

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Nine new large fires were reported, four in the Rocky Mountain Area and five in the Southern Area. Crews reached containment goals on five large fires. Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma.

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 (Ruggiero) is assigned. No additional information was received.

SHELL LAKE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in grass and timber two miles northwest of Sand Springs, OK. Crews have made significant progress towards containment.

SUGARLOAF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in a mixed hardwood and pine plantation two miles north of Monroe, OK. The fire is in monitor status.

KERNEL, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, BIA. This fire is located four miles east of Vamoosa, OK. The fire has burned into rough terrain. Crews continue to establish and secure containment lines.

CEMENT PLANT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located one and a half miles south of Pawnee, OK. Crews will begin mopup and patrol.

BRISTOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located six miles northeast of Bristow, OK. The fire is exhibiting extreme fire behavior with spotting, crowning and rapid rates of spread. Numerous structures remain threatened.

ARBUCKLE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located 11 miles northwest of Ardmore, OK. The fire became very active and gained significant acreage. Several structures, a state park and a communication site remain threatened. Several homes were evacuated. Extreme fire behavior has been observed. Dry conditions are contributing to significant control problems.

TURKEY, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in heavy oak and pine fuels 20 miles southwest of Nacogdoches, TX. No new information was received.

FLYING L RANCH, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in mixed oak, juniper, cedar, and mesquite 50 miles west of Waco, TX. No new information was received.

GIBSON, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This wind driven fire is located

four miles east of Newkirk, OK.

CEMETERY ROAD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located three miles south of Chochotah, OK. The fire is burning in grass and timber fuels. Rapid rates of spread, spotting, and torching have been observed. Dry fuels, low humidity and gusty winds have caused significant control problems.

LONGTHORN, Southern Plains Regional Office, BIA. This fire is located north of Cooperton, OK. The fire has exhibited extreme fire behavior with significant runs. Single digit relative humidity and high temperatures have made control difficult.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CHICKEN	TX	TXS	4000	95	9/20	60	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
SHELL LAKE	OK	OKS	1200	95	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
SUGARLOAF	OK	OKS	250	95	UNK	3	0	1	0	2	NR	NR	
KERNEL	OK	MAA	640	80	9/20	38	2	3	0	0	NR	NR	
CEMENT PLANT	OK	OKS	600	95	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR	
BRISTOW	OK	OKS	1000	10	UNK	22	0	7	2	0	NR	18K	
ARBUCKLE COMPLE	OK	OKS	1920	10	UNK	37	0	10	1	0	NR	NR	
TURKEY	TX	TXS	200	70	9/18	35	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
FLYING L RANCH	TX	TXS	130	80	9/18	50	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
GIBSON	OK	OKS	200	95	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR	
CEMETERY ROAD	OK	OKS	220	90	9/19	34	0	16	0	0	NR	10K	
LONGTHORN	OK	AAA	460	30	9/20	15	0	6	0	0	NR	2K	
FOOTBALL	TX	TXS	110	100	---	25	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
COOPER WHOOPS	TX	TXS	400	100	---	35	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ELDORADO, Fort Collins Dispatch Center Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is burning eight miles southwest of Boulder, Colorado. Crews have made progress on containment goals. A local subdivision is still under an evacuation order. One outbuilding was burned and two powerlines were damaged, shutting off power to the local area.

COOPER MOUNTAIN, Canon City District, BLM. This fire is located ten miles northeast of Canon City, CO. Steep terrain and dense oakbrush has hampered suppression efforts.

MURPHY DRAW, Rock Springs District, BLM. This fire is burning approximately 18 miles southwest of Lander, WY. No other information was reported.

SPRING MOUNTAIN, Wind River Agency, BIA. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Pavillion, WY. Strong, gusty winds contributed to rapid rates of spread. Steep, rocky terrain is hampering containment efforts. Current threats are to commercial timber.

DECKER, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. This lightning caused fire is located near Pine Ridge, SD. Evacuations of some ranches and residences along American

Horse Creek occurred. Extreme fire behavior and rough terrain are hampering containment efforts.

VALENTINE COMPLEX, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is located 25 miles south of Valentine, NE. There are seven lightning caused fires burning on the Valentine Refuge. Observed fire behavior is extreme, and one refuge residence was evacuated.

214, Casper District, BLM. This lightning caused and wind driven fire is located 25 miles north of Casper, WY.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
ELDORADO	CO	FTX	1087	60	UNK	484	8	74	5	1	NR	250K	
COOPER MOUNTAIN	CO	CCD	100	25	9/20	34	2	1	0	0	NR	NR	
DECKER	RM	PRA	8000	40	UNK	120	0	35	0	0	NR	NR	
MURPHY DRAW	WY	RSD	1700	75	9/19	35	0	15	0	0	NR	NR	
SPRING MOUNTAIN	WY	WRA	750	UNK	UNK	55	1	14	2	0	NR	NR	
VALENTINE COMPL	NE	VAR	3000	30	9/21	25	0	10	0	0	NR	NR	
214	WY	CAD	250	85	UNK	20	0	6	0	0	NR	NR	
PEARL	CO	RTF	200	100	---	36	3	2	0	0	NR	NR	

RTF = Routt National Forest

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUNYAN POINT/EAR MTN. COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex is located 22 miles west-southwest of Augusta, MT, and consists of the Bunyan Point and Ear Mountain fires. Pine Mountain Guest Ranch remains evacuated, however, some residents were allowed to return to their homes. Fire activity observed was torching and upslope runs. Current resources threatened are the guest ranch, winter range and grizzly habitat.

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. These fires are located seven miles south of Darby, MT. The complex consists of the Bear, Taylor, Taylor Spot, Hilltop, Razor, Fat, and Mink fires. Cloudy, cool weather and higher humidity has decreased fire activity. Rehabilitation is continuing on the fires.

SKALKAHO COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This group of fires is located ten miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Increased burning activity has been observed. Mopup and rehabilitation continue.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are located 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Crews are working interior hotspots and rehabilitation continues in all divisions.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are located 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 rehabilitation continues.

SHOULDER BLADE, Crow Agency, BIA. This fire is located eight miles southeast of Saint Xavier, MT. Fire behavior observed was running, torching and spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUNYAN PT./EAR	MT	LCF	3400	25	9/20	281	10	8	2	0	NR	NR
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211385	60	UNK	403	6	15	3	227	NR	30.2M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	70685	80	UNK	151	2	2	2	4	NR	10.7M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	64	1	5	1	1	NR	11.4M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	17535	85	UNK	45	2	0	3	0	NR	17.3M
SHOULDER BLADE	MT	CRA	1600	10	9/20	70	0	9	1	0	NR	NR
TPEE BUTTE	MT	NES	200	100	---	21	0	8	0	0	NR	NR
TOOKE	MT	EAS	8000	100	---	64	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

NES = Montana State Northeastern Land Office

EAS = Montana State Eastern Land Office

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. Observed fire behavior is minimal as weather conditions have moderated.

BRUSH CANYON, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire, located 12 miles south of Malad, ID, is burning in grass and juniper. Strong winds and rough terrain are hampering containment efforts. Critical wildlife habitat is threatened.

TAYLOR, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is burning in sagebrush and juniper seven miles southeast of Holbrook, ID. The fire made active runs with torching and spotting. Critical wildlife habitat is threatened.

CHERRY CREEK, Caribou National Forest. This fire is burning in grass and brush six miles southwest of Downey, ID. Steep terrain and strong winds are hampering control efforts.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. Eleven wildland fires are currently burning within the Salmon Challis Wilderness Complex, including the 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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	206379	85	9/30	1553	39	18	14	1	0	58.6M
BRUSH CANYON	ID	IFD	600	60	9/20	53	2	0	1	0	NR	NR

TAYLOR	ID	IFD	11000	70	9/20	165	5	18	2	0	NR	NR
CHERRY CREEK	ID	CAF	500	60	9/20	53	2	4	0	0	NR	NR
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	46	NR	445K
GREEN	ID	IFD	1200	100	---	5	0	1	0	0	NR	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SIERRA, Gila National Forest. This fire is located 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. No new information was received.

BLOODGOOD, Gila National Forest. This fire is located five miles southwest of the Gila Cliff Dwellings. No new information was received.

ARROW, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is located five miles south of Hannagan Meadow and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
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	

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST, MENDOCINO, HUMBOLDT, DEL NORTE, SHASTA, TEHAMA, BUTTE AND GLENN COUNTIES FOR NEAR RECORD TEMPERATURES, LOW DAYTIME HUMIDITY AND POOR NIGHTTIME HUMIDITY RECOVERY, ALONG WITH GUSTY NORTHEAST WINDS.***

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR GUSTY NORTHWEST WINDS IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION AND NORTH CENTRAL PORTION OF MONTANA.***

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR THE COASTAL RANGE OF SOUTHWEST OREGON FOR STRONG EAST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY.***

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR THE LAKE RANGER UNIT, NAPA RANGER UNIT, SONOMA RANGER UNIT, AND PORTIONS OF THE EAST BAY HILLS FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND BREEZY NORTHEAST WINDS.***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR GUSTY SOUTH WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY IN SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA AND PORTIONS OF NORTHEAST TEXAS.***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY.***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHWEST SOUTH DAKOTA, THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS OF WYOMING AND THE MAJORITY OF CENTRAL TO EASTERN MONTANA FOR GUSTY NORTHWEST WINDS.***

A weak cold front will be moving across Oklahoma and north Texas. High

temperatures will range from the 80's to mid 90's. Minimum afternoon humidity will be 20 to 30 percent inland and 30 to 45 percent along the immediate coast. Winds will be northeast to southeast at 5 to 15 mph.

The chance for increased fire danger is possible in southwest Oregon, northern California and central California as temperatures could rise above 100 degrees. Humidity will be in the teens and winds will be north to east at 25 mph. In other parts of the west, a trough of low pressure will dip into the northern and central Rockies, bringing a chance for showers. High temperatures in much of the west will range from the 60's to the mid 80's. In the rest of the west temperatures will range from the 80's to 105.

Minimum humidities will generally be in the upper teens through the 40's. Winds across the Pacific Northwest will be out of the north to east at 10 to 20 mph. Northwest winds of 15 to 25 mph will prevail in parts of Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Utah and Colorado. The southwest states will have west to northwest winds under 15 mph.

FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIREs		0			8	4	12
	ACRES		0			11	2	13
CA-NORTH	FIREs					9	4	13
	ACRES					20	0	20
CA-SOUTH	FIREs					19	13	32
	ACRES					24	0	24
NORTHERN	FIREs	5					6	11
	ACRES	1634					300	1934
GB-EAST	FIREs		2			2	4	8
	ACRES		883			0	27	910
GB-WEST	FIREs		1			1		2
	ACRES		150			10		160
SOUTHWEST	FIREs					2	4	6
	ACRES					10	2	12
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	1	0				1	2
	ACRES	400	5				1	406
EASTERN	FIREs					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
SOUTHERN	FIREs	3				204	2	209
	ACRES	503				10524	18	11045
TOTAL	FIREs	9	3	0	0	248	38	298
	ACRES	2537	1038	0	0	10601	350	14526

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	231	41	19	1297	921	2732
	ACRES	24038	208952	83023	10	258115	125333	699471
CA-NORTH	FIRES	161	12	4	10	2038	630	2855
	ACRES	197	142	10	1	15317	72043	87710
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	84	6	63	2396	776	3355
	ACRES	53	41085	98	112	26901	69968	138217
NORTHERN	FIRE	902	97	28	52	1173	1640	3892
	ACRES	36975	11579	1700	6097	208882	776863	1042096
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1112	3	46	526	1096	2853
	ACRES	44667	499091	70	4010	101914	903951	1553703
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	648	4	7	103	252	1022
	ACRES	2380	607091	1105	11	7185	27403	645175
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1267	286	22	88	1189	2620	5472
	ACRES	18149	60580	16091	11403	285471	143360	535054
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	617	847	22	58	884	807	3235
	ACRES	158297	109753	2053	33335	42767	114456	460661
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9478	427	10705
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82645	15630	115097
SOUTHERN	FIRES	108		85	102	40374	1265	41934
	ACRES	8151		15895	3853	789480	42382	859761
TOTALS	FIRES	4150	3330	246	481	59760	10439	78406
	ACRES	308717	1681349	367505	103114	2136104	2291389	6888178
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65524
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3111271

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
	ACRES							11
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							1
	ACRES							10
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	21	21

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			201	268
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20867	35067
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	239	412
	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6446	35354	62492
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	211	456
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18500	125153
SOUTHERN	FIREs	9		137	67	103	710	1026
	ACRES	902		61589	40399	61971	457904	622765
USA TOTALS	FIREs	96	266	516	110	313	1840	3141
	ACRES	35769	32015	123441	50421	154438	649018	1045102

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	18	25	32	75
	ACRES	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

Canada is reporting weekly on Wednesdays

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	2		4		2	1			7	2
CA-NORTH	1		2		2					
CA-SOUTH	2		1		1	1				
NORTHERN	31	3	37	41	16	6			216	60
GB-EAST	23	32	52	36	21	6			276	222
GB-WEST			5							
SOUTHWEST	7		7	1					25	
ROCKY MTN	23	4	36	195	13	1	5		88	72
EASTERN									4	
SOUTHERN	2		3	46		4			7	19
TOTAL	91	39	147	319	55	19	5	0	623	375

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