

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Rocky Mountain, Eastern Great Basin, Southern California, and Southern Areas. Continued high fire danger, strong winds and forecast dry lightning will keep initial attack forces busy east of the Cascade Range and in the Great Basin. Containment goals were reached on fires in Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. Aircraft, crew, equipment and overhead mobilization through the National Interagency Coordination Center was moderate. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in all the western states and in Alabama.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is northwest of Salmon, ID. Rain on parts of the fire in the morning reduced activity, but with warming temperatures and lower relative humidity later in the day, the fire became active. Indirect dozer lines are completed on the east side of the fire. A burnout operation is underway on the northwest perimeter.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 27 miles north of McCall, ID. Afternoon cloud cover limited fire spread and allowed crews to make good progress on construction of firelines on the northwest flank. Impediments to containment include rugged terrain, heavy fuel loading and dense stands of spruce and fir. One firefighter was hit by a falling snag and seriously injured.

MEADOW, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire, 25 miles southeast of Jordan Valley, OR, was ignited by lightning on 7/18. The fire doubled in size yesterday afternoon. The south flank is the most active, while the north flank is relatively quiet. There are ranches in the area but none are immediately threatened.

SANDAL, Northwest Utah State. This fire is 35 miles west of Logan, UT near the Golden Spike National Monument. Fire whirls and radical fire behavior occurred while crews were conducting a burnout operation. Spotting continues to be a problem.

BARE CANYON, Targhee National Forest. This timber fire is 32 miles west of Dubois, ID. The fire once again received some precipitation. Fire activity has been minimal.

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	20	UNK	870	25	31	14	6	NR	2.0M	
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	3285	54	7/30	632	30	14	6	0	NR	1.6M	
MEADOW	ID	BOD	1500	50	UNK	25	0	5	2	0	NR	NR	

SANDAL	UT	NWS	2800	70	UNK	39	0	6	1	0	NR	41K
BARE CANYON	ID	TAF	500	90	UNK	135	4	1	5	0	NR	NR
DOPPLER	UT	NWS	2105	100	---	22	1	0	0	0	0	56K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BERNDT, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles north of Austin, NV. Fuels are sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper. Extreme fire behavior including fire whirls and rapid rates of spread has deterred containment efforts. The fire burned through retardant line in several places. Current threats are to livestock and a communications site.

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. Crews and dozers have been able to construct over five miles of fireline, supported by retardant and helicopter bucket drops.

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. Despite very dry fuels and difficult terrain, firefighters have been able to make good progress for the second day in a row. Mopup operations and patrol of the fire's perimeter will continue today.

AURORA, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is burning northeast of Bridgeport, CA near the Aurora Mine. Containment was expected late last night. Some demobilization is in progress.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BERNDT	NV	BMD	4000	0	UNK	100	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
BEOWAWE	NV	EKD	10000	75	7/21	500	13	20	4	0	NR	327K
PRINCE ROYAL CP	NV	WID	14530	95	7/21	278	10	6	2	0	NR	575K
AURORA	NV	HTF	165	90	7/20	204	7	4	2	0	NR	NR
BILK CREEK COMP	NV	WID	87888	100	---	353	10	30	1	0	NR	1.1M

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. Interior burning increased and occasional torching was observed in the afternoon as temperatures warmed. 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 complex is 34 miles northeast of Missoula in the Seeley Lakes area. Crews continue to construct fireline on three of the fires in this complex. Five fires are contained; four are unstaffed and have been placed in monitor status. Lack of road access to the fire area is slowing suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	5800	60	7/23	719	21	26	6	0	NR	1.9M
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	444	25	7/24	341	10	0	5	0	0	1.6M
CLEARWATER COMP	MT	SWS	162	100	---	191	4	13	0	0	0	595K

SWS = Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIRCHER, Durango Dispatch Center Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire started in Montezuma County, CO and spread into Mesa Verde National Park. The Morefield Campground along the park road is threatened. The cause of the fire was lightning.

SWITCHBACK, Craig District, BLM. This fire is seven miles east of Rangely, CO. It was ignited by lightning on 7/17 and grew from 20 acres to 350 acres yesterday afternoon. The fire is largely inaccessible to engines. Low relative humidities and dry fuels are contributing to fire growth.

CITADEL, Craig District, BLM. The fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush 16 miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Crews are making progress on fireline construction. The burnout operation to protect structures was successfully completed. Despite strong winds and high temperatures, the fire has exhibited very little spread in the past day.

RED CANYON, Rawlins District, BLM. This fire is burning in thick sagebrush and grass near Lander, WY. Two abandoned structures have been confirmed destroyed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BIRCHER	CO	DRX	500	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
SWITCHBACK	CO	CRD	350	0	UNK	11	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
CITADEL	CO	CRD	950	85	7/21	58	2	5	1	0	NR	NR
RED CANYON	WY	RAD	1500	80	7/21	50	1	10	0	2	NR	NR
COTTONWOOD DIVI	WY	RAD	350	100	---	10	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
JUNIPER 2	CO	CRD	110	100	---	27	1	2	1	0	NR	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WHITE RIDGE #1, Southeast Washington State Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This lightning-caused fire is 35 miles west of Yakima, WA. Containment obstacles include snags, unburned fuel within the fire perimeter and a predicted increase in winds today. A commercial timber sale area is threatened on the east side of the fire.

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. Burnout operations are currently underway. Evacuation of Pine Creek Ranch and Camp Hancock is still in effect. The fire grew significantly toward the south and southeast. A portion of the fire is within the Sheep Basin Wilderness Study Area.

ALDERDALE, Washington State Lands. The fire is burning in sagebrush fuels in Klickitat County. Containment was expected last night. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WHITE RIDGE #1	WA	SES	135	95	7/21	444	21	47	3	0	4.8K	620K	
2 HORSE MOUNTAI	OR	PRD	6200	0	7/21	72	2	9	2	0	NR	NR	
ALDERDALE	WA	WFS	6080	70	7/20	254	5	6	1	1	NR	403K	

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. Structure protection operations around Lake Forest Estates have been successful. Wind gusts and very low relative humidities are causing spotting problems.

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	822	25	34	5	0	NR	NR	

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BURRIS RANCH	OK	OKS	880	100	---	12	0	5	0	0	0	NR	
ST. JOE POINT	FL	FLS	770	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	

OKS = Oklahoma State Division of Forestry
FLS = Florida State Division of Forestry

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LAKE	CA	LAC	250	100	---	109	6	4	1	0	NR	NR	

LAC = Los Angeles County Fire Department

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN NORTHEAST OREGON FOR DRY LIGHTNING ***

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN WESTERN WYOMING FOR VERY LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, HIGH TEMPERATURES, A DRY UNSTABLE AIR MASS AND GUSTY AFTERNOON WINDS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON AND THE COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN OF OREGON FOR DRY LIGHTNING ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHWEST IDAHO FOR LOW HUMIDITIES, HIGH HAINES INDEX AND INCREASING RIDGE TOP WINDS THIS AFTERNOON ***

The monsoon moisture is now along the southern states of the west. There is still enough moisture for scattered showers and thunderstorms across Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. The upper level trough moving into the Pacific Northwest will strengthen the thermal trough over Idaho and eastern Washington and Oregon.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho, and Nevada will be mostly sunny. There is a slight chance of afternoon high-based thunderstorms in central and northeast Oregon, eastern Washington, and on the border of Idaho. High temperatures will be in the mid 90's to 105 in the valleys and in the 80's in the mountains. Winds will be southeast to southwest at 5 to 15 mph, except in north and central Nevada where winds will be southwest with gusts to 35 mph. Minimum relative humidities will range from 5 to 20 percent.

Montana and Wyoming will be partly cloudy with isolated 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, with higher gusts in western Wyoming. Minimum relative humidities will be from 15 to 30 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 south to southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Relative humidity will be 3 to 13 percent in

deserts and 10 to 20 percent elsewhere.

Colorado will be partly cloudy with isolated to 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. Winds will be upslope and up valley at 5 to 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			0		0		0
	ACRES			18952		15070		34022
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	2			16	28	47
	ACRES	0	4325			5	10	4340
CA-NORTH	FIRES	3				15	2	20
	ACRES	3				80	0	83
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2			16	3	21
	ACRES		1			254	4	259
NORTHERN	FIRES	1	2			10	11	24
	ACRES	1	7			0	146	154
GB-EAST	FIRES		8			4	6	18
	ACRES		1659			2608	191	4458
GB-WEST	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		5525			0		5525
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	6	5		3	15	33	62
	ACRES	2	3		5	125	14	149
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3			1	5	9
	ACRES		653			500	2	1155
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					121	10	131
	ACRES					2942	39	2981
TOTAL	FIRES	11	25	0	3	199	98	336
	ACRES	6	12173	18952	5	21584	406	53126

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	141996	233779	43763	317006	0	736553
NORTHWEST	FIRES	108	111	10	5	567	353	1154
	ACRES	2722	145993	77987	0	41113	1865	269680
CA-NORTH	FIRES	79	5	3	6	1152	339	1584
	ACRES	110	92	4	1	7780	3943	11930
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	28	47	3	30	1557	350	2015
	ACRES	53	1203	20	15	7909	5194	14394
NORTHERN	FIRE	641	32	18	3	660	351	1705

GB-EAST	ACRES	7320	986	1630	1	27961	7481	45379
	FIRES	31	417		14	180	346	988
GB-WEST	ACRES	2389	82664		26	19315	49632	154026
	FIRES	9	285	1	5	55	150	505
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2379	214097	0	10	3126	4848	224460
	FIRES	658	132	21	40	945	1067	2863
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	10679	57749	17227	9069	272823	132598	500145
	FIRES	457	349	20	26	510	334	1696
EASTERN	ACRES	16822	58279	1422	13752	28565	22888	141728
	FIRES	760		9	27	8639	402	9837
SOUTHERN	ACRES	15802		499	518	81449	15399	113667
	FIRES	68		68	83	32066	960	33245
TOTALS	ACRES	4287		11223	3344	582689	37162	638705
	FIRES	2840	1391	176	247	46613	4657	55924
	ACRES	62572	703059	343791	70499	1389736	281010	2850667
	TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES							48160
	TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES							1638695

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
	ACRES					2500		2500
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2500	2500

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			200	266
	ACRES	5637	3540	5022			20857	35056
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	706	1019
	ACRES	902		61589	37064	61971	455592	617118
USA TOTALS	FIRES	95	266	506	107	308	1822	3104
	ACRES	20768	24313	122541	47086	154365	646382	1015455

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	6	25	501	12419
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	51	7949
ALBERTA	0	0	566	11115
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	40652	158	78121
SASKATCHEWAN	3	604	315	47556
MANITOBA	0	0	155	13398
ONTARIO	6	2	270	1392
QUEBEC	5	0	314	11413
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	116	3367
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	196	245
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	136	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	82	37	2891
TOTALS	27	41365	2834	190329

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA		4					2			
NORTHWEST	19	46	25	96	8	8			115	239
CA-NORTH		25	16	25		5	1		25	75
CA-SOUTH	1		13		1	1			3	
NORTHERN	38	2	15	33	17	6			239	118
GB-EAST	54	24	54	31	24	13	1		370	84
GB-WEST	18	37	23	65	9	6			207	37
SOUTHWEST	7	1	7		2					
ROCKY MTN	16		35	15	3	2	6		6	5
EASTERN									29	
SOUTHERN		2	5	23	2	3			37	32
TOTAL	153	141	193	288	66	44	10	0	1031	590

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