

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Eight new large fires were reported in the Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain, and Southern Areas. Two Type I Incident Management Teams were mobilized. Heavy initial attack activity occurred in western Colorado, Utah and Montana. New starts may be numerous again today with dry lightning in the forecast for southwest Montana, eastern Utah and western Colorado. Containment goals were reached on 15 large fires, which will allow resources to become available for new project fires. Mobilization of aircraft, equipment, crews and overhead through the National Interagency Coordination Center continues to increase. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in all of the western states, Alabama and Texas.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is staging in Boise, ID.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. The fire is 23 miles north of McCall, ID. The fire has moved around War Eagle Mountain and is burning northeast toward California Lake. Two old log structures have been confirmed as destroyed. Spotting outside containment lines along the Warren Wagon Road has been a problem.

TWIN CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles north of Salmon, ID near the Lost Trail Ski Area. Structure protection is in place at the ski area. Extreme fire behavior including running and spotting has been observed. Lack of access and rugged terrain are causing concerns. Poor visibility caused by smoke has been a problem on Highway 93.

HORN CREEK, Boise National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is three miles east of Garden Valley, ID. Crews are locating and suppressing hot spots along the fire's perimeter. A burnout operation has been successfully completed. Cooler temperatures and higher humidities are aiding firefighters efforts.

WASATCH COMPLEX, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. This complex consists of the Cottonwood and Iron Mine Lake fires which are east of Sandy, UT. The Cottonwood Fire is smoldering in isolated areas. There has been no increase in acreage. The Iron Mine Lake Fire is contained.

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. All fuels are burning readily, creating well developed columns between Gant Creek and Big Deer Creek. Extremely steep terrain is causing a problem with rolling material which is slowing fireline construction.

YANCE CANYON, Fishlake National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ostman) is assigned. This fire is northwest of Scipio, UT in very steep terrain. Observed fire behavior includes backing, creeping and torching with occasional short runs.

ELBOW, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. This fire is ten miles southeast of Mesquite, NV. Some spotting has occurred, but retardant lines have held. The increase in relative humidity has reduced fire intensity.

ROUGH CANYON, Richfield Field Office, BLM. This fire is burning in grass, sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper 50 miles southeast of Garrison, UT. Strong winds are causing the fire to make rapid runs.

GRASSY, Richfield Field Office, BLM. This lightning-caused fire is 50 miles southwest of Garrison, UT in the Wah Wah Wilderness Study Area. Little activity has been observed on the fire within the past 24 hours.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	7100	40	UNK	603	19	12	7	2	NR	3.3M
TWIN CREEK	ID	SCF	350	0	UNK	70	3	6	4	0	NR	NR
HORN CREEK	ID	BOF	1035	70	7/26	379	10	9	3	0	NR	311K
WASATCH COMPLEX	UT	WCF	500	90	7/26	414	17	5	2	0	NR	80K
CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	46000	15	UNK	903	26	27	15	7	NR	4.8M
YANCE CANYON	UT	FIF	450	30	7/26	122	5	2	1	0	NR	NR
ELBOW	AZ	ASD	857	10	7/30	239	7	2	3	0	NR	80K
ROUGH CANYON	UT	RID	2000	0	7/26	12	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
GRASSY	UT	RID	4000	0	UNK	11	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
DEVINE CANYON	ID	SID	3500	100	---	309	10	17	2	0	NR	500K
MEADOW	ID	BOD	1700	100	---	23	2	6	2	0	NR	NR
BIG HOLLOW	ID	IFD	129	100	---	122	4	4	1	0	0	NR
MP78 I-84	ID	BOD	2547	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
ECHO	UT	NWS	750	100	---	1	0	0	0	2	NR	NR

SID = Upper Snake River District, Southcentral Idaho Area

BOD = Lower Snake River District, BLM

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

NWS = Northwest Utah State

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type I Incident Management Team (Waterbury) has been ordered to stage in Missoula. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is managing the Missoula staging area.

CANYON FERRY COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This complex, located 12 miles north of Helena, MT, consists of the Bucksnort Fire (2,000 acres) and the Cave Gulch Fire (2,000 acres). Six residences have been confirmed destroyed. Engines supported by retardant and helicopters are protecting about 175 threatened residences on the western perimeter of the fire.

COUGAR CREEK, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II Incident

Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is 15 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Low relative humidities and low fuel moisture are contributing to the fire's rapid growth. The terrain is steep and rocky with numerous snags. The fire is threatening wildlife habitat.

TOBIN, Miles City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowan) is assigned. This lightning-caused fire is 26 miles northwest of Broadus, MT. The fire encompassed two smaller nearby fires with rapid growth and running fire behavior. An old homestead is threatened.

LITTLE BLUE, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles southwest of Darby, MT. Mopup operations are underway on all divisions.

SEELEY COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. This complex is 34 miles northeast of Missoula. Only three fires in the complex are still active. One is contained. The other two have showed no significant perimeter growth.

BUCK MOUNTAIN, Miles City Field Office, BLM. This fire is 30 miles east of Miles City, MT. Active burning from interior islands is causing challenges to containment.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CANYON FERRY CP	MT	HNF	4000	0	UNK	150	0	30	3	6	UNK	123K	
COUGAR CREEK	MT	BDF	1200	0	UNK	120	3	0	1	0	0	0	10K
TOBIN	MT	MCD	2000	0	UNK	46	0	6	0	0	0	NR	NR
LITTLE BLUE	MT	BRF	5800	95	7/25	514	13	15	3	0	NR	3.4M	
SEELEY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	1250	20	UNK	226	4	1	6	0	0	0	3.2M
BUCK MOUNTAIN	MT	MCD	600	80	7/25	58	1	11	1	0	NR	NR	
CORRAL	MT	MCD	100	100	---	78	3	5	0	0	NR	NR	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WINTER VALLEY, Craig District, BLM. This lightning-caused fire is three miles southeast of Elk Springs, CO. Control problems include poor access, heavy fuels and strong shifting winds. The fire is threatening oil and gas wells, powerlines and the town of Elk Springs.

BIRCHER, Durango Dispatch Center Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire started in Montezuma County, CO and has spread into Mesa Verde National Park. The fire made another major run to the west toward park facilities. A change of wind direction and movement of the fire into an old burn kept the plume dominated fire less intense. The park continues to be closed. Structure protection is ongoing.

HARPERS, Dinosaur National Monument. The fire is two miles east of Dinosaur, CO. The residence area for Dinosaur National Monument has been evacuated and structure protection operations continues. Multiple lightning-caused starts have occurred in the vicinity of the monument

headquarters.

SCANDARD, Craig District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. The fire is 17 miles southwest of Meeker, CO, and is burning in pinyon pine, juniper, sage and grass. Cloud cover kept fire activity minimal. Burnout operations to protect a residence have been completed.

SOUTH GRIZZLY, White River National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bustamante) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles north of Glenwood Springs, CO. The fire burned actively through the night with spotting and torching in heavy fuels. Threatened resources include wildlife habitat, the Glenwood Springs watershed and high value recreation areas.

HOVENWEEP, Mesa Verde National Park. This fire is 20 miles southwest of Cortez, CO. Minimal fire activity occurred. Crews are making good progress on the south and west flanks.

TIMMERMAN, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. This is a prairie fire located about 40 miles northeast of Pine Ridge, SD. No suppression problems are anticipated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WINTER VALLEY	CO	CRD	150	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
BIRCHER	CO	DRX	22000	15	UNK	679	16	30	3	2	NR	1.2M	
HARPERS	CO	DSP	100	0	UNK	62	1	5	1	0	NR	NR	
SCANDARD	CO	CRD	3900	25	7/28	252	10	7	2	0	NR	NR	
SOUTH GRIZZLY	CO	WRF	266	5	7/30	89	4	1	1	0	NR	NR	
HOVENWEEP	CO	MVP	1525	85	7/25	117	5	2	0	0	NR	NR	
TIMMERMAN	SD	PRA	2000	85	7/24	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
POWDER RIVER	WY	CPX	640	100	---	21	0	6	0	0	NR	NR	
SWITCHBACK	CO	CRD	1550	100	---	3	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	

CPX = Wyoming State Forestry, Casper Dispatch Center Counties

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PLASKETT 2, Los Padres National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Gage) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles north of Cambria, CA east of Highway 1. Active burning continued during the night. Structures are threatened in Plaskett Creek and Homes Ridge. Endangered species habitat and archeological sites are also at risk.

MANTER, Sequoia National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Kernville, CA in the Dome Land Wilderness. Current threats are to cabins and a wild and scenic river area. Containment problems include low relative humidities and shifting winds.

HAPPY, California Desert District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) is assigned. This fire is located north of Trona, CA. One cabin has been confirmed destroyed. Crews made substantial progress despite high temperatures and steep, rough terrain. The fire made brief

runs overnight.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
PLASKETT 2	CA	LPF	2000	5	7/29	481	33	26	3	0	NR	NR	
MANTER	CA	SQF	6190	10	UNK	338	12	2	4	0	NR	NR	
HAPPY	CA	CDD	5500	50	7/26	204	10	2	1	1	NR	135K	

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROCKY HULL, Northeast Washington State Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. The fire is four miles southeast of Oroville, WA. Improving weather conditions are assisting crews in holding existing firelines. Structure protection is in place.

CAYUSE, Northeast Washington State Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is two and a half miles northwest of Tonasket, WA. Crews are making good progress constructing fireline and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
ROCKY HULL	WA	NES	7338	50	UNK	628	31	37	4	7	NR	700K	
CAYUSE	WA	NES	5000	75	7/25	221	6	18	2	0	NR	200K	
CONRAD	WA	SES	600	100	---	20	0	5	0	0	NR	NR	

SES = Southeast Washington State Forestry

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WALL CANYON, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shell) is assigned. This fire is 60 miles north of Tonopah, NV. The fire's spread is to the north, east and west in extremely difficult terrain. Flame lengths up to 30 feet have been observed. Current threats are to watershed, private land in the valley bottom, and wildlife habitat.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WALL CANYON	NV	HTF	7200	15	7/27	337	10	0	3	0	NR	400K	
COLD SPRINGS	NV	CCD	400	100	---	138	3	5	1	0	NR	NR	
NORTH CREEK	NV	HTF	600	100	---	67	2	4	2	0	NR	NR	

CCD = Carson City Field Office, BLM

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BARK, Klamath National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The fire is 25 miles west of Yreka, CA. There is still some unburned fuel next to the fireline. Predicted southwest winds today and tomorrow are a cause for concern.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BARK	CA	KNF	1680	95	7/25	1109	37	67	9	0	NR	NR	

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WALL, Albuquerque District, BLM. This fire is burning in an extremely remote portion of the El Malpais Wilderness 20 miles southwest of Grants, NM. Management strategy for this fire is to confine and monitor, due to inaccessibility and rough terrain. Overcast skies moderated fire behavior. There are no current threats.

MOCCASIN MOUNTAIN, Paiute Agency, BIA. The fire is 15 miles southwest of Fredonia, AZ. Crews are progressing toward containment goals. The acreage change is due to more accurate mapping.

BEAR, Ft. Apache Agency, BIA. This fire is twenty miles southeast of Heber, AZ and is burning in brush, manzanita, pinyon pine and juniper. Crews are nearing containment goals.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WALL	NM	ABD	1900	50	7/26	0	0	0	0	0	NR	80K	
MOCCASIN	AZ	PIA	1561	95	7/25	136	4	5	1	0	NR	NR	
BEAR	AZ	FTA	250	90	7/25	146	0	0	0	0	NR	NR	
SAN RAFAEL	AZ	AZS	600	100	---	25	0	1	0	0	0	6K	

AZS = Arizona State Land Department

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LA SAL DE REY	TX	RGR	500	100	---	37	0	9	0	0	5K	6K	
COOL LUKE	TX	BTP	374	100	---	11	0	2	0	0	0	NR	
ROCKY RIDGE	TX	WTS	700	100	---	50	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
NEWTON CIRCLE	TX	TXS	300	100	---	150	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	

RGR = Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge
BTP = Big Thicket National Preserve
WTS = West Texas Counties, Texas State Forest Service
TXS = Texas State Forest Service

OUTLOOK:

***A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHEAST UTAH AND SOUTHWEST COLORADO FOR DRY LIGHTNING, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND DRY FUELS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN SOUTHEAST MONTANA FOR DRY THUNDERSTORMS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND HIGH HAINES INDEX ***

High pressure will continue to hold over the southwestern United States which will keep the current storm track along the Canadian border. The next frontal system is forecast to push into the Pacific Northwest today.

Colorado, Utah and Nevada will have partly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms mainly over eastern Utah. Thunderstorms elsewhere will be isolated and dry. Temperatures should be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and in the 90's to 105 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will be in the 10 to 20 percent range, except hotter and drier in desert areas. Expect west winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Montana and Wyoming will be partly cloudy with isolated mainly dry thunderstorms over the mountains. High temperatures should be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and up to the 90's in the valleys. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 30 percent. Winds will be west to southwest at 10 to 20 mph.

Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly dry thunderstorms across northeast Oregon, southeast Washington and portions of central Idaho. Maximum temperatures will be 70 to 80 degrees in the mountains and 85 to 95 degrees at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be west at 10 to 20 mph.

Southern California will be sunny after morning fog along the coast and slightly cooler. Maximum temperatures will be 65 to 75 degrees along the coast to around 102 degrees inland. Minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 25 percent with winds from the southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
NORTHWEST	FIRE	2	2	1		18	12	35
	ACRES	1	50	2		2347	2	2402
CA-NORTH	FIRE					16	3	19
	ACRES					24	291	315

FIRE AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

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					1		1
	ACRES					7		7
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	7

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						62	62
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

SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	62	62

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	20	53	657	12524
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	52	7959
ALBERTA	22	124	603	11313
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	8	5850	165	98335
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	319	53020
MANITOBA	3	15	165	13509
ONTARIO	4	1	274	1393
QUEBEC	0	0	316	11438
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	169	117	3536
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	198	245
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	137	447
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	45	3115
TOTALS	58	6212	3067	216851

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										
NORTHWEST	16	54	22	87	6	7	3		251	260
CA-NORTH	9	31	42	34	9	3	9		80	53
CA-SOUTH	4	32	6	20		5			69	62
NORTHERN	62	5	42	66	22	8	1		237	99
GB-EAST	94	48	128	49	26	28	1		524	132
GB-WEST	15	9	14	16	8	10			53	22
SOUTHWEST	23	3	13	4	5	1			46	4
ROCKY MTN	39	10	58	43	10	4	3		243	53
EASTERN									4	
SOUTHERN	1	2	12	25	3	3			12	26
TOTAL	263	194	337	344	89	69	17	0	1519	711

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