

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2000 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Five new large fires were reported, four in the Southern Area and one in the Northern Rockies Area. Crews reached containment goals on three fires, one each in Southern California, Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. A trough moving through the Northern Rockies will bring showers and thunderstorms to Idaho, Montana, western Wyoming and northern Utah. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ARBUCKLE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located 11 miles northwest of Ardmore, OK, and is burning in grass, cedar, and oak. Crews continue to mop up and secure control lines.

SKELETON, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in heavy brush fuels five miles west of Mulhall, OK. Spotting, crowning and torching was observed on the fire. Crews and one helicopter continued with containment efforts.

PONTOTOC, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning one half mile north of Pontotoc, OK. The fire continued to exhibit active burning in the interior. Crews continue to mop up and secure containment lines.

SHELL LAKE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in grass and timber two miles northwest of Sand Springs, OK. Very intense fire activity was observed. Torchining and spotting created significant control problems

GIBSON, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This wind driven fire is four miles east of Newkirk, OK. The fire escaped from a hay bale fire.

SUGARLOAF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in a mixed hardwood and pine plantation two miles north of Monroe, OK. The fire exhibited extreme fire activity. Spotting has been a major concern. Aircraft made numerous retardant drops to help protect structures.

KERNEL, Miami Agency, BIA. This fire is four miles east of Vamoosa, OK. The surface fire is backing down slopes into the wind and running upslope where fuels are continuous.

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. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

LYTTON SPRINGS, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is 40 miles southeast

of Austin, TX, and is burning is pine and cedar. One residence was destroyed and four others are threatened.

CUMBY, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is 150 miles northeast of Dallas, TX, and is burning is pine. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ARBUCKLE	OK	OKS	300	95	9/17	28	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
SKELETON	OK	OKS	300	80	9/17	20	0	4	1	1	NR	2K
PONTOTOC	OK	OKS	200	95	9/17	5	0	2	0	4	90K	NR
SHELL LAKE	OK	OKS	1000	60	9/17	51	0	10	1	0	NR	NR
GIBSON	OK	OKS	200	90	9/17	8	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
SUGARLOAF	OK	OKS	250	15	UNK	6	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
KERNEL	OK	MIA	500	0	UNK	15	0	6	1	0	NR	NR
BILLY BELL	OK	OKS	177	60	9/17	46	1	9	1	0	NR	10K
LYTTON SPRINGS	TX	TXS	100	80	9/17	30	0	0	0	1	NR	NR
CUMBY	TX	TXS	150	80	9/17	20	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ELDORADO, Boulder Dispatch Center Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is burning eight miles southwest of Boulder, Colorado. Approximately 100 homes have been evacuated. High temperatures, low relative humidities and short range spotting are impeding containment efforts.

PEARL, Routt National Forest. This fire is located 20 miles north of Steamboat Springs, Colorado and is burning in spruce, fir and logging slash. Crews are making good progress with support from aircraft.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ELDORADO	CO	BLX	550	5	UNK	200	6	34	2	0	NR	NR
PEARL	CO	RTF	200	50	9/18	36	3	4	1	0	NR	NR
NO FLESH	SD	PRA	800	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

PRA = Pine Ridge Agency

#### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUNYON POINT, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is 22 miles west-southwest of Augusta, MT. No other information was received.

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. Warmer temperatures and lower humidities are resulting in increased fire activity. Crews constructed fireline around two areas that made short runs along the Razor fire.

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. Increased burning activity has been observed. Patrolling continues with mopup of internal hotspots. Additional acreage reflects acres from the Skalkaho Pass fire that was transferred from the Middle Fork Complex.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Rehabilitation continues in all divisions including dozer and handlines. Crews are working interior 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 continued to make good progress on securing containment lines, mopup and cold trailing. Rehabilitation continues to progress along the fire perimeter.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Crews continued with direct line and mopup. Aerial observation reported a few hot spots in the interior perimeter.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUNYON POINT	MT	LCF	400	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211375	60	UNK	406	2	12	5	227	NR	29.7M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	70685	80	UNK	244	3	7	2	4	NR	10.6M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	69	1	5	1	1	NR	11.3M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	85	UNK	123	1	0	2	0	NR	17.2M
ALDER CREEK	MT	LNF	5500	95	UNK	54	2	0	2	0	NR	1.1M

#### 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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HARRIS	CA	SBC	11080	80	9/23	723	15	18	2	0	NR	662K
PARADISE	CA	ANF	427	100	---	1	0	0	0	2	NR	NR

ANF = Angeles National Forest

#### 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 was moderate with occasional torching and short duration crown runs observed in some interior islands of unburned fuel. Short range spotting was also observed. Crews continue to patrol containment lines.

GREEN, Upper Snake River District, BLM. This fire is burning in sagebrush and timber 18 miles east of Rexburg, ID. Crews have made good progress towards containment objectives.

FONTENELLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. This is the last report unless new information is received.

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. Increased fire activity was observed with some torching and spotting noted on the Shellrock fire. Norton Lookout is being threatened and will be wrapped with fire resistant material.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	206379	85	9/30	1620	41	19	15	1	0	57.7M	
GREEN	ID	IFD	1200	75	9/17	100	2	15	1	0	NR	NR	
FONTENELLE	WY	BTF	14750	70	UNK	31	1	0	1	1	NR	1.6M	
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	11	0	0	0	46	NR	441K	
LAVA HOT SPRING	ID	IFD	300	100	---	104	2	20	0	0	NR	NR	

#### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NAVAJO MT. 1, Navajo Area Office, BIA. Crews continue to work on containment of slopovers.

SIERRA, Gila National Forest. This fire is near the Beaverhead Work Center. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned and will also manage the Bloodgood incident. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives.

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

ARROW, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is 5 miles south of Hannagan Meadow and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
NAVAJO MT. 1	AZ	NAO	220	75	UNK	98	5	2	1	0	NR	NR	
SIERRA	NM	GNF	2600	UNK	UNK	35	1	4	0	0	NR	7K	
BLOODGOOD	NM	GNF	11000	UNK	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	NR	140K	

ARROW	AZ	ASF	110	0	UNK	NR	2	1	0	0	NR	NR
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OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN UTAH FOR RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURES, LOW HUMIDITIES, STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS, AND HIGH HAINES INDEX \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR PARTS OF WESTERN WYOMING FOR LOW HUMIDITIES, HIGH TEMPERATURES AND STRONG GUSTY WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR NORTHERN AND CENTRAL ALABAMA FOR LOW HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN UTAH FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS, HIGH TEMPERATURES AND LOW HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR PARTS OF EASTERN UTAH AND NORTHWEST COLORADO FOR STRONG WINDS, DRY THUNDERSTORMS, LOW HUMIDITIES, HIGH TEMPERATURES AND HIGH HAINES INDEX \*\*\*

Across Oklahoma, Texas and the Gulf Coast states a high pressure aloft and at the surface will keep the region very dry. High temperatures in Oklahoma, South Texas and the Gulf Coast states will range from the upper 70's to the lower 90's. Minimum afternoon humidities will be 20 to 30 percent inland and 30 to 45 percent along the immediate coast. Winds will be northeast to east at 10 to 15 mph.

A trough will move through the Northern Rockies which will bring some showers and thunderstorms to Idaho, Montana, western Wyoming, and northern Utah. Conditions will be dry behind the trough in Washington and Oregon. Utah, southern Wyoming, and Colorado will be warm, windy and dry ahead of the trough. The rest of the Southwest will be dry.

High temperatures in the west will range from the 70's and 80's in the north to the 90's and 100's in the south. Minimum humidities will generally be in the teens through the 30's with some single digits in the driest area in the south. Winds across the Pacific Northwest will be out of the northwest from 10 to 15 mph. Parts of Utah, Wyoming and Colorado will have winds out of the southwest at 15 to 25 mph, with gusts to 30 mph. The Southwest will have upslope, up valley, or southwest winds less than 15 mph.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE						0
	ACRES						0
NORTHWEST	FIRE		2		4	4	10
	ACRES		160		3	10	173
CA-NORTH	FIRE	5			12	2	19
	ACRES	5			31	0	36
CA-SOUTH	FIRE			1		10	12

	ACRES			1		3	0	4
NORTHERN	FIRES					2	6	8
	ACRES					0	425	425
GB-EAST	FIRES	6				2	9	17
	ACRES	10				150	2	162
GB-WEST	FIRES	3				2		5
	ACRES	18				20		38
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2					2	4
	ACRES	41					2	43
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES	1				39	3	43
	ACRES	2				366	33	401
TOTAL	FIRES	6	13	1	0	71	27	118
	ACRES	7	229	1	0	573	472	1282

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	229	41	18	1280	913	2704
	ACRES	24038	199164	83023	9	257361	125246	688841
CA-NORTH	FIRES	154	12	3	10	2019	619	2817
	ACRES	197	142	4	1	15262	72043	87649
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	84	6	63	2355	761	3299
	ACRES	53	41085	98	112	26847	69917	138112
NORTHERN	FIRES	893	97	28	52	1167	1615	3852
	ACRES	36159	11579	1700	6097	192382	776546	1024463
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1097	3	46	515	1069	2800
	ACRES	44667	487702	70	4010	101887	834911	1473247
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	647	4	6	102	252	1019
	ACRES	2380	606941	1105	11	7175	27403	645015
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1267	286	24	88	1184	2610	5459
	ACRES	18149	60580	19314	11403	285458	144137	539041
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	616	844	22	58	849	776	3165
	ACRES	157897	109447	2053	33335	43652	24554	370938
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9470	426	10696
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82641	15600	115063
SOUTHERN	FIRES	104		85	102	39951	1250	41492
	ACRES	7643		15895	3853	772426	42169	841986
TOTALS	FIRES	4129	3309	247	479	59194	10296	77654
	ACRES	306993	1659716	370722	103113	2102518	2132526	6675588
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	FIRES							65328
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	ACRES							3109415

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		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	410
	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6446	35343	62481
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	40399	61971	457904	622765

USA TOTALS	FIREs	96	266	516	110	313	1836	3137
	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					1		1
	ACRES					550		550
EASTERN	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIREs				10	24		34
	ACRES				1129	125		1254
USA TOTALS	FIREs	0	0	0	18	25	32	75
	ACRES	0	0	0	1520	675	19140	21335

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	0	0	1409	16436
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	7652
ALBERTA	0	0	753	14685
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	275	200179
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	401	120561
MANITOBA	0	0	330	83516
ONTARIO	0	0	520	6075
QUEBEC	0	0	478	28611
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	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	0	0	5024	632346

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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			1		1	1			6	2
CA-NORTH		2	2	2	2	1				
CA-SOUTH	3	18	9	57	2	3	1		5	129
NORTHERN	9	2	23	24	14	5			235	116
GB-EAST	19	31	57	35	21	4			279	230
GB-WEST			6	5	1					
SOUTHWEST	8			17	1	2			25	
ROCKY MTN	23	1	9	39	5	1	4		6	37
EASTERN										7
SOUTHERN	1		3	36	2	4			22	28
TOTAL	63	54	127	199	50	19	5	0	585	542

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