES	3				16	0	19
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1			14		15
	ACRES		0			11		11
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				6	5	12
	ACRES	0				4	1	5
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	3			4	23	31
	ACRES	1	1005			5185	144	6335
GB-WEST	FIRES		6		1		0	7
	ACRES		31817		10		25	31852
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						11	11
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	4	18			3	9	34
	ACRES	0	63			11	87	161
EASTERN	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1	98	2	101
	ACRES				1	3933	8	3942
TOTAL	FIRES	8	41	1	2	145	90	287
	ACRES	5	32913	600	11	13167	283	46979

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	23	8	282	5	332
	ACRES	9	142001	214827	43763	303106	0	703706
NORTHWEST	FIRES	104	101	10	5	524	292	1036
	ACRES	2712	139648	77987	0	41003	1831	263181
CA-NORTH	FIRES	76	5	3	5	1137	335	1561
	ACRES	107	92	4	1	7700	3943	11847
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	28	45	3	29	1462	339	1906
	ACRES	53	1202	20	14	7886	5190	14365
NORTHERN	FIRES	629	30	18	3	621	315	1616
	ACRES	7306	979	1630	1	27957	7467	45340
GB-EAST	FIRES	29	406		14	171	325	945
	ACRES	1128	80269		26	15209	49538	146170
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	278	1	5	53	150	496
	ACRES	2379	119629	0	10	3126	4848	129992
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	648	125	21	36	929	1019	2778
	ACRES	10676	57746	17227	9064	272694	132579	499986
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	440	335	20	26	411	316	1548
	ACRES	16758	54550	1422	12823	27816	22127	135496
EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8631	402	9820
	ACRES	15802			518	81446	15399	113165
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		66	83	31561	944	32722
	ACRES	4287		11200	3344	566571	37009	622411
TOTALS	FIRES	2792	1338	165	241	45782	4442	54760
	ACRES	61217	596116	324317	69564	1354514	279931	2685659

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES	47705
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES	1578153

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	0
	ACRES						70	70
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	70	70

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	67761	96897
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	643282	1004848

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	10	487	12393
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	51	7949
ALBERTA	0	1	566	11115
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	9	349	154	36129
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	309	31409
MANITOBA	0	0	155	13398
ONTARIO	1	1	264	1390
QUEBEC	7	6926	308	9457
NEWFOUNDLAND	5	415	115	727
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	191	244
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	135	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	2809
TOTALS	23	7702	2791	127483

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					1			
NORTHWEST	7	15	34	33	4	6			16	36
CA-NORTH	2	12	7	35	3	1	4	2		4
CA-SOUTH	1					1				
NORTHERN	46	1	16	38	14	3			182	55
GB-EAST	53	19	86	52	31	13	1		340	72
GB-WEST	4	35	40	19	4	3			12	14
SOUTHWEST	2				1					

ROCKY MTN	14		28	13	5	1	1		34	5
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN	2	8	4	28	5	3			13	23
TOTAL	131	94	215	218	67	31	7	2	600	209

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