

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Two new large fires were reported, both in the Southern Area. Crews reached containment goals on eight fires, two in the Eastern Great Basin and six in the Southern Area. Initial attack activity was light throughout the United States. There is a possibility of thunderstorms across southern and central California due to subtropical moisture pushing into the state. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

3 B FIRE COMMAND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is burning near Broward, FL in a State Conservation area. There is no access to the fire and is being monitored daily by aircraft.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
3 B FIRE COMMAND	FL	FLS	300	NR	NR	1	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
SHAMROCK	TX	TXS	700	100	---	20	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
DEEP CREEK	TX	TXS	5205	100	---	15	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
SUPPLY FIRE	FL	FLS	1600	100	---	2	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
MOORE BRANCH	TX	TXS	15864	100	---	140	2	20	4	0	NR	NR
CHICKEN	TX	TXS	3543	100	---	135	4	11	5	0	NR	NR

TXS = Texas State Forest Service

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Gale) is assigned to manage the large fires in northwest Montana.

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 and scheduled for demobilization on the 13th. These fires are seven miles south of Darby, MT. The complex consists of the Bear, Taylor, Taylor Spot, Hilltop, Razor, Fat and Mink fires. Precipitation and higher relative humidity are keeping the fire activity at a low level. Demobilization of resources continues.

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.

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.

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. Weather has made access to the fireline difficult.

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. Crews continue to make progress on hot spotting, cold trailing and rehabilitation efforts.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Davidson) is assigned. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. No new information was received.

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 and scheduled for demobilization on the 14th. These fires are 20 miles northwest of Libby, MT. The Troy South Complex has been included within this complex. All fires were quiet today, and some rehabilitation is being implemented. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	212030	60	9/16	1043	25	12	5	227	NR	28.2M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	64352	70	UNK	580	11	12	5	4	NR	9.2M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	60	UNK	281	6	4	3	0	NR	16.7M
MAUDLOW/TOSTON	MT	CES	81687	95	9/12	162	2	8	0	2	NR	23.1M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	75	UNK	293	5	5	1	0	NR	10.9M
ALDER CREEK	MT	LNF	5500	95	UNK	71	0	0	2	0	NR	1.1M
KOOTENAI CPLX	MT	KNF	18230	90	UNK	60	2	0	0	0	NR	15.1M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stam) 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. Mopup and rehabilitation goals are being met.

FONTENELLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. Cloud cover and higher relative humidity have diminished

fire activity.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. 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	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	206379	83	9/30	1535	40	23	14	1	0	53.7M
FONTENELLE	WY	BTF	14750	70	UNK	35	1	0	1	1	NR	1.5M
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	12	0	0	0	46	NR	400K
DRY FORK	UT	WCF	190	100	---	295	10	0	5	0	NR	1.0M
POISON	ID	BOD	314	100	---	50	1	3	1	0	NR	NR

WCF = Wasatch-Cache National Forest
BOD = Lower Snake River District, BLM

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. Crews continue to make progress as fire behavior is limited to interior fuels. Current threats are to wildlife habitat.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MAHOGANY CREEK	NV	WID	10400	80	9/12	242	8	10	2	0	NR	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

TRW FIRE, Orange County Fire Department. This vegetation fire is burning in Orange County, CA. The cause of ignition is under investigation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TRW FIRE	CA	ORC	461	0	UNK	246	11	16	5	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

For the Southern Area a weak high pressure will remain over Florida and Georgia. This will continue to allow abundant 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's 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.

In the West high pressure will begin to amplify across the southwest states and into the Pacific northwest. A stationary low pressure area of the California coast will help push moisture up from the subtropics into California. As a result, isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible across southern and central California. Otherwise warm and dry conditions can be expected across the remainder of the west.

High temperatures in the West will be in the mid 60's to mid 80's in the Northern rockies and Intermountain West. In the Central and West Coast areas temperatures will be in the 70's to near 90, and from the 90's to near 110 in the warmest deserts of the Southwest and Great Basin.

Minimum relative humidity in the west will generally be in the mid teens to upper 30's with some single digits in the warmest southern deserts.

Winds in the west will mostly be west to northwest 10-20 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				6	1	8
	ACRES	5				5	0	10
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					20	6	26
	ACRES					7	75	82
NORTHERN	FIRES	1			1	2		4
	ACRES	8			0	0		8
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	1			1	3	6
	ACRES	1	0			0	0	1
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	3				3	1	7
	ACRES	5				1	1	7
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		2			1	4	7
	ACRES		1			1	1	3
EASTERN	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					6		6
SOUTHERN	FIRES	13				46	1	60
	ACRES	219				1937	2	2158
TOTAL	FIRES	19	4	0	1	96	16	136
	ACRES	238	3	0	0	1959	79	2279

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	218	41	17	1255	887	2640
	ACRES	24038	198976	83023	7	256352	125233	687629
CA-NORTH	FIRES	144	12	3	10	1948	609	2726
	ACRES	185	142	4	1	15207	63638	79177
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	83	5	63	2321	749	3251
	ACRES	53	41084	97	112	26815	69153	137314
NORTHERN	FIRE	891	97	28	53	1051	1603	3723
	ACRES	36157	11579	1700	6097	187479	770353	1013365
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1089	3	46	507	1050	2765
	ACRES	44667	494024	70	4010	100353	834905	1478029
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	643	4	6	100	252	1013
	ACRES	2380	606914	1105	11	7155	27403	644968
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1265	286	24	87	1180	2562	5404
	ACRES	18139	60580	19314	11402	285438	144106	538979
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	612	829	26	60	876	766	3169
	ACRES	157097	106915	2231	33335	42453	25779	367810
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9453	424	10677
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82601	15600	115023
SOUTHERN	FIRES	90		81	102	39671	1235	41179
	ACRES	7564		12483	3853	769757	42095	835752
TOTALS	FIRES	4096	3270	246	480	58664	10142	76898
	ACRES	306090	1663290	367487	103110	2091037	2118265	6649279
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								63891
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3028425

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	26	1481	16284
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	7652
ALBERTA	0	0	753	14694
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	275	200179
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	396	115681
MANITOBA	0	0	329	83516

ONTARIO		1	0	512	6071
QUEBEC		2	16	472	28631
NEWFOUNDLAND		0	0	207	146414
NEW BRUNSWICK		3	0	288	280
NOVA SCOTIA		1	0	186	458
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		0	0	20	22
NATIONAL PARKS		0	0	92	7455
TOTALS		7	42	5065	627337

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	8		3	2		1			9	4
CA-NORTH	13	2	21	2	4				102	84
CA-SOUTH	1		8		2	1				
NORTHERN	21	33	25	40	14	10			383	600
GB-EAST	22	34	18	23	22	6			346	163
GB-WEST	4	4	11	2	2				17	7
SOUTHWEST	1		6							
ROCKY MTN	5	1	3	3	1	1				
EASTERN									12	
SOUTHERN	7		28	3	2	7			33	45
TOTAL	82	74	123	75	47	26	0	0	902	903

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