

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000 - 0530 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southern Area and one in the Northwest Area. Crews reached containment goals on four fires, three in the Southern Area and one in the Northwest Area. Initial attack activity was moderate throughout the United States. The majority of the western states will experience high temperatures and dry conditions over the next few days. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

All federal employees of the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Forest Service are encouraged to complete a questionnaire about the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management and Policy Review. It has been five years since the Departments of Agriculture and Interior have adopted the policy. Secretaries Glickman and Babbitt are asking for help in revisiting this policy to ensure that it will continue to meet our needs. Please take about 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire before October 15, 2000, by visiting the NIFC web site at www.nifc.gov/policy_survey.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BILLY BELL, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning on Weyerhaeuser Timber Company Land 18 miles west of Broken Bow, OK. The fire was active with considerable spotting and crowning. Current threats are to commercial timber.

FISHERMAN S CORNER, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This human caused fire is located five miles west of Keota, OK. High rates of fire spread and torching has been observed.

AIRPORT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles northeast of Stigler, OK. 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
BILLY BELL	OK	OKS	177	60	9/17	46	1	9	1	0	NR	10K
FISHERMAN S COR	OK	OKS	190	95	9/16	5	0	2	0	0	NR	1K
AIRPORT	OK	OKS	200	80	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	1K
WICHITA MOUNTAIN	OK	WMR	3412	100	---	41	0	10	0	0	NR	NR
BAILER	OK	OXS	400	100	---	1	0	0	0	1	10K	4K
TICKLED PINK RA	OK	OXS	500	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR	10K

WMR = Wichita Mountain s National Wildlife Refuge

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HARRIS, Santa Barbara County Fire Department. This fire is located south of Santa Maria, CA. Current threat is to residences, oil fields and ranches.

YUCCA, Los Angeles County Fire Department. This fire is located near Agua Dulce, CA, and is burning in grass, juniper and yucca plants.

PARADISE, Angeles National Forest. This fire is near Castaic, CA. No new information was received.

LYONS, Cleveland National Forest. This fire is burning near Lyon s Valley. 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
HARRIS	CA	SBC	11080	50	UNK	700	15	92	3	0	NR	NR
YUCCA	CA	LAC	868	90	UNK	225	8	20	1	4	NR	NR
PARADISE	CA	ANF	400	75	UNK	300	NR	NR	NR	2	NR	NR
LYONS	CA	CNF	400	0	UNK	426	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) 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. Fire behavior is still low and demobilization of resources continues.

SKALKAHO COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This group of fires is ten miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Crews continue mopup and patrolling of internal hotspots.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. These fires are 30 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. The complex consists of the Falls Creek, Cougar Creek, Coyote Springs, Medicine Lake, Skalkaho Pass, Lick Creek and Cooper Creek fires. Crews are making good progress with completion of direct fireline, mopup and securing existing containment lines. Rehabilitation is progressing along the fire perimeter.

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. A few interior hotspots were observed as rehabilitation continued on all divisions. Transition back to the local unit is planned for the today.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Crews continued mopup and building direct fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211370	60	9/16	348	2	12	5	227	NR	29.3M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	64352	70	UNK	349	4	8	6	4	NR	10.0M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	85	UNK	248	5	0	4	0	NR	17.0M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	85	UNK	196	3	4	1	1	NR	11.2M
ALDER CREEK	MT	LNF	5500	95	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	NR	1.1M

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. Fire activity has increased and crews continue gridding, mopup and rehabilitation.

FONTENELLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. No new information to report.

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. Fire behavior has been of low intensity and recreation trails along Camas Creek and the Yellow Jacket Area are being reopened.

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	85	9/30	1493	39	14	14	1	0	56.0M
FONTENELLE	WY	BTF	14750	70	UNK	30	1	0	1	1	NR	1.6M
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	11	0	0	0	46	NR	435K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NAVAJO MT. 1, Navajo Area Office, BIA. The fire has escaped control lines and resources continue to drop water and construct fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
NAVAJO MT. 1	AZ	NAO	190	50	UNK	68	3	2	1	0	NR	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SULPHUR CREEK	WA	WFS	700	100	---	36	0	10	0	0	NR	NR

WAS = Washington State Headquarters

OUTLOOK:

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR PORTIONS OF NORTHERN TEXAS FOR BRISK NORTHEAST WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITIES.***

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR MUCH OF ALABAMA FOR GUSTY NORTH WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITIES. ***

Southern Texas and the Gulf Coast states can expect a cold front to push offshore, which will bring cooler and drier weather to the region. High temperatures will be in the 80's to lower 90's. Minimum relative humidity will be 20 to 30 percent inland and 30 to 45 percent along the immediate coast. Northerly winds will be gusty up to 20 mph along with the dry air.

Across the West, a trough of low pressure will bring a chance of showers and thunderstorms to the western portions of Washington and Oregon. The remainder of the west will be sunny and warm under the influence of a large ridge of high pressure. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's. Minimum relative humidity will generally range from the teens to mid 20 percent, with some single digits in the driest areas. Winds across most of the west will be southwest at 15 mph and the extreme northwest could see some light northwest to north winds.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	1		1	8	3	14
	ACRES	0	0		2	903	3	908
CA-NORTH	FIRES					32	5	37
	ACRES					20	2	22
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					3	1	4
NORTHERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		15			2		17
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		9					9

SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					67	2	69
	ACRES					289	10	299
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	0	1	114	14	134
	ACRES	0	24	0	2	1217	21	1264

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	223	225	41	18	1270	903	2680
	ACRES	24038	198982	83023	9	257255	125233	688540
CA-NORTH	FIRES	146	12	3	10	2001	615	2787
	ACRES	186	142	4	1	15231	72042	87606
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	84	5	63	2339	757	3278
	ACRES	53	41085	97	112	26844	69916	138107
NORTHERN	FIRES	891	97	28	53	1052	1609	3730
	ACRES	36157	11579	1700	6097	187479	776121	1019133
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1090	3	46	508	1057	2774
	ACRES	44667	485737	70	4010	100359	834907	1469750
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	644	4	6	100	252	1014
	ACRES	2380	606923	1105	11	7155	27403	644977
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1267	286	24	88	1184	2575	5424
	ACRES	18149	60580	19314	11403	285458	144129	539033
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	613	830	22	58	878	771	3172
	ACRES	157097	106925	2053	33335	42459	25779	367648
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9469	424	10693
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82641	15600	115063
SOUTHERN	FIRES	103		85	102	39837	1242	41369
	ACRES	7641		15895	3853	770812	42118	840319
TOTALS	FIRES	4115	3281	246	480	58940	10210	77272
	ACRES	306178	1655029	370721	103113	2093120	2133248	6661409
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65094
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3101387

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			0				0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			200		28		228
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				1	2		3
	ACRES				75	851		926
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	1	0	4	7
	ACRES	0	0	200	75	0	879	1154

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	8	1		121	132
	ACRES		328	1012	12		10365	11717
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			5	3		80	88
	ACRES			300	124		5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	85	3	58	233	404
	ACRES	1775	1991	16576	395	6446	35314	62497
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
	ACRES	272	9199	1448	975	153	11325	23372
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	710	1026
	ACRES	902		61589	39926	61971	457904	622292
USA TOTALS	FIRES	96	266	514	110	313	1832	3131
	ACRES	35769	32015	123331	49948	154438	648958	1044459

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

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				11	24		35
	ACRES				1130	125		1255
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	19	24	32	75
	ACRES	0	0	0	1521	125	11040	12686

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	4	8	1407	16424
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	7652
ALBERTA	0	0	753	14686
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	275	200179
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	401	120561
MANITOBA	0	0	330	83516
ONTARIO	1	0	519	6074
QUEBEC	1	0	477	28611
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	207	146414
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	293	282
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	190	458
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	92	7455
TOTALS	7	8	5018	632334

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				10		1			9	4
CA-NORTH			1		1					
CA-SOUTH	3	22	10	107	1	5	1		5	134
NORTHERN	18	2	20	26	15	9			272	204
GB-EAST	13	29	6	14	8	14	1		271	231
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	5		9		1				10	
ROCKY MTN	5	1	3	3		1				
EASTERN									8	
SOUTHERN	4		25	17	2	5			42	58
TOTAL	48	54	74	177	28	35	2	0	617	631

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