

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Southwest and Northern California Areas. Strong winds and low relative humidities will hinder suppression activities in Colorado and New Mexico and the potential for new starts in Colorado should increase with dry lightning in the forecast. Initial attack activity was moderate in California, the Southwest, the Southern Area, and Alaska. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for two Area Command Teams, helicopters, airtankers, air attack planes, infrared aircraft, radio equipment, engines, a caterer, a shower unit, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Meuchel) is assigned to manage the large fires in Colorado.

HIGH MEADOW, Colorado State Forest Service, Pueblo Dispatch Center Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The fire is 35 miles southwest of Denver, near Pine, CO. Gusty winds on the fire yesterday resulted in extreme fire behavior, causing the retreat of structure protection forces. Over 200 homes have been evacuated. Forecast strong winds and low humidity today could lead to significant fire growth.

BOBCAT, Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass, brush and timber 12 miles west of Loveland, CO. The fire made runs up Dry Creek and Jug Creek and crews established an anchor point and made good progress working toward Cedar Park. High winds today may challenge attempts to hold the fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HIGH MEADOW	CO	PBX	6700	10	6/25	626	18	65	0	39	NR	1.3M
BOBCAT	CO	ARF	6700	15	UNK	459	13	24	1	14	NR	405K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CERRO GRANDE, Bandelier National Park. An Area Command Team (Mann) and two Type II Incident Management Teams (Smith and Ostman) are assigned. An Area Command Team (Edrington) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) will be transitioning in today. The fire is near Los Alamos,

NM. Crews are making significant progress on rehabilitation projects identified by the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation Team. Steep terrain, unburned islands and drought conditions are challenging firefighting efforts.

VIVEASH, Santa Fe National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This fire is burning in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer five miles northwest of Pecos, NM. The priority remains suppression, as warmer and drier weather has increased fire activity. Rehabilitation operations will resume today with the arrival of additional crews.

SALIZ, Gila National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Leech) has been ordered. This lightning-caused fire is 15 miles southwest of Reserve, NM. The fire jumped Highway 180, requiring the road s closure. Sections of a trunk power line were destroyed. Fifty structures are threatened.

LA CUEVA, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. The fire is one and a half miles north of Mora, NM. Strong winds have pushed this fire in grass and brush and flame lengths of 250 feet have been observed. Ten structures are threatened.

POT MOUNTAIN, Taos Field Office, BLM. This fire is burning in pinyon-juniper and sagebrush 30 miles northwest of Taos. Fire behavior includes torching and spotting. Helicopter bucket work has been crucial to holding the existing fireline. Extremely dry fuels and poor access are hindering containment efforts. High winds are forecast for today.

OUTLET, Grand Canyon National Park. A Type II Incident Management Team (McElwain) is assigned. The fire is 25 miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ. Fire activity for the past 24 hours has been minimal. Mop up and rehabilitation work continues.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	47650	100	---	996	26	4	3	235	NR	37.2M
VIVEASH	NM	SNF	28283	80	UNK	268	10	4	2	4	NR	8.9M
SALIZ	NM	GNF	850	10	UNK	10	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
LA CUEVA	NM	N4S	250	0	6/15	129	5	4	1	0	0	NR
POT MOUNTAIN	NM	TAD	700	50	6/18	NR	7	7	2	0	50K	65K
OUTLET	AZ	GCP	14118	90	UNK	272	8	10	2	0	NR	8.6M
SEVEN	NM	GNF	200	100	---	69	3	3	0	0	NR	NR

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BERRYESSA, Lake Napa Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Tarp) is assigned. The fire is burning in steep terrain and heavy fuels 36 miles west of Sacramento, CA. Containment efforts are being hampered by strong winds, low humidities and high temperatures. Forty residences are threatened near Lake Berryessa.

UTC, Santa Clara Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is 20 miles north of Morgan Hill, CA. Suppression efforts have been effective, and demobilization will begin today. No structures are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BERRYESSA	CA	LNU	4000	30	UNK	426	6	21	4	0	NR	NR
UTC	CA	SCU	200	10	UNK	125	3	15	4	0	NR	NR
LARKIN	CA	BTU	475	100	---	154	4	32	1	0	NR	NR

BTU = Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SHILO, San Bernardino National Forest. The fire is 20 miles northwest of San Bernardino near Cajon Pass. Suppression forces are making good progress toward containment. The cause has been determined to be railroad exhaust.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SHILO	CA	BDF	227	90	6/15	152	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

#### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LOUISE, Florida State Division of Forestry. This is a complex of four fires which are burning near Gainesville, FL. Fireline construction and mop up operations are continuing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LOUISE	FL	FLS	4000	95	UNK	60	0	12	2	0	100K	NR
DC COMMAND	FL	FLS	1000	100	---	5	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
BEE	FL	FLS	300	100	---	25	0	5	1	0	NR	NR

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR NEW MEXICO THIS AFTERNOON FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHEAST COLORADO FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS, LOW HUMIDITIES AND POSSIBLE DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah will be mostly sunny. Northeast Colorado will become mostly cloudy in the afternoon with isolated dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's in the mountains and up to 118 in desert areas. Winds in Arizona and Nevada will be west to northwest at 10 to 20 mph. Colorado, New Mexico and Utah will have west to northwest winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 5 to 15 percent in desert areas and 15 to 30 percent at higher elevations.

California will be sunny with morning coastal fog. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's along the coast, 90 to 105 inland and 110 to 118 in the deserts. Winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities will range from 45 to 60 percent on the coast to less than 10 percent in the deserts.

Florida will have mostly cloudy conditions in the north with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Central and southern Florida will be partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's to the mid 90's. Winds will be south to southwest at 10 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 45 to 60 percent.

A fire weather watch is also posted in eastern Idaho for strong winds.

#### FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	0	0	11		12
	ACRES		12	7	21	4450		4490
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
CA-NORTH	FIRES					23	1	24
	ACRES					3140	1	3141
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				2	15	4	21
	ACRES				2	0	57	59
NORTHERN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5					5
GB-EAST	FIRES		3			1	3	7
	ACRES		6			50	1	57
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		26					26
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	4			1	6	2	13
	ACRES	7			0	253	1050	1310
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					2210	1800	4010
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1	4	175	2	182
	ACRES			1	1	904	11	917
TOTAL	FIRES	4	6	1	7	232	15	265
	ACRES	7	49	8	24	11007	2920	14015

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	6	14	3	204	1	229
	ACRES	6	191	729	27	8925	0	9878
NORTHWEST	FIRES	44	22	4		157	57	284
	ACRES	323	1714	100		630	29	2796
CA-NORTH	FIRES	23	1	2		513	82	621
	ACRES	51	1	4		4105	3779	7940
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	9	15		9	785	170	988
	ACRES	22	94		10	1605	1874	3605
NORTHERN	FIRE	529	6	16		381	72	1004
	ACRES	5516	33	1621		22556	394	30120
GB-EAST	FIRES	12	87		2	27	68	196
	ACRES	567	5256		0	543	1167	7533
GB-WEST	FIRES	5	37		1	1	35	79
	ACRES	60	583		0	50	2052	2745
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	423	74	19	24	786	569	1895
	ACRES	10322	30534	17157	8939	241054	126400	434406
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	340	83	15	6	286	130	860
	ACRES	11962	3764	517	6492	25957	4446	53138
EASTERN	FIRES	760			25	7935	395	9115
	ACRES	15802			519	80841	15386	112548
SOUTHERN	FIRES	22		42	47	29020	823	29954
	ACRES	3844		6149	2991	525032	31351	569367
TOTALS	FIRES	2168	331	112	117	40095	2402	45225
	ACRES	48475	42170	26277	18978	911298	186878	1234076
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								38080
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								727273

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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	13	16	25			153	207
	ACRES	4637	3387	5022			19176	32222
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	2	1		119	124
	ACRES		328	820	12		10303	11463
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1	3		79	83
	ACRES			10	124		5092	5226
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	82	3	58	215	383
	ACRES	1775	1991	15962	395	6446	33583	60152
GB-EAST	FIRES		15	3	3	6	16	43
	ACRES		1497	700	975	153	11290	14615
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	9	2	188	469
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4269	360	59491	88607
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	107	10	7	63	196
	ACRES	850	2743	18932	2937	675	20263	46400
EASTERN	FIRES	15		2	11	128	208	364
	ACRES	2947		400	1290	84281	18305	107223
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		137	61	103	703	1012
	ACRES	879		61589	35714	61971	452625	612778
USA TOTALS	FIRES	88	259	386	101	307	1746	2887
	ACRES	19473	24160	105448	45716	154265	631654	980716

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	1	5	280	11207
YUKON TERRITORY	0	36	24	959

ALBERTA	0	0	344	6796
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	8	20	287
SASKATCHEWAN	2	0	165	3675
MANITOBA	0	0	119	11667
ONTARIO	1	0	224	908
QUEBEC	5	1	204	282
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	67	130
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	1	123	139
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	93	247
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	15	16
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	8	8
TOTALS	15	52	1686	36321

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	1		1	3					13	1
CA-NORTH	1	13	2	78		9		6		133
CA-SOUTH			1		1				1	
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST	1		8	1	4				11	
GB-WEST	1		3							
SOUTHWEST	95	12	52	29	17	3	4		540	145
ROCKY MTN	26	8	39	67	1	1	3		147	109
EASTERN									2	
SOUTHERN	6		4	37	4	6			31	71
TOTAL	131	33	110	215	27	19	7	6	745	459

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