

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2000 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Two new large fires were reported in the Southern Area. Crews reached containment goals on four fires, three in the Southern Area and one in the Rocky Mountain area. Initial attack activity was light throughout the United States. Scattered showers can be expected across the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies due to another trough from the Pacific moving through the area. The high pressure ridge in the South will remain over Florida allowing some moisture to move across Texas and the coastal regions. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHICKEN, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located 20 miles east of Nacogdoches, TX. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. Crews continue to improve containment lines.

MOORE BRANCH, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in a pine plantation 30 miles north of Beaumont, TX. A Type II Incident Management Team (Koehler) is assigned. The fire actively burned, but higher relative humidity and light rainfall helped prevent major runs.

TICKLED PINK RANCH, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 4 miles northwest of Octavia, OK. A burnout operation is in progress to secure containment lines.

SIELLY ROAD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is located 15 miles southeast of Muskogee, OK. Very dry fuels are hampering containment efforts.

DEEP CREEK, Texas State Forest Service. This is fire burning near San Saba, TX. No new information was reported.

WILDWOOD, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning near Wildwood, TX. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BUSH, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in a pine plantation in Tyler County. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

MILAM ROAD, Texas State Forest Service. This lightning-caused fire is 50 miles southwest of Austin, TX. 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
CHICKEN	TX	TXS	3400	95	UNK	135	3	2	4	0	NR	NR

MOORE BRANCH	TX	TXS	15864	25	9/15	35	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
TICKLED PINK RA	OK	OXS	150	70	UNK	6	0	3	0	0	NR	1K
SIELLY ROAD	OK	OXS	100	75	UNK	9	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
DEEP CREEK	TX	TXS	5205	70	UNK	15	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WILDWOOD	TX	TXS	200	80	9/10	35	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BUSH	TX	TXS	600	6	9/10	40	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MILAM ROAD	TX	TXS	110	70	UNK	25	0	0	2	2	NR	NR
BIG HEAD CREEK	TX	TXS	100	100	---	70	NR	NR	NR	3	NR	NR
SQUEALER	OK	OXS	1200	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR	20K
SNAKE EYE COMPL	MS	MNF	1044	100	---	33	0	5	1	0	50K	80K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) is assigned to manage the large fires in the Hamilton area. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the large fires in southwest Montana. An Area Command Team (Meuchel) is assigned to manage the large fires in central Montana. An Area Command Team (Gale) is assigned to manage the large fires in northwest Montana. Priorities are being established by the Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildfire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. The Army's 3rd Battalion 327th Infantry from Ft. Campbell, KY, commanded by LTC Lehr, is assigned. These fires are seven miles south of Darby, MT. The complex consists of the Bear, Taylor, Taylor Spot, Hilltop, Razor, Fat and Mink fires. The complex received up to .3 inch of precipitation.

SKALKAHO COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Rutherford) is assigned. This group of fires is ten miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Included in the complex are the Bear and Coyote fires. The fire activity remains light with cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity.

BLODGETT TRAILHEAD, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Rutherford) is assigned. This fire is three miles northwest of Hamilton, MT. Fire behavior continues to be minimal. The fire received snow at the higher elevations.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cook) is assigned. The complex consists of 14 fires in the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church River of No Return Wildernesses, 40 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Large fires in the complex include the Hamilton, Lonely, Fitz, Thirty, Echo and Throng fires. Fire activity remained light with cool, wet weather.

UPPER NINEMILE COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) is assigned. These fires are burning 25 miles northwest of Missoula, MT. Activity has been focused on rehabilitation, with mopup operations continuing as needed. The fire received light snow at the higher elevations.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II

Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. The complex consists of the Falls Creek, Cougar Creek, Coyote Springs, Medicine Lake, Skalkaho Pass, Lick Creek and Cooper Creek fires, 30 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Crews continue to build direct fireline, mopup and secure existing containment lines. Snow was observed on the higher elevations of the complex.

MONTURE/SPREAD RIDGE, Lolo National Forest. The fires are 15 miles east of Seeley Lake, MT. Rehabilitation efforts have been completed. The fires received a skiff of snow above 5000' elevation.

MAUDLOW/TOSTON, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type II Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. These fires are 25 miles northeast of Belgrade, MT. The fire activity is low due to precipitation received.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. These fires are 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Three inches of snow fell on the higher elevations of the fires. Crews continue to make progress on hot spotting, cold trailing and rehabilitation efforts.

KOOTENAI COMPLEX, Kootenai National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Novotny) is assigned. The Army's 1st Battalion 321st Artillery from Ft. Bragg, NC, commanded by LTC Mathis, is assigned. These fires are 20 miles northwest of Libby, MT. The Troy South Complex has been included within this complex. No new information was reported.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Davidson) is assigned. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Increased winds along with lower humidity generated an increase in fire behavior. Patrol and mopup activities are ongoing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST 	UNIT 	SIZE 	% 	EST 	TOTAL 	CRW 	ENG 	HELI 	STRC 	EST 	\$\$\$
	CTN	CTN	PERS			LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D				
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	212030	60	9/16	1104	26	13	6	227	NR	27M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	64352	70	UNK	668	15	16	5	4	NR	8.7M
BLODGETT TRAILH	MT	BRF	11276	85	UNK	104	0	2	3	8	NR	10.4M
WILDERNESS CPLX	MT	BRF	47709	65	UNK	20	0	0	0	0	NR	772K
UPPER NINEMILE	MT	LNF	24345	95	UNK	358	2	4	0	0	0	17M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	50	UNK	486	14	14	6	0	NR	16.3M
MONTURE/SPREAD	MT	LNF	27500	10	UNK	40	1	0	1	0	0	9.1M
MAUDLOW/TOSTON	MT	CES	81687	85	UNK	273	4	24	1	2	NR	22.8M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	60	UNK	419	11	13	4	0	NR	10.5M
KOOTENAI CPLX	MT	KNF	18232	90	UNK	311	9	4	3	0	NR	15.1M
ALDER CREEK	MT	LNF	5500	90	UNK	188	5	2	4	0	NR	1M
SIXMILE	MT	MCD	3000	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This complex consists of the Clear

Creek, Marlin Springs, Full Circle and Sisters fires. The 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, commanded by LTC Smith, is committed. Large portions of the fire area received snow. Crews continue mopup and rehabilitation efforts.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. The fire is 23 miles north of McCall, ID. The fire transitioned to a Type III organization at the district level.

DRY FORK, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. The fire is located northeast of Kamas Ranger District. Crews completed construction of direct handline on the east and west flanks.

TETON COMPLEX, Grand Teton National Park, NPS. This complex is north of Jackson, WY. The complex consists of the Wilcox, Moran, Hechtman, Glade and Enos fires. Crews are patrolling and mopping up on the Moran, Wilcox and Enos fires. This is the last report unless new information is received.

FONTENELLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. Crews continue to hot spot along the western flank.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Adams) is assigned. Eleven wildland fires are currently burning within the Salmon Challis Wilderness Complex: Little Pistol, Indian Creek, Filly, Butts, Papoose, Parker, Packer Meadow, Shell Rock, Wilson Creek, Jackass and Jack Creek. Minimal fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	206379	77	9/30	1535	42	27	17	1	0	52M
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	64348	95	UNK	45	2	0	1	19	NR	2.3M
DRY FORK	UT	WCF	190	40	UNK	256	9	0	5	0	NR	321K
TETON COMPLEX	WY	GTP	15723	NR	UNK	110	4	0	4	1	NR	4.4M
FONTENELLE	WY	BTF	14750	70	UNK	34	1	0	1	1	NR	1.5M
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	16	0	0	0	46	NR	183K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

DEADMAN COMPLEX, Nebraska National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This complex consists of the Deadman, Sawlog and Warbonnet fires. Windy conditions hampered air operations for most of the day. Crews made good progress on fireline construction on the Sawlog fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
DEADMAN COMPLEX	NE	NBF	11700	65	9/10	430	10	24	4	0	NR	400K
PEPPER CREEK	SD	PRA	8000	100	---	30	0	8	0	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STORRIE, Plumas National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. The fire is 20 miles west of Quincy, CA, in the Feather River Canyon. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STORRIE	CA	PNF	46280	95	UNK	667	15	20	4	0	NR	20.1M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAHOGANY CREEK, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. The fire is burning in grass, mahogany and sage 75 miles northwest of Winnemucca, NV. Suppression efforts are being hindered by limited access. Current threats are to wildlife habitat and a wilderness study area.

PHILLIPS RANCH, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and Great Basin National Park. The fire is 50 miles southeast of Ely, NV. National Park Service personnel are monitoring the fire. This is 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
MAHOGANY CREEK	NV	WID	1500	25	9/11	225	8	10	1	0	NR	NR
PHILLIPS RANCH	NV	HTF	2600	90	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	NR	235K

OUTLOOK:

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR THE MAJORITY OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN MONTANA, PARTS OF NORTHWEST SOUTH DAKOTA AND THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS OF WYOMING FOR STRONG AND GUSTY WINDS ***

In the West another Pacific trough will move across the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies, resulting in scattered showers for these areas. Further south dry air over the region will bring mostly sunny skies to the Southwest and Central Rockies.

High temperatures in the West will be in the mid 50's to mid 70's in the Northern rockies and Intermountain West. The Southwest will have temperatures of 70 to 80 and 90 to 110 in the warmest deserts.

Minimum relative humidity will generally be in the mid teens to 30 percent

with some single digits in the warmest southern deserts. Relative humidity of 45 to 60 percent can be expected in some locations of the North.

Winds will mostly be southwest to west at 10-20 mph. Expect west wind 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph across the Northern Plains and Central Rockies.

For the Southern Area high pressure will remain over Florida and Georgia. This will continue to allow moisture and scattered thunderstorms to move into Texas and the coastal regions. High temperatures will be in the 80's to 90's with 100 expected near the Rio Grande. Minimum relative humidity will be 40 to 50 percent inland and 60 to 70 percent along the Gulf Coast. Winds will be east to south at 5 to 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2				1	2	5
	ACRES	1				0	1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2				13	4	19
	ACRES	6				2	7	15
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					16	2	18
	ACRES					88	0	88
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				2		3
	ACRES	20				0		20
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			1	4	6
	ACRES		1			1	2002	2004
GB-WEST	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		1225					1225
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	2			1	2	6
	ACRES	0	0			0	1	1
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES	2				5		7
	ACRES	120				253		373
TOTAL	FIRES	8	5	0	0	40	16	69
	ACRES	147	1226	0	0	344	2011	3728

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	22	8	302	5	351
	ACRES	6	143076	246961	43763	317427	0	751233

NORTHWEST	FIRES	222	217	41	17	1243	881	2621
	ACRES	24038	198975	83023	7	256334	125233	687610
CA-NORTH	FIRES	143	12	3	10	1926	607	2701
	ACRES	180	142	4	1	15189	63638	79154
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	83	5	63	2291	742	3214
	ACRES	53	41084	97	112	26242	69076	136664
NORTHERN	FIRE	889	97	28	52	1048	1602	3716
	ACRES	36129	9079	1700	6097	182479	774231	1009715
GB-EAST	FIRES	69	1085	3	46	506	1044	2753
	ACRES	44666	493603	70	4010	100353	834903	1477605
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	642	4	6	100	248	1008
	ACRES	2380	597977	1105	11	7155	27402	636030
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1262	286	24	87	1176	2552	5387
	ACRES	18134	60580	19314	11402	285437	150028	544895
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	607	823	26	59	875	761	3151
	ACRES	161993	106912	2231	33335	42452	25775	372698
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9427	424	10651
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82430	15600	114852
SOUTHERN	FIRES	77		81	102	39615	1233	41108
	ACRES	7345		12483	3853	767784	42052	833517
TOTALS	FIRES	4071	3258	246	478	58509	10099	76661
	ACRES	310728	1651428	367487	103110	2083282	2127938	6643973
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								63465
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3000729

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL

ALASKA	FIRES			1		4		5
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	19	23	25			200	267
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20857	35057
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	7	1		121	131
	ACRES		328	1012	12		10365	11717
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			5	3		80	88
	ACRES			300	124		5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	84	3	58	231	401
	ACRES	1775	1991	16376	395	6446	35286	62269
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	195	479
	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762	111898
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63	225
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
EASTERN	FIRES	15		87	11	132	210	455
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18490	125143
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	67	103	706	1022
	ACRES	902		61589	39926	61971	455592	619980
USA TOTALS	FIRES	96	266	512	110	313	1826	3123
	ACRES	35769	24313	123131	49948	154438	646618	1034217

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				6		7	13
	ACRES				3		780	783
NORTHERN	FIRES				2		8	10
	ACRES				388		3969	4357
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						16	16
	ACRES						6290	6290
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				10	24		34
	ACRES				1129	125		1254
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	18	24	32	74
	ACRES	0	0	0	1520	125	11040	12685

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	0	0	1484	16258
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	7652
ALBERTA	0	0	753	14694
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	275	200179
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	400	115689
MANITOBA	0	0	329	83516
ONTARIO	0	0	509	6071
QUEBEC	4	0	462	28603
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	206	146414
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	4	272	279

NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	185	458
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	92	7456
TOTALS	9	4	5041	627291

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	8		6		1				8	2
CA-NORTH	14	6	20	7	4	1			102	87
CA-SOUTH	1		5		2	1	1			
NORTHERN	40	53	47	73	17	22			564	944
GB-EAST	24	34	13	28	14	21			367	259
GB-WEST	4	4	9	2	1				9	5
SOUTHWEST			4							
ROCKY MTN	20	1	25	26	4	3			83	25
EASTERN									15	
SOUTHERN	4		3	21	1	6			26	10
TOTAL	115	98	132	157	44	54	1	0	1174	1332

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