

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2000 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Great Basin. Containment was reached on ten large fires; one in Southern California, one in the Northern Rockies and eight in the Southern Area. Initial attack activity was light in all areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.

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.

SPANISH GRANT, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning just south of San Antonio, TX. The fire is burning in mesquite and oak. Approximately 20 homes were evacuated and two outbuildings were lost.

ARBUCKLE COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles northwest of Ardmore, OK. Suppression forces continue to make good progress towards containment and mopup. Fire activity was limited due to higher humidity and cloud cover. Residents evacuated from the Turner Falls area were allowed to return.

BRISTOW COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles northeast of Bristow, OK. Crews continue to monitor and mopup the fire. Acreage increase due to more accurate mapping.

PRYOR CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles southeast of Pryor, OK. Rough terrain and heavy fuels are making containment difficult.

NOODLER, Southern Plains Regional Office, BIA. This fire is burning in grass, brush, oak, and cedar five miles northeast of Anadarko, OK. Crews continue to make good progress on containment and mopup.

CROMWELL, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, BIA. This fire is three miles west of Cromwell, OK. Patrol and monitoring of the fire continues.

GORGE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles west of Wynona, OK, and is burning in grass and hardwood timber. All containment lines continued to hold. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate aerial mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
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CHICKEN	TX	TXS	4000	95	9/26	150	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
SPANISH GRANT	TX	TXS	500	75	9/25	85	NR	NR	NR	2	2	NR
ARBUCKLE COMPLE	OK	OKS	11577	80	9/24	399	11	19	5	9	NR	476K
BRISTOW	OK	OKS	5300	90	9/25	74	3	3	0	3	NR	18K
PRYOR CREEK	OK	OKS	180	85	9/24	28	0	10	0	0	NR	NR
NOODLER	OK	AAA	500	95	9/24	3	0	0	1	1	NR	15K
CROMWELL	OK	MAA	800	90	9/24	12	0	4	0	1	NR	NR
GORGE	OK	MAA	975	95	9/24	4	0	1	0	2	5K	40K
MURPHY	MS	GBR	700	100	---	19	0	4	1	0	20K	30K
LEANDER	TX	TXS	120	100	---	85	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
CEMENT	OK	OKS	600	100	---	0	0	2	0	0	NR	10K
LUDLOW	OK	OKS	700	100	---	0	0	0	0	2	NR	NR
SUGARLOAF	OK	OKS	1800	100	---	0	0	0	0	2	NR	75K
WALKER MTN CMPX	OK	OKS	1830	100	---	2	0	2	0	0	NR	10K
OSAGE HILLS	OK	OKS	2500	100	---	0	NR	NR	NR	5	300K	NR
GILCREASE	OK	OKS	400	100	---	12	0	2	0	0	NR	NR

GBR = Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
TXS = Texas State Forest Service  
OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VALENTINE COMPLEX, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. This complex of seven lightning-caused fires is 25 miles south of Valentine, NE. Precipitation, overcast conditions and low temperatures are helping with containment. Minimal activity has been observed.

SPRING MOUNTAIN, Wind River Agency, BIA. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Pavillion, WY. No new information to report.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VALENTINE COMPL	NE	VAR	22587	95	9/26	11	0	3	0	0	NR	126K
SPRING MOUNTAIN	WY	WRA	750	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	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. Monitoring of uncontained fire perimeter continues. Crews are making good progress on rehabilitation efforts.

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 are continuing to rehabilitate areas that have high potential for erosion and flooding.

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

12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Rehabilitation has begun on primary containment lines. Crews continue to clear hazard trees and gather equipment. Road closures continue to be patrolled.

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. Rehabilitation continues.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211385	80	UNK	315	4	1	2	227	NR	31.1M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	70685	100	---	47	0	3	1	4	NR	11.0M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	38	1	0	1	1	NR	11.5M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	17535	90	UNK	27	1	0	2	0	NR	17.3M

#### 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. Some smoldering with very little open flame has been observed. The Type I Incident Management Team (Stam) is preparing to transition with the Type II Incident Management Team (Carr).

PECK, Payette National Forest. This wind driven fire, burning in grass and timber in moderately steep terrain is 15 miles west of Council, ID.

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	216961	85	9/30	890	14	3	6	1	0	62.4M
PECK	ID	PAF	150	0	UNK	33	0	0	2	0	NR	NR

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MILLWOOD	CA	FKU	238	100	---	451	18	32	0	0	NR	665K

FKU = California Department of Forestry, Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit

# 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. Both fires received wind gusts of 30 mph on ridges in the vicinity of the fires. The fire is making short uphill runs with some torching. Holding actions are being conducted on sections where the fire has potential to breach Maximum Manageable Area or affect Gila Trout habitat.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLOODGOOD	NM	GNF	16950	UNK	UNK	113	3	2	1	0	0	251K

## OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR MISSISSIPPI FOR LOW FUEL MOISTURE \*\*\*

Across Oklahoma, Texas and the Gulf Coast states a low pressure will enter the region helping to spread a cold front across Texas and Oklahoma. This will bring scattered rain and thunderstorms to the region. High pressure will continue over the Gulf of Mexico. Ahead of the front, temperatures will warm into the 90's with afternoon humidities ranging 30 to 40 percent inland and 50 to 60 percent along the coastal region. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's behind the front with humidities ranging from 40 to 50 percent. Winds will be from the south at 10 to 20 mph ahead of the front and from the north after the frontal passage.

Across the West Coast high pressure continues to build over the region as a low pressure moves into the central Rockies by the afternoon. This continues the warming trend across all areas along with mostly sunny skies west of the Rockies. Unsettled conditions can be expected across the central Rocky Mountain region.

High temperatures will range from the 40's to 60's in the northern and central Rockies, the mid 50's to 70's in the remainder of the Northwest and Great Basin and 70's through the 90's from southwest Oregon into California and the Southwest states. Afternoon minimum humidities will range from 15 to 30 percent in the driest areas along the west coast and in the southwest. Winds will be northerly at 10 to 15 mph along the west coast and northern Rockies, and southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph in the Southwest states.

## FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		0			15	0	15
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2				8		10
	ACRES	1				1		2
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					0	0	0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		1				170	171
GB-WEST	FIRES		1		1			2
	ACRES		0		1			1
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1	4	5
	ACRES					0	1	1
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	1				10	1	12
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES	3				10		13
	ACRES	13				577		590
TOTAL	FIRES	6	3	0	1	25	13	48
	ACRES	15	1	0	1	603	172	792

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	234	41	20	1338	938	2794
	ACRES	24038	208953	83023	10	258144	125319	699487
CA-NORTH	FIRES	172	14	5	10	2099	641	2941
	ACRES	220	142	110	1	17696	72044	90213
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	85	6	63	2457	788	3429
	ACRES	53	41086	98	112	27256	70189	138794
NORTHERN	FIRE	906	97	32	53	1175	1647	3910
	ACRES	38607	11579	1714	6098	207072	777239	1042309
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1124	5	47	600	1107	2953
	ACRES	44667	483843	2393	4642	143230	816353	1495128
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	655	4	8	104	254	1033
	ACRES	2380	607518	1105	12	7186	27403	645604
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1284	288	22	88	1199	2647	5528
	ACRES	18381	60580	16091	11403	285486	143285	535226
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	620	853	22	58	887	818	3258
	ACRES	158648	109753	2053	33335	42777	114467	461033
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9635	434	10869
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82737	15855	115414
SOUTHERN	FIRES	137		92	102	41008	1282	42621
	ACRES	12066		16305	3852	813426	42518	888167
TOTALS	FIRES	4214	3363	260	485	60804	10561	79687

	ACRES	314870	1666530	370352	103747	2202437	2204672	6862608
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								66120
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3118669

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			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			8	3		80	91
	ACRES			392	124		5152	5668
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	87	3	60	242	417
	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6453	35377	62522
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48

GB-WEST	ACRES	272	9199	1448	975	153	11325	23372
	FIRES						2	2
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						1526	1526
	FIRES	31	213	26	12	2	195	479
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762	111898
	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63	225
EASTERN	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
	FIRES	15		87	11	132	214	459
SOUTHERN	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18590	125243
	FIRES	9		137	71	103	710	1030
USA TOTALS	ACRES	902		61589	41864	61971	457904	624230
	FIRES	96	266	519	114	315	1846	3156
	ACRES	35769	32015	123533	51886	154445	649131	1046779

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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	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		3971		4359
GB-EAST	FIRES									0
	ACRES									0
GB-WEST	FIRES									0
	ACRES									0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							16		16
	ACRES							15325		15325
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							1		1
	ACRES							550		550
EASTERN	FIRES									0
	ACRES									0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					12		24		36
	ACRES					1133		125		1258
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20		25	34	79
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1524		675	20077	22276

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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			2	
CA-NORTH	1		1		1					92
CA-SOUTH	6	12	7	25	1	1			15	40
NORTHERN	7	2	4	6	8	1			109	38
GB-EAST	16	1	10	3	7	4			212	151
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	7		5		2				53	
ROCKY MTN	4	1	7		1				3	
EASTERN									4	
SOUTHERN	15		16	28	4	2			61	29
TOTAL	56	16	50	62	24	9	0	0	459	350

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