

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2001 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

One new large fire was reported in the Eastern Great Basin area. Two fires were contained, one each in Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin areas. Initial attack activity was light throughout the nation. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Continued fire growth is posing an increased threat to structures in Trail Creek and to the watershed of Bozeman, MT. Structure protection measures remain in place along with the closure of Trail Creek Road. Fixed wing retardant and helicopter bucket work were used to support fireline construction. Resources from this fire provided assistance to the Little Joe Fire. Acreage decreased due to more accurate mapping.

LITTLE JOE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Joki) is assigned. This fire is north of Gardiner, MT. The fire made significant runs with crowning and spotting, increasing fire size by 500 to 600 acres. The fire has now burned into Yellowstone National Park.

MOOSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles north of Whitefish, MT. Safety concerns include fuel conditions, topography and fire behavior forecasts. The fire experienced extreme fire behavior, with small crown fires and torching occurring throughout the day.

EAR, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Columbia Falls, MT. Hose lays in the 25 Mile Creek and Lynx Creek have been completed. Helicopter bucket work aided keeping the fire confined within natural existing barriers.

NORTH SAW MILL, Miles City Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. This fire, burning in grass and pine stands, is 35 miles northwest of Jordan, MT. Crews continued to work hot spots with the support of engines and helicopter bucket drops. Some demobilization of resources has begun.

MONUMENT, Gallatin National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Adams) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in Sweet Grass

County, MT in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Area. Fire spread continues to the south and east. An evacuation plan has been completed and is being coordinated by Sweet Grass County and local law enforcement.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	23500	15	9/5	882	22	33	17	0	2.1M
LITTLE JOE	MT	GNF	650	0	UNK	165	5	0	3	0	110K
MOOSE	MT	FNF	4217	20	UNK	508	17	12	9	0	459K
EAR	MT	FNF	500	20	9/6	357	10	3	50	0	715K
NORTH SAW MILL	MT	MCD	1250	70	UNK	152	4	5	2	0	303K
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1200	0	9/30	81	2	0	2	0	210K
WERNER PEAK COM	MT	NWS	860	100	---	351	7	4	3	0	4.4M

NWS = Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources

#### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the Virginia, Icicle, Spruce Springs/Dome, and Tonasket complexes in eastern Washington. Priorities are being established by the Northwest Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

VIRGINIA LAKE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. U.S. Army Task Force Phoenix Blaze, commanded by LTC Ronald Huther at Ft. Lewis, WA, is assigned. This complex, comprised of the St. Mary's, Goose Lake, Brewster, Gambol Mill, Bailey Mountain, and Virginia Lake fires, is 12 miles south of Okanogan, WA. Structural protection is staged. Reinforcement of firelines is being completed, with mop up occurring on Virginia Lake and Brewster fires. Washington State National Guard is staffing roadblocks and assisting in traffic control of the St. Mary's and Gamble Mills fires.

MT. LEONA COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Republic, WA. Fire activity is increasing due to hot and dry weather conditions. Crews have made significant progress in fireline production the past few days.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) and a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) are assigned. This complex, comprised of the Rex Creek, Glory Mountain, and four other fires, is 34 miles northwest of Lake Chelan, WA in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area. Hot spots identified by infrared imagery are being worked by crews with the assistance of helicopter water drops. The fire has experienced high winds, decreased relative humidity and high temperatures, requiring several shifts of crews to extinguish flare-ups.

ICICLE COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Upper 8 Mile, Fall and Snowflake fires, is 6 miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. The fire is primarily smoldering, spread is restricted to unburned islands and

within the fire perimeter.

WINDY-SWAMP COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This complex is near Tonasket, WA in the Pasayten Wilderness Area. Crews are concentrating on the Long Swamp fire where they are able to utilize anchor points. Crews have also begun cold trailing the Windy Peak fire using minimum impact suppression tactics.

SLEEPY COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Sleepy and Buckhorn fires, is 24 miles northwest of Inchelium, WA. Crews continued to cut fireline with the assistance of helicopter bucket work. Slow progress is being made, due to the steep rocky terrain, numerous snags, spot fires and fingered fire edge in heavy fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	82773	65	8/29	2391	32	81	5	12	13.2M
MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	6144	70	UNK	1467	48	46	7	0	6.8M
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	43000	65	9/7	778	18	2	9	2	4.3M
ICICLE COMPLEX	WA	WEF	7697	90	8/28	774	24	6	4	0	8.1M
WINDY-SWAMP COM	WA	OKF	1200	40	UNK	504	17	5	3	0	780K
SLEEPY COMPLEX	WA	COF	1410	95	8/28	468	13	12	2	0	1.4M

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Great Basin Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. Transition plans to a Type III organization have been finalized and are expected to take place today. Crews are making good progress despite the limited road access and heavy fuels.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stanich) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Crews continue to use minimum impact suppression techniques, ensuring the protection of riparian areas and threatened and endangered species. Holding and improvements to existing fireline have been successful.

FALCON, Bridger Teton National Forest. This fire, which began on 8/6 is approximately 2 miles south of Yellowstone National Park. Due to the remoteness of this fire, and safety and logistical support concerns, a confinement strategy has been implemented. This fire is in a patrol/monitor status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
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MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8021	93	8/27	278	7	2	7	2	2.3M
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2690	70	9/15	282	7	1	5	0	2.6M
FALCON	WY	BTF	2000	NR	NR	3	0	0	0	0	NR

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STAR, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. This fire is near Georgetown, CA. The fire breached the Middle Fork of the American River today, burning to the ridge tops. Road and campgrounds within the area are closed, while structures and power lines continue to be threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STAR	CA	ENF	3000	0	UNK	542	16	9	5	0	500K

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH FORK, Sierra National Forest. Due to mutual jurisdictional responsibilities, a Unified Command has been established between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Vittum), the California Department of Forestry (Van Devort), and the Madera County Fire Department. This fire is near Bass Lake, CA. Burnout operations were successful. Release of National Guard helicopters and air tankers are to take place at the end of shift. Contingency plans are being evaluated in anticipation of warmer, drier conditions forecasted for the next several days.

HIGHWAY, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles east of Dunlap, CA. Crews have been successful with direct handline construction and lines continue to hold.

HOOVER COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. An Interagency Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. These lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fires are 10 miles southeast of Yosemite Village, CA. The complex, is comprised of the Hoover, Clark, Kuna, Cold Creek and Lyell fires. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
NORTH FORK	CA	SNF	3881	90	8/28	1817	40	35	10	2	3.3 M
HIGHWAY	CA	SQF	4184	80	8/30	1039	23	28	6	8	4M
HOOVER COMPLEX	CA	YNP	5919	0	UNK	77	7	0	2	0	253K

# WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GRANITE, Great Basin National Park. This fire is 60 miles southeast of Ely, NV. The fire remained within containment lines and excellent progress was made with mop up. Acreage decreased due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
GRANITE	NV	GBP	618	85	8/31	63	2	2	1	0	405K	

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOHNSTEAD DRAW, Casper Dispatch Center Counties. This fire, burning in pinyon pine, juniper, and sagebrush, is 7 miles northeast of Guernsey, WY. Occasional torching and creeping were observed today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BOHNSTEAD DRAW	WY	CPX	1000	5	UNK	95	2	11	1	0	NR	

# OUTLOOK:

High pressure will continue over the Northern Rockies bringing sunny, warm and dry weather. A weak disturbance across northwest Montana will increase the winds slightly, with the possibility of very isolated thunderstorms occurring along mountain crests. Temperatures will range in the mountains from 85 to 95, and 100 in the lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 20 percent in the mountains and 5 percent in the valleys. Winds will be terrain dominated at 5 to 10 mph, except in northwest Montana where ridge top winds may reach 15 mph.

High pressure continues over the Pacific Northwest, bringing mostly sunny skies. A weak disturbance moving across the area may produce a few clouds in northern Washington, but will burn off by late morning. High temperatures will range in the mountains from 80 to 90, with the warmest readings in southern Oregon reaching the upper 90's. East of the Cascades in Oregon, minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 20 percent along the east slopes, but may drop as low as 5 percent in south central and southeast Oregon. In Washington, east of the Cascades, minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 25 percent. Winds will be mainly west to northwest, developing into terrain driven by late afternoon.

A ridge of high pressure remains over the Great Basin and western Rockies. This will bring mostly sunny skies, with a slight chance of isolated mountain thunderstorms. Highs will range in the upper 70 to 80's in the mountains, with 80 to 90's in the valleys. Minimum relative humidity will

be 10 to 20 percent in the mountains and down to 5 to 15 percent in the valley bottoms. Winds will be westerly 5 to 12 mph.

High pressure continues to build over northern California bringing warmer and drier conditions. Patchy morning fog can be expected along coastal areas. High temperatures along the coast will range from 60 to 70 and 90 to 110 in the inland areas. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 18 percent, with winds from the south to northwest at 5 to 15 mph.

High pressure in southern California is strengthening, bringing warming and drying conditions. It will be mostly sunny, except for coastal fog and low clouds. Temperatures will range from 70 to 80 near the coast and 95 to 115 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 15 percent, with winds southeast to southwest at 5 to 15 mph.

#### FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	0					5	5
NORTHWEST	ACRES	5769					1	5770
CA-NORTH	FIRES		1			18	4	23
CA-NORTH	ACRES		0			8	3725	3733
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				1	16	4	21
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				0	45	21	66
NORTHERN	FIRES	4				3	4	11
NORTHERN	ACRES	3				1	1628	1632
GB-EAST	FIRES		5			4	9	18
GB-EAST	ACRES		5			2	2652	2659
GB-WEST	FIRES	0					6	6
GB-WEST	ACRES	2					1	3
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					2	4	6
SOUTHWEST	ACRES					1	6	7
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		4			1	3	8
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		1			0	4	5
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					6		6
SOUTHERN	ACRES					15		15
TOTAL	FIRES	4	10	0	1	50	39	104
TOTAL	ACRES	5774	6	0	0	72	8038	13890

#### FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	15	2	310	3	334
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210139	3263	221940

NORTHWEST	FIRES	240	326	27	36	1292	1237	3158
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96580	296075	6487	187	107175	108206	614710
CA-NORTH	FIRES	122	75	8	23	2382	890	3500
CA-NORTH	ACRES	208	75032	5871	5	38864	79853	199833
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	107	115	16	39	1780	607	2664
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	406	1392	1263	11	19688	31288	54048
NORTHERN	FIRE	743	41	19	35	617	659	2114
NORTHERN	ACRES	8205	4921	393	2858	11868	36555	64800
GB-EAST	FIRES	64	907		60	802	837	2670
GB-EAST	ACRES	781	95512		940	122895	29645	249773
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	561	4	15	107	200	905
GB-WEST	ACRES	8967	478613	1	812	31399	61591	581383
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1142	199	16	43	707	1550	3657
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5384	5483	4568	1083	19382	20442	56342
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	325	551	23	53	383	522	1857
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2032	12666	300	175	10193	8315	33681
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	49	10235	451	11075
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40094	5526	60988
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1081	23246	687	25109
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37329	614282	18812	694488
TOTALS	FIRES	3128	2777	198	1436	41861	7643	57043
TOTALS	ACRES	142166	970779	39828	49738	1225979	403496	2831986

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 62,511  
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 2,921,660

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

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

TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	66	9			314	406
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4801	7194			50057	66408
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	5	1		41	73
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	615	10		9512	10499
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		44	51
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		9305	9699
NORTHERN	FIRES	21	7	112		44	301	485
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	15570		4309	29906	57361
GB-EAST	FIRES		8	4	3	9	40	64
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8876	13250
GB-WEST	FIRES		9		1		2	12
GB-WEST	ACRES		805		0		182	987
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	29	11		2	204	259
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21947	35634		500	59147	119430
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	113	3	2	50	189
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14760	303	762	26747	49464
EASTERN	FIRES	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRES	7		182	15	142	882	1228
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		53257	33902	87697	702286	877860
TOTAL	FIRES	90	147	508	35	522	2005	3307
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38719	147734	35921	139075	913184	1295048

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				228			228
NORTHERN	FIRES						0	0
NORTHERN	ACRES						388	388
GB-EAST	FIRES				0			0
GB-EAST	ACRES				50			50
GB-WEST	FIRES		1		1			2
GB-WEST	ACRES		125		618			743



SOUTHWEST	FIRES								0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES								0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES								0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES								0
EASTERN	FIRES								0
EASTERN	ACRES								0
SOUTHERN	FIRES								0
SOUTHERN	ACRES								0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0		2
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	125	0	896	0	388		1409

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1048	8462
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	68	17772
ALBERTA	2	0	816	151699
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	123	105914
SASKATCHEWAN	18	5	696	179997
MANITOBA	4	102	473	77874
ONTARIO	6	2	1350	10538
QUEBEC	8	13	927	31120
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	180	809
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	1	396	545
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	373	400
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	24
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	86	17318
TOTALS	40	123	6556	602472

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	160	113	57	177	20	31			1253	1092
CA-NORTH	40	7	24	10	10	3			123	115
CA-SOUTH	98	93	89	94	35	14	6		369	595
NORTHERN	71	8	13	65	24	31			511	347
GB-EAST	19	7	32	6	18	8			170	41
GB-WEST	4	1	10		1				10	1
SOUTHWEST	8		14							
ROCKY MTN	2	1	6	10	1				15	15
EASTERN									15	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	402	230	245	362	109	87	6	0	2466	2206

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