

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

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

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHICKEN, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is 20 miles east of Nacogdoches, TX. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ruggiero) is assigned. No new information was received.

ARBUCKLE COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles northwest of Ardmore, OK. Highway 77 is closed through the fire area, and highway 35 was partially closed. Seven residences and one business were confirmed destroyed, and additional evacuations occurred.

OAKCLIFF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles south of Guthrie, OK, and is burning in grass, cedar and hardwood timber fuels. Crown fire with rapid rates of spread were reported. Fifty primary structures are reported destroyed and 450 still threatened. Evacuation plans are in place for surrounding communities.

LINDSAY, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles southwest of Lindsay, OK. No new information was received.

BRISTOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles northeast of Bristow, OK. No new information was received.

LONGTHORN, Southern Plains Regional Office, BIA. This fire is north of Cooperton, OK. No new information was received.

CALHOUN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is ten miles northwest of Poteau, OK. This fire is burning in a pine plantation and hardwood timber fuels. No new information was received.

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

COUNTY LINE, Alabama Forestry Commission. This fire is three miles south of Providence, AL. Drought conditions and strong winds are hampering control efforts.

CEMENT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is one mile north of Cement, OK. The fire is burning in grass and hardwood timber fuels. Crews made good progress securing firelines.

GORGE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles west of Wynona, OK, and is burning in grass and hardwood timber. Homes and

outbuildings remain threatened.

JONES CREEK, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is in Franklin County, TX, and is burning in grass and timber. Underground gas lines are slowing line construction.

INDIAN CAMP, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is near Lost Indian Camp. Fire behavior and shifting winds have made containment difficult.

CROMWELL, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, BIA. This fire is three miles west of Cromwell, OK. No new information was received.

OSAGE HILLS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is eight miles west of Bartlesville, OK. This fire is burning in grass and hardwood brush. Three structures are confirmed destroyed. Drought conditions prevail.

HARDEN, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, BIA. This fire is three miles north of Pontotoc, OK. This fire is burning in grass, juniper and oak. Crews are making progress suppressing active runs and torching.

CADDO COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. There are twenty fires in this complex located near Anadarko, OK. 60 foot flame lengths have been observed. All fires in this complex are under investigation.

WALKER MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. These fires are west of Nicut, OK. There are four fires in this complex burning in steep, rough terrain. A residence remains threatened.

LUDLOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 15 miles southeast of Talihina, OK. The fire is burning in a pine plantation and spotting and torching has been observed.

CEMENT PLANT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located one and a half miles south of Pawnee, OK. Crews continue to make good progress on controlling the fire.

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	9/21	90	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
ARBUCKLE COMPLE	OK	OKS	10250	10	UNK	120	0	37	4	8	NR	17K	
OAKCLIFF	OK	OKS	2560	0	UNK	NR	0	75	3	50	NR	NR	
LINDSAY	OK	OKS	300	5	9/26	16	0	10	0	0	NR	1K	
BRISTOW	OK	OKS	1100	20	UNK	22	0	10	2	0	NR	18K	
LONGTHORN	OK	AAA	560	80	9/21	14	0	6	0	0	NR	2K	
CALHOUN	OK	OKS	1000	0	9/21	7	0	4	0	0	NR	20K	
SUGARLOAF	OK	OKS	800	20	UNK	3	0	1	0	2	NR	75K	
COUNTY LINE	AL	ALS	4000	80	9/30	100	2	4	0	0	NR	NR	
CEMENT	OK	OKS	600	85	9/23	20	0	13	2	0	NR	10K	
GORGE	OK	OKS	3500	0	UNK	50	0	20	0	2	NR	NR	
JONES CREEK	TX	TXS	150	80	9/21	25	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
INDIAN CAMP	TX	TXS	200	50	UNK	15	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
CROMWELL	OK	MAA	100	10	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	
OSAGE HILLS	OK	OKS	2500	0	9/25	37	0	19	0	0	300K	NR	
HARDEN	OK	MAA	3000	90	9/21	25	0	13	0	0	NR	10K	

CADDO COMPLEX	OK	AAA	187	85	9/21	54	0	21	1	0	NR	NR
WALKER MTN. CMP	OK	OKS	600	30	9/21	8	0	3	0	0	NR	10K
LUDLOW	OK	OKS	350	80	9/21	5	0	2	0	2	NR	NR
CEMENT PLANT	OK	OKS	600	85	9/23	14	0	4	1	0	NR	10K
BUTTER CREEK	TX	TXS	110	100	---	30	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
STEPHENVILLE	TX	TXS	105	100	---	20	NR	NR	NR	1	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VALENTINE COMPLEX, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 25 miles south of Valentine, NE. There are seven lightning-caused fires burning on the Valentine Refuge. No additional information was reported.

POWDERHORN COMPLEX, Nebraska National Forest. This fire is 18 miles west of Merrit Reservoir, NE. High winds and minor spotting are hampering containment goals.

SPRING MOUNTAIN, Wind River Agency, BIA. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Pavillion, WY. Steep, rocky terrain is hampering containment goals. Current threats are to commercial timber.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
VALENTINE COMPL	NE	VAR	13000	50	9/21	72	0	17	0	0	NR	NR	
SPRING MOUNTAIN	WY	WRA	750	90	9/22	48	2	0	2	0	NR	NR	
POWDERHORN CMPL	NE	NBF	69000	60	9/22	109	3	14	2	0	NR	150K	
COOPER MOUNTAIN	CO	CCD	100	100	---	127	5	1	1	0	NR	NR	

CCD = Ca=A4on City District, BLM

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 22 miles west-southwest of Augusta, MT, and consists of the Bunyan Point and Ear Mountain fires. The Ear Mountain fire is 100 percent contained. The Bunyan fire remains unstaffed and is being monitored.

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. Cloudy, cool weather and higher humidity has decreased fire activity. Rehabilitation is continuing.

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. Cloudy, cool weather has slowed fire activity. Mopup and rehabilitation continues.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are 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 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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUNYAN PT./EAR	MT	LCF	3164	UNK	UNK	118	2	0	1	0	NR	427K
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211385	70	UNK	394	6	5	3	227	NR	30.6M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	70685	87	UNK	126	1	3	3	4	NR	10.6M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	59	1	5	1	1	NR	11.4M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	17535	85	UNK	36	1	0	2	0	NR	17.3M
SHOULDER BLADE	MT	CRA	782	100	---	25	0	4	0	0	NR	NR

CRA = Crow Agency, BIA

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 assigned. Partial demobilization of the battalion is in progress. Crews continue to achieve containment and rehabilitation objectives despite rocky terrain.

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, and Shell Rock. Fires continue to smolder with no significant growth.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	216961	85	9/30	1205	27	18	10	1	0	59.4M
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	46	NR	449K
BRUSH CANYON	ID	IFD	600	100	---	53	2	0	1	0	NR	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLOODGOOD COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This complex consists of the Bloodgood and the Sierra fires. These lightning ignited wildfires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Structure protection is in place at Miller Springs cabin. The fire activity is primarily on the surface, with some torching and short uphill runs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
					CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS
												C-T-D
BLOODGOOD	NM	GNF	16300	UNK	UNK	81	2	5	2	0	0	184K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CONCOW, Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Incident Management Team (Stovall) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles east of Chico, CA. Fire behavior has been extreme due to strong down canyon winds, high temperatures and low humidity. Numerous structures are threatened and some evacuations have occurred. Five structures are confirmed destroyed and one partially damaged.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
					CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS
												C-T-D
CONCOW	CA	BTU	1020	20	UNK	975	44	52	5	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR ALL OF MISSISSIPPI FOR LOW FUEL MOISTURE.***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR NORTHWEST ARIZONA AND SOUTHERN NEVADA FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY.***

Across Oklahoma, Texas and the Gulf Coast States, a weak cold front will stall in central Texas and Louisiana as moisture continues to move northward out of the Gulf of Mexico. This will bring heavy rains to the coastal areas and isolated rains toward the Rio Grande River. High temperatures will range from the 70's to 80's north of the cold front and 80's to 90's to the south. Minimum afternoon humidity will be 30 to 40 percent inland and 45 to 60 percent along the immediate coast. Winds will be south to southeast 10 to 15 mph ahead of the cold front and northwest 10 to 15 mph behind it.

Across the west coast a strong, cold upper level trough will dip southward through the Northern Rockies and the Great Basin. As a result, Oregon and California will have mostly sunny skies, cooler temperatures and locally breezy northeast winds. High temperatures in Oregon and Washington will be into the 60's and 70's, northern California will have temperatures into the 80's and 90's. Inland California's afternoon relative humidity will lower into the 15 to 30 percent range and inland pacific northwest's will be slightly higher. The Coastal areas will have relative humidity from 40 to 60 percent. Winds will be north to northeast 10 to 20 mph.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				9	6		15
	ACRES				7	2		9
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2		1		16	2	21
	ACRES	3		100		800	0	903
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1			5	1	7
	ACRES		1			0	1	2
NORTHERN	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	0					0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
EASTERN	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						70	70
SOUTHERN	FIRES	22			216	7		245
	ACRES	3287			5101	33		8421
TOTAL	FIRES	25	5	1	0	246	22	299
	ACRES	3290	3	100	0	5908	106	9407

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	233	41	20	1313	932	2762
	ACRES	24038	208953	83023	10	258132	125319	699475
CA-NORTH	FIRES	165	12	5	10	2063	635	2890
	ACRES	204	142	110	1	16240	72043	88740
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	85	6	63	2410	783	3377
	ACRES	53	41086	98	112	26909	69989	138247
NORTHERN	FIRES	906	97	28	52	1174	1642	3899
	ACRES	38607	11579	1700	6097	207297	776863	1042143
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1105	5	47	559	1100	2886
	ACRES	44667	500831	2393	4642	122495	903951	1578979
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	650	4	7	103	254	1026
	ACRES	2380	607216	1105	11	7185	27403	645300
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1267	288	22	88	1189	2631	5485
	ACRES	18149	60580	16091	11403	285471	143484	535178
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	617	847	22	58	884	811	3239
	ACRES	158647	109753	2053	33335	42767	114457	461012
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9635	433	10868
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82737	15853	115412
SOUTHERN	FIRES	133		85	102	40820	1276	42416
	ACRES	11553		15895	3853	809645	42447	883393
TOTALS	FIRES	4183	3330	249	483	60452	10502	79199
	ACRES	314108	1683216	369928	103746	2176305	2291809	6939112
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	FIRES							65784

TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE			1		4		5
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRE	19	23	25			201	268
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20867	35067
CA-NORTH	FIRE		2	8	1		121	132
	ACRES		328	1167	12		10365	11872
CA-SOUTH	FIRE			5	3		80	88
	ACRES			300	124		5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRE	20	5	87	3	58	242	415
	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6446	35377	62515
GB-EAST	FIRE	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
	ACRES	272	9199	1448	975	153	11325	23372
GB-WEST	FIRE						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	31	213	26	12	2	195	479
	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762	111898
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	1	8	135	10	8	63	225
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
EASTERN	FIRE	15		87	11	132	211	456
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18500	125153
SOUTHERN	FIRE	9		137	67	103	710	1026
	ACRES	902		61589	40399	61971	457904	622765
USA TOTALS	FIRE	96	266	516	110	313	1843	3144
	ACRES	35769	32015	123441	50421	154438	649041	1045125

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0

EASTERN	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
SOUTHERN	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		10	12
	ACRES				388		3969	4357
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						16	16
	ACRES						14625	14625
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	34	77
	ACRES	0	0	0	1520	675	19375	21570

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

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				7	2
CA-NORTH	2	39	14	54	4	3	3	5	1	45
CA-SOUTH	7		6		2	1	1			
NORTHERN	17	2	25	11	14	4			252	56
GB-EAST	16	22	20	27	5	11			223	205
GB-WEST			3							
SOUTHWEST	10		10	1	2	1			45	

ROCKY MTN	18	2	31	6	3	1			49	8
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN	6	4	12	229	4	9			49	92
TOTAL	77	69	121	328	35	30	4	5	629	408

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