

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2000 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

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

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ARBUCKLE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire burning in grass, cedar and oak is located 11 miles northwest of Ardmore, OK. Very active fire behavior was observed. There is a communications site and a watershed threatened. Rough, rocky terrain has made control difficult.

SKELETON, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in heavy brush fuels five miles west of Mulhall, OK. One residence is confirmed lost. Control problems include heavy fuels and rough terrain.

PONTOTOC, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning one half mile north of Pontotoc, OK. One residence and three outbuildings were destroyed. Several homes were evacuated due to extreme fire behavior.

BILLY BELL, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning on Weyerhaeuser Timber Company Land 18 miles west of Broken Bow, OK. No new information was received.

AIRPORT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles northeast of Stigler, OK. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   CTN	TOTAL   PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST   LOSS	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
ARBUCKLE	OK	OKS	300	90	9/16	28	0	10	1	0	NR	NR	
SKELETON	OK	OKS	300	50	9/16	20	0	8	0	1	NR	2K	
PONTOTOCK	OK	OKS	200	90	9/16	20	0	8	0	4	90K	NR	
BILLY BELL	OK	OKS	177	60	9/17	46	1	9	1	0	NR	10K	
AIRPORT	OK	OKS	200	80	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	1K	
FISHERMAN S COR	OK	OKS	190	100	---	5	0	0	0	0	NR	1K	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NO FLESH, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. This fire is located near Kyle, South Dakota. The cause of the fire is unknown. Aircraft helped support containment efforts.

PEARL, Routt National Forest. This fire is located 20 miles north of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The fire is burning in spruce, fir, and logging slash. Spotting of up to 300 yards ahead of the fire has been observed.

ELDORADO, Fort Collins Dispatch Center Counties. This fire is burning west of Boulder, Colorado. The fire is burning in timber. Aircraft assisted in suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
NO FLESH	SD	PRA	800	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
PEARL	CO	RTF	200	0	UNK	36	1	3	1	0	NR	NR	
ELDORADO	CO	FTX	210	0	UNK	NR	4	15	1	0	NR	NR	

#### 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.

PARADISE, Angeles National Forest. This fire is near Castaic, CA. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
HARRIS	CA	SBC	11000	75	UNK	784	19	62	2	0	NR	650K	
PARADISE	CA	ANF	400	75	UNK	300	NR	NR	NR	2	NR	NR	
LYONS	CA	CNF	400	100	---	426	1	1	NR	0	NR	NR	
YUCCA	CA	LAC	868	100	---	NR	8	20	1	4	NR	NR	

CNF = Cleveland National Forest

LAC = Los Angeles County

#### 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. High winds and low relative humidities caused torching and some runs within the perimeters. Crews continue with mopup and rehabilitation on all the fires.

LAVA HOT SPRINGS #3, Upper Snake River District, BLM. This fire burning in grass and sagebrush one mile north of Lava Hot Springs, ID. An electronics site was damaged. Dry fuels are hampering control efforts.

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. No new information to report.

GREEN, Upper Snake River District, BLM. This fire is burning in sagebrush and timber 18 miles east of Rexburg, ID. Dry fuels are limiting control efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	206379	85	9/30	1480	37	19	15	1	0	56.8M	
LAVA HOT SPRING	ID	IFD	300	40	UNK	104	2	20	0	0	NR	NR	
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	
GREEN	ID	IFD	1050	40	UNK	60	0	15	1	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. These fires are 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. A few interior hotspots were observed. Rehabilitation continued on all divisions.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. This fire is 31 miles southeast of

Missoula, MT. Crews continued mopup and building direct fireline. Aerial observation reported a few hotspots within the perimeter. Demobilization of resources continues.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211370	60	UNK	316	2	12	5	227	NR	29.6M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	64352	80	UNK	257	3	9	2	4	NR	10.0M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	85	UNK	187	3	0	2	0	NR	17.2M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	69	1	5	1	1	NR	11.3M
ALDER CREEK	MT	LNF	5500	95	UNK	48	2	0	1	0	NR	1.1M

#### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLOODGOOD, Gila National Forest. This fire is located five miles southwest of the Gila Cliff Dwellings. The fire has become very active due to high temperatures and dry fuels.

NAVAJO MT. 1, Navajo Area Office, BIA. No new information was received.

SIERRA, Gila National Forest. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
NAVAJO MT. 1	AZ	NAO	190	50	UNK	68	3	2	1	0	NR	NR
SIERRA	NM	GNF	1200	0	10/31	5	0	1	0	0	NR	150K
BLOODGOOD	NM	GNF	11000	UNK	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	NR	140K

#### OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR INLAND COUNTIES OF THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE FROM NOON UNTIL SUNSET FOR POSSIBLE LONG DURATIONS OF LOW HUMIDITIES.\*\*\*

Southern Texas and the Gulf Coast states can expect a northerly flow aloft and high pressure at the surface, keeping the region quite dry. High temperatures will be from the upper 70's to around 90. Minimum relative humidity will be 20 to 30 percent inland and 30 to 45 percent along the immediate coast. Expect northeast winds of 10-15 mph.

Across the west, a weak trough of low pressure will bring a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms to central Oregon, across central Idaho, and into western Montana. 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 70's and 80's in the north, to the 90's and 100's in the south. Minimum relative humidity will generally range from the teens to 25 percent, with some single digits in the driest areas. Winds across

most of the west will be southwest at 15 mph and the pacific coast could see some light northwest winds at 5-15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRE		2			8	1	11
	ACRES		22			104	10	136
CA-NORTH	FIRE	3				6	2	11
	ACRES	6				0	1	7
CA-SOUTH	FIRE					6	2	8
	ACRES					0	1	1
NORTHERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRE		3			3	3	9
	ACRES		1850			13	2	1865
GB-WEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRE						3	3
	ACRES						3	3
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	1				4	3	8
	ACRES	800				220	220	1240
EASTERN	FIRE					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
SOUTHERN	FIRE					75	5	80
	ACRES					1248	18	1266
TOTAL	FIRE	4	5	0	0	103	21	133
	ACRES	806	1872	0	0	1585	255	4518

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE	1	13	22	8	302	5	351
	ACRES	6	143076	246961	43763	317427	0	751233
NORTHWEST	FIRE	223	227	41	18	1278	905	2692
	ACRES	24038	199004	83023	9	257361	125244	688679
CA-NORTH	FIRE	149	12	3	10	2007	617	2798
	ACRES	192	142	4	1	15231	72043	87613
CA-SOUTH	FIRE	30	84	5	63	2345	759	20986
	ACRES	53	41085	97	112	26844	69917	138108
NORTHERN	FIRE	893	97	28	52	1165	1609	3844
	ACRES	36159	11579	1700	6097	192382	776121	1024038
GB-EAST	FIRE	70	1093	3	46	511	1060	2783
	ACRES	44667	487702	70	4010	100372	834909	1471730
GB-WEST	FIRE	8	644	4	6	100	252	1014
	ACRES	2380	606923	1105	11	7155	27403	644977

SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1267	286	24	88	1184	2578	5427
	ACRES	18149	60580	19314	11403	285458	144132	539036
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	616	842	22	58	849	774	3161
	ACRES	157897	109406	2053	33335	43652	24552	370895
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9470	426	10696
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82641	15600	115063
SOUTHERN	FIRES	103		85	102	39912	1247	41449
	ACRES	7641		15895	3853	772060	42136	841585
TOTALS	FIRES	4123	3298	246	479	76823	10232	95201
	ACRES	306986	1659497	370721	103113	2100583	2132057	6672957
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65220
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3103000

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			2				6
	ACRES			55			29	84
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			0
	ACRES				473			473
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	4	6
	ACRES	0	0	55	473	0	29	557

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	1167	12	10365	11872
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			5	3	80	88
	ACRES			300	124	5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	87	3	58	237
	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6446	35343
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18
	ACRES	272	9199	1448	975	153	11325
GB-WEST	FIRES					2	2
	ACRES					1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	12	2	195
	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263
EASTERN	FIRES	15		87	11	132	210
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18490
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	67	103	710
	ACRES	902		61589	40399	61971	457904
USA TOTALS	FIRES	96	266	516	110	313	1836
	ACRES	35769	32015	123441	50421	154438	648987
							1045071

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					14390		14390
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	19140	20785

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	2	12	1409	16436
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	7652
ALBERTA	0	1	753	14685
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	275	200179
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	401	120561
MANITOBA	0	0	330	83516
ONTARIO	1	1	520	6075
QUEBEC	1	0	478	28611
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	209	146414
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	293	282
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	190	458
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	92	7455
TOTALS	5	14	5024	632346

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			5			1			9	1
CA-NORTH			1		1					
CA-SOUTH	5	18	9	57	1	3			5	129
NORTHERN	13	2	22	26	13	5			243	140
GB-EAST	13	31	55	34	21	4			370	238
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	4		13		2				13	
ROCKY MTN	16	1	6	21	3	1	2		1	25
EASTERN									8	
SOUTHERN	2		3	33		2			5	16
TOTAL	53	52	114	171	41	16	2	0	654	549

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