

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity diminished somewhat in most areas yesterday. New large fires were reported in the Western Great Basin, Eastern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain, Northwest, and Southern Areas. Lightning-ignited holdovers are likely to appear today in eastern Oregon, Idaho and western Montana as hot, dry weather returns. Aircraft, crew, equipment and overhead mobilization through the National Interagency Coordination Center continued at a moderate pace. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Alabama.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is staging in Salmon, Idaho.

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is northwest of Salmon, ID. Active burning is occurring in pockets on the south and east sides of the fire, but spread is minimal. Rolling material in steep terrain is slowing fireline construction. Other deterrents to containment include extremely dry fuels and limited access.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 27 miles north of McCall, ID. Isolated torching continues on the interior of the fire. Residences, a fire lookout, salmon habitat, and watershed values are threatened. Crews are making significant progress constructing fireline.

BARE CANYON, Targhee National Forest. This timber fire is 32 miles west of Dubois, ID. The fire received precipitation; minimal fire activity was observed. Fireline construction and mopup are ongoing.

SANDAL, Northwest Utah State. This fire is 35 miles west of Logan, UT near the Golden Spike National Monument. Shifting winds are causing numerous directional changes on the fire. Observed fire behavior includes torching, running and crowning.

DOPPLER, Northwest Utah State. This fire is 24 miles west of Ogden, UT. Shifting winds, low relative humidities and torching are hampering containment efforts. Crews are mopping up the lower elevations of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	39166	15	UNK	693	21	20	14		6	NR	1.6M
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	3100	32	UNK	539	18	14	5		0	NR	1.3M
BARE CANYON	ID	TAF	500	80	UNK	125	4	1	5		0	NR	NR

SANDAL	UT	NWS	800	10	UNK	32	0	8	0	0	NR	30K
DOPPLER	UT	NWS	1500	60	UNK	39	1	4	2	0	0	48K

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. Crews have been able to hold all firelines, and demobilization of excess resources will begin today.

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. Crews are making good progress constructing fireline. Current threats are to residences, outbuildings, a communication tower and mine properties. Active burning in cured grass and the presence of abandoned mines are causes for concern.

BEOWAWE, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and sagebrush 40 miles west of Elko, NV. The fire crossed Brook Creek and Buckhorn Mine Road. Direct attack of the head and west flank of the fire is not possible due to steep terrain. Challenges to containment include extreme fire behavior and very hot and dry conditions with no improvement in the forecast.

AURORA, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is burning northeast of Bridgeport, CA near the Aurora Mine. The forward spread of the fire has been halted. Some spot fires are still occurring. Crews and dozers are making progress on fireline construction.

BERNDT, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. This fire is north of Austin, NV. Fuels are sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper. Moderate fire behavior is occurring with some torching and running observed. The fire was ignited by lightning.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BILK CREEK COMP	NV	WID	87888	85	7/20	471	20	25	0	0	NR	NR
PRINCE ROYAL CP	NV	WID	14530	66	7/21	260	10	5	2	0	NR	NR
BEOWAWE	NV	EKD	8500	10	UNK	250	10	5	2	0	NR	NR
AURORA	NV	HTF	165	90	7/20	204	7	4	3	0	NR	NR
BERNDT	NV	BMD	300	10	7/20	14	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
BIG SPRINGS	NV	EKD	1700	100	---	NR	0	2	0	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is managing the 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 fire received some light rain and thunderstorm activity. The evacuation request is still in place from Mud Creek to the Alta Campground, but most residents have returned. Obstacles to containment include rugged terrain and difficulty in securing anchor points on the west half of the fire.

SEELEY COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. This is a complex of 16 fires which are 34 miles northeast of Missoula in the Seeley Lakes area. Two new fires have been added to the complex. Crews were pulled off the fireline on two of the fires, due to concerns regarding escape routes, safety zones and falling snags. Lack of road access to the fires is slowing suppression efforts.

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 44 fires which are 17 miles southeast of Seeley Lake, MT. Dry lightning passed through the area and five new fires have been ignited within the complex. Crews are engaged in aggressive mopup on the staffed fires. Twenty fires are in patrol status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	5800	50	7/23	711	20	25	5	0	NR	1.4M	
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	305	35	7/22	337	9	0	5	0	0	943K	
CLEARWATER COMP	MT	SWS	162	95	7/20	286	8	20	0	0	0	510K	
EAGLE POINT	MT	BRF	125	100	---	72	3	0	1	0	NR	190K	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CITADEL, Craig District, BLM. This fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush 16 miles northwest of Meeker, CO. A burnout is planned to protect threatened ranch buildings, livestock and private grazing land. Containment problems include strong shifting winds, low relative humidities, heavy fuel loading, and extremely dry fuels.

RED CANYON, Rawlins District, BLM. This fire is near Lander, WY. It is burning in thick sagebrush and grass. Several nearby structures are threatened.

COTTONWOOD DIVIDE, Rawlins District, BLM. This fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush near Lander, WY. Threats are to several historical structures.

JUNIPER 2, Craig District, BLM. This fire is near Craig, CO. High winds and low relative humidities continue to cause problems. Containment was expected late last night.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CITADEL	CO	CRD	600	0	UNK	41	0	7	1	0	NR	NR	
RED CANYON	WY	RAD	1950	40	UNK	72	1	14	1	0	NR	NR	
COTTONWOOD DIVI	WY	RAD	350	UNK	7/20	59	1	8	1	0	NR	NR	
JUNIPER 2	CO	CRD	110	80	7/19	28	1	2	1	0	NR	NR	

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ALDERDALE, Washington State Lands. The fire is burning in sagebrush fuels in Klickitat County. The fire jumped firelines on the northwest corner yesterday and threatened wheat fields, crop lands and adjacent structures. Steep terrain, winds generated by the Columbia River Canyon and low afternoon humidities are impeding containment.

WHITE RIDGE #1, Southeast Washington State Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles west of Yakima, WA. The fire was caused by a lightning strike on 7/17. Current threats are to timber, slash and a watershed. Isolated torching and spotting are a concern.

2 HORSE MOUNTAIN, Prineville District, BLM. The fire, which was ignited by lightning on 7/18, is burning in grass, sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper 45 miles northeast of Prineville, OR. Precautionary evacuation of Pine Creek Ranch and Camp Hancock has taken place. Observed fire behavior includes short range spotting, torching and running in draws. A portion of the fire is within the Sheep Basin Wilderness Study Area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
ALDERDALE	WA	WFS	6080	70	7/20	254	5	6	1	1	NR	403K	
WHITE RIDGE #1	WA	SES	150	50	7/19	197	13	28	4	0	4.8K	NR	
2 HORSE MOUNTAI	OR	PRD	2000	0	7/21	28	0	9	2	0	NR	NR	

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CASA LOMA, Eglin Air Force Base. This fire is one of several arson fires burning near Niceville, FL. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CASA LOMA	FL	EAQ	120	80	7/19	30	0	6	0	0	NR	NR	
SCISSORS	AL	ALF	103	100	---	34	1	2	0	0	15K	10K	
MAYTOWN SPUR RO	FL	FLS	500	100	---	7	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	

GRANT	FL	FLS	450	100	---	6	0	0	1	0	NR	NR
VALKARIA	FL	FLS	700	100	---	NR	NR	NR	1	0	NR	NR

ALF = National Forests in Alabama

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

GOAT, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is burning in timber with brush understory eight miles northwest of Susanville, CA. Evacuation orders are in effect for the Lake Forest Estates subdivision. The head of the fire is still active and numerous spot fires have been suppressed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
GOAT	CA	LMU	1500	75	UNK	500	11	34	3	0	NR	NR	

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN CENTRAL ALABAMA FOR LOW HUMIDITIES AND THE PASSAGE OF A DRY COLD FRONT ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHEAST OREGON FOR DRY LIGHTNING ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHEAST ALABAMA AND THE INLAND FLORIDA PANHANDLE FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ***

Monsoon moisture moving northeast across Colorado will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lingering moisture from northern Oregon across central Idaho east to Montana will produce widely scattered 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. There is a chance of afternoon high-based thunderstorms in central Idaho and northeast Oregon. 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 scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's to lower 90's at lower elevations and from the mid 70's to lower 80's in the mountains. Winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be from 20 to 35 percent.

Utah will be mostly sunny. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's, with a high near 106 in the desert areas. Winds will be upslope and up valley at 5 to 15 mph. Relative humidity will be 3 to 13 percent in

deserts and 10 to 20 percent elsewhere.

Colorado will be partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and up to the 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidities will be from 15 to 30 percent. Upslope and up valley winds will be 5 to 15 mph.

Florida will be partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from the mid 80's to near 103 in the panhandle. Winds will be south to west at 5 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 30 to 40 percent in the panhandle area, and 50 to 70 percent elsewhere.

Alabama will be partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 90's. Winds will be north at 5 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be around 30 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		5			27	17	49
	ACRES		2005			158	4	2167
CA-NORTH	FIRES				1	0	2	3
	ACRES				1	1400	0	1401
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					79	8	87
	ACRES					19	0	19
NORTHERN	FIRES					10	16	26
	ACRES					2	150	152
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	7			5	14	27
	ACRES	0	2			801	86	889
GB-WEST	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		81938				65	82003
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	3	2		1	1	15	22
	ACRES	1	0		0	4	5	10
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		7			5	3	15
	ACRES		3073			12	4	3089
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			2		152	1	155
	ACRES			23		1838	85	1946
TOTAL	FIRES	4	22	2	2	279	76	385
	ACRES	1	87018	23	1	4234	399	91676

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	23	8	282	5	332
	ACRES	9	141996	214827	43763	301936	0	702531
NORTHWEST	FIRES	107	108	10	5	558	312	1100
	ACRES	2722	141668	77987	0	41176	1836	265389
CA-NORTH	FIRES	76	5	3	6	1137	337	1564
	ACRES	107	92	4	2	7700	3943	11848
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	28	45	3	30	1541	347	1994
	ACRES	53	1202	20	15	7905	5190	14385
NORTHERN	FIRE	639	30	18	3	637	331	1658
	ACRES	7318	979	1630	1	27961	7472	45361
GB-EAST	FIRES	31	409		14	176	340	970
	ACRES	2389	82505		26	16707	49624	151251
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	279	1	5	53	150	497
	ACRES	2379	119879	0	10	3126	4848	130242
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	652	127	21	37	930	1034	2801
	ACRES	10677	57746	17227	9064	272698	132584	499996
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	457	346	20	26	509	329	1687
	ACRES	16822	57626	1422	13752	28065	22886	140573
EASTERN	FIRES	760		9	27	8631	402	9829
	ACRES	15802		499	518	81446	15399	113664
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		68	83	31858	950	33027
	ACRES	4287		11223	3344	571908	37123	627885
TOTALS	FIRES	2828	1362	176	244	46312	4537	55459
	ACRES	62565	603693	324839	70495	1360628	280905	2703125
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								48006
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1610731

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				50			50
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

TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	1	700	0	0	700
	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	50	700	0	0	750

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	4	1		120	127
	ACRES		328	882	12		10315	11537
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		87	11	129	208	450
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84381	18305	124915
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	64	103	705	1018
	ACRES	902		61589	37064	61971	453092	614618
USA TOTALS	FIRES	95	266	506	107	308	1809	3091
	ACRES	20768	24313	122541	47086	154365	643282	1012355

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	10	1	496	12394
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	51	7949
ALBERTA	0	0	566	11115
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1340	154	37469
SASKATCHEWAN	2	15543	312	46952
MANITOBA	0	0	155	13398
ONTARIO	0	0	264	1390

QUEBEC	1	1956	309	11413
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	2640	116	3367
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	1	194	245
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	135	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	2809
TOTALS	17	21481	2808	148964

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		4					2			
NORTHWEST	5	34	33	72	7	9			17	209
CA-NORTH	2		7		2		5	2		
CA-SOUTH	1					1				
NORTHERN	44	2	13	38	17	3			229	92
GB-EAST	52	15	65	37	29	9	1		329	60
GB-WEST	25	38	26	44	12	2			167	45
SOUTHWEST	3				1					
ROCKY MTN	15		31	37	10	2	1		2	
EASTERN									28	
SOUTHERN	3	9	8	34	5	6			49	41
TOTAL	150	102	183	262	83	32	9	2	821	447

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