

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2000 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Southwest, Eastern Great Basin, Northern California, and Southern California Areas. Firefighters on eight of the large fires in the west reached their containment goals. Forecast dry lightning followed by strong winds in the northern Great Basin today will challenge containment efforts on fires in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Mobilization of aircraft, equipment, crews and overhead through the National Interagency Coordination Center continues at a steady pace. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in all the western states and in Georgia and Alabama.

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. A burnout operation was completed on the northwest side of the fire. The fire made major runs near the Salmon River corridor on the northeast perimeter. Some fireline on the southeast side of the fire was also lost. Crews were removed from these areas. The fire is moving toward Panther Creek.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 27 miles north of McCall, ID. Torching and spotting continues, but little spread has been observed. A red flag warning has been issued for high temperatures, low humidities and gusty winds today. Suppressing spots and mopping up in areas of patchy burn on the south end of the fire is slowing line construction progress.

ECHO, Northwest Utah State. This fire is burning in steep, rough terrain 35 miles southeast of Ogden, UT. Extreme fire behavior and flame lengths in excess of 12 feet are causing suppression problems.

MEADOW, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire, 25 miles southeast of Jordan Valley, OR, was ignited by lightning on 7/18. Both the north and south flanks of the fire have been active. Red flag conditions are challenging containment efforts. There is now little threat to the ranches in the area.

DEVINE CANYON, Upper Snake River District, Southcentral Idaho Area. The fire is burning in sagebrush, juniper and grass 13 miles south of Oakley, ID. Threatened resources include deer winter range, bighorn sheep range, sage grouse habitat and watershed.

IRON MINE LAKE, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. The fire is 52 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, UT. Torching, low visibility due to smoke, and spot fires up to 1/4 mile ahead are hindering containment efforts. Airtanker support has been essential to slowing the fire's movement through dense, downed woody debris. Mopup operations along the fireline have commenced.

BARE CANYON, Targhee National Forest. This timber fire is 32 miles west of Dubois, ID. Fire activity has been minimal. Crews, supported by helicopters, are progressing with containment and mopup activities.

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	20	UNK	849	23	33	12	6	NR	2.8M
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	3290	56	7/30	668	21	13	7	0	NR	1.9M
ECHO	UT	NWS	700	10	UNK	25	0	6	1	0	NR	NR
MEADOW	ID	BOD	1700	80	UNK	23	0	4	2	0	NR	NR
DEVINE CANYON	ID	SID	850	20	7/22	95	1	13	2	0	NR	NR
IRON MINE LAKE	UT	WCF	200	60	UNK	258	9	10	1	0	NR	NR
BARE CANYON	ID	TAF	440	95	7/22	93	3	1	2	0	NR	NR
SANDAL	UT	NWS	2800	100	---	31	0	8	0	0	NR	41K

NWS = Northwest Utah State

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is managing the Missoula, MT staging area.

LITTLE BLUE, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles southwest of Darby, MT. Unburned islands within the control lines continue to burn. Crews are making good progress on mopup. The West Fork Road and local campgrounds were opened to the public. However, the Painted Rocks Lake remains restricted due to helicopter bucket use of the lake.

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 mopup operations on nine of the fires in this complex which are contained. Three fires are contained and are being monitored. There are still concerns regarding escape routes, safety zones and falling snags on two fires in this complex.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	5800	75	7/23	887	28	25	7	0	NR	2.4M
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	445	60	7/24	320	8	0	5	0	0	2.5M

#### 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. Fire activity has been limited to hot spots close to the fireline and occasional torching. All

divisions report good progress toward containment. Heavy fuel concentrations, high temperatures and difficult terrain are impeding handline construction.

BEOWAWA, 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 are making good progress constructing fireline. Mopup operations and patrol of the fire perimeter are ongoing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BERNDT	NV	BMD	2950	60	7/22	337	14	6	4	0	NR	300K
BEOWAWA	NV	EKD	13949	90	7/22	478	20	23	3	0	NR	821K
PRINCE ROYAL CP	NV	WID	14530	100	---	151	4	6	2	0	NR	675K
AURORA	NV	HTF	207	100	---	204	7	4	2	0	NR	NR

WID = Winnemucca Field Office, BLM  
HTF = Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

#### 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 fire made several large runs yesterday afternoon. Two outbuildings have been destroyed. Six residences, five commercial buildings and 20 outbuildings are threatened. The weather forecast promises little improvement over the weekend.

SWITCHBACK, Craig District, BLM. This fire is seven miles east of Rangely, CO. Hot, dry, windy weather and extremely dry fuels are contributing to large fire growth. Rate of spread has been estimated at one mile per hour. A powerline and a cabin are threatened on the west flank. Much of the fire area is not accessible by road.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BIRCHER	CO	DRX	3500	5	UNK	354	9	20	1	2	NR	NR
SWITCHBACK	CO	CRD	1200	10	UNK	80	4	6	2	0	NR	NR
CITADEL	CO	CRD	950	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
RED CANYON	WY	RAD	1500	100	---	50	0	1	0	2	NR	NR

RAD = Rawlins District, BLM

#### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

2 HORSE MOUNTAIN, Prineville District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Jackson) is assigned. 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. The east side of the fire has grown

significantly. Major concerns are inaccessible terrain, high temperatures, low relative humidity and forecast thunderstorms.

ALDERDALE, Washington State Lands. The fire is burning in sagebrush fuels in Klickitat County. 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
2 HORSE MOUNTAIN	OR	PRD	7200	0	UNK	28	2	12	2	0	NR	NR
ALDERDALE	WA	WFS	6080	70	7/20	254	5	6	1	1	NR	403K
WHITE RIDGE #1	WA	SES	135	100	---	444	19	19	2	0	4.8K	770K

SES = Southeast Washington State Forestry

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BARK, Klamath National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The fire is north of Klamath River, CA. It started at Highway 96 and Barkhouse Creek. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BARK	CA	KNF	350	0	UNK	200	8	10	5	0	NR	NR
GOAT	CA	LMU	1084	100	---	500	25	32	5	0	NR	NR

LMU = Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry

#### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MOCCASIN MOUNTAIN, Paiute Agency, BIA. The fire was ignited by lightning 15 miles southwest of Fredonia, AZ. Fuels involved include ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and oak.

WALL, Albuquerque District, BLM. This fire is burning in an extremely remote portion of the El Malpais Wilderness 20 miles southwest of Grants, NM. A ranch 1/4 mile to the south may be threatened if the fire continues to grow in that direction. Fuels are grass, pinyon pine, juniper and accumulated litter.

COMANCHE, Southern Pueblos Agency, BIA. The fire is burning in grass 20 miles west of Belen and just north of Ladron Peak. The cause of the fire is lightning.

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MOCCASIN	AZ	PIA	500	0	UNK	45	2	7	0	0	NR	NR
WALL	NM	ABD	250	20	7/24	24	1	2	0	0	NR	10K
COMANCHE	NM	SPA	300	75	UNK	NR	0	2	0	0	NR	NR

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

ARNOT, Stanislaus National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 45 miles northeast of Sonora, CA. It started on 7/3 and has been slowly backing downslope. It has now reached more continuous fuels. Isolated torching and short range spotting are assisting upslope fire spread.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ARNOT	CA	STF	225	0	UNK	25	1	0	1	0	NR	NR
STAR	CA	MVU	100	100	---	69	3	5	1	0	NR	NR

MVU = San Diego Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN SOUTHEAST OREGON AND SOUTHWEST IDAHO FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, HIGH HAINES INDEX AND GUSTY WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN WESTERN MONTANA AND NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, HIGH HAINES INDEX, DRY THUNDERSTORMS, AND INCREASING WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN SOUTHWEST WYOMING FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND GUSTY WINDS OVER 30 MPH \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN CENTRAL IDAHO FOR HOT TEMPERATURES, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES, HIGH HAINES INDEX, AND INCREASING WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHWEST MONTANA FOR GUSTY WINDS, THUNDERSTORMS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

The high pressure ridge over the western United States will strengthen a bit and extend further northward into southern Canada, while a cold front struggles to enter the Oregon-Washington area. Moisture along the Rocky Mountains will shift eastward slightly. There is a chance of thunderstorms over the Rockies and in the deep south.

Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains and up to the 90's at lower elevations.

Idaho and Nevada will be mostly sunny. High temperatures will range from the 70's in the mountains to the 90's in the valleys.

Montana and Wyoming will be mostly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms west of the continental divide and in extreme eastern Montana. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's. Winds will be light and variable. Minimum relative humidities will be from 7 to 30 percent, with the lowest values in the west.

Utah will be mostly sunny and hot. High temperatures will be in the 90's to 100. Winds will be light and variable. Minimum relative humidity will be 2 to 15 percent.

Colorado will be partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms in the eastern part of the state. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains, in the 80's in valleys east of the divide, and up to the 90's on the west side of the Rockies. Minimum relative humidities will be from 5 to 15 percent in the west and 15 to 30 percent in the east. Winds will be light and variable.

#### FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					1290		1290
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2	0			5	20	27
	ACRES	3	1000			2	7	1012
CA-NORTH	FIRES					11	3	14
	ACRES					20	355	375
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					14	3	17
	ACRES					247	237	484
NORTHERN	FIRES	3	2			4	13	22
	ACRES	5	3			0	7	15
GB-EAST	FIRES		6			1	10	17
	ACRES		1368			700	39	2107
GB-WEST	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		1000			0		1000
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	7	4			2	10	23
	ACRES	835	251			6	61	1153
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	4	3	1		0	4	12
	ACRES	96	858	1		3000	20	3975
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					408	10	418
	ACRES					4495	90	4585
TOTAL	FIRES	16	17	1	0	446	73	553
	ACRES	939	4480	1	0	9760	816	15996

#### FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	22	8	283	5	332
	ACRES	6	141998	233739	43763	318296	0	737802
NORTHWEST	FIRES	110	111	10	5	570	362	1168
	ACRES	2726	145993	77987	0	41112	1869	269687
CA-NORTH	FIRES	79	5	3	6	1163	342	1598
	ACRES	110	92	4	1	7800	4298	12305
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	28	47	3	30	1571	353	2032
	ACRES	53	1203	20	15	8056	5431	14778
NORTHERN	FIRE	644	34	18	3	664	365	1728
	ACRES	7325	989	1630	1	27961	7488	45394
GB-EAST	FIRES	31	423		14	181	356	1005
	ACRES	2389	84032		26	20015	49794	156256
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	287	1	5	56	150	508
	ACRES	2379	214097	0	10	3126	4848	224460
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	667	136	21	40	947	1109	2920
	ACRES	11534	58000	17227	9069	272829	132702	501361
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	461	352	21	26	510	338	1708
	ACRES	16918	58287	1423	13752	28565	22908	141853
EASTERN	FIRES	760		9	27	8652	402	9850
	ACRES	15802		499	518	81451	15399	113669
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		68	83	32474	970	33663
	ACRES	4287		11223	3344	587209	37252	643315
TOTALS	FIRES	2858	1408	176	247	47071	4752	56512
	ACRES	63529	704691	343752	70499	1396420	281989	2860880
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								48432
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1673466

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							0

	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	50	0	0	0	50

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) 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	0
	ACRES						155	155
NORTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				2			2
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	2	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	0	155	157

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	29	1	534	12420
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	51	7949
ALBERTA	3	1	569	11116
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	158	78121
SASKATCHEWAN	3	0	315	47556
MANITOBA	1	0	156	13398
ONTARIO	0	0	270	1392



QUEBEC	1	0	314	11411
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	117	3367
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	197	245
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	136	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	3	173	43	3064
TOTALS	42	175	2879	190502

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										
NORTHWEST	18	48	23	80	6	7	1		120	166
CA-NORTH	2	31	25	30	4	8	3		60	75
CA-SOUTH	4					2			13	
NORTHERN	37	4	17	25	18	6			225	113
GB-EAST	47	24	96	44	24	17	1		375	109
GB-WEST	19	29	10	30	7	9			144	30
SOUTHWEST	11	2	12	1	5				15	1
ROCKY MTN	24	2	26	23	6	2	9		88	6
EASTERN									28	
SOUTHERN	1	2	7	18	6	3			45	20
TOTAL	163	142	216	251	76	54	14	0	1113	520

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