

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2001 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Four new large fires were reported, two in Northern California and one each in Southern California and Rocky Mountain Areas. Three large fires met containment objectives, one each in Rocky Mountain, Southern California and Northwest Areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in Rocky Mountain and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire danger was reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, 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.

MOOSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is assigned and a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) has been ordered. This fire is 13 miles north of Whitefish, MT. One resident has been evacuated, and 15 others have been notified of potential evacuations. The fire exhibited active fire behavior even with cloud cover.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Structure protection measures remain in place. Excellent progress was made constructing and holding containment lines through the afternoon burning period.

LITTLE JOE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Joki) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Gardiner, MT. Structure protection continues. Crews made good progress with fireline construction on the north and northeast perimeters of the fire.

EAR, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Columbia Falls, MT. Weather stayed cool yesterday so good progress was made with fireline construction.

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. An evacuation plan has been completed and is being coordinated by Sweet Grass County and local law enforcement.

SULPHUR, Yellowstone National Park. This lighting caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles southeast of Canyon Village, WY. This fire is being managed within Yellowstone National Park Parkwide Complex which includes the Stone and Sulphur fires. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

TOBOGGAN, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 25 miles east of Bigfork, MT. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

BERGSICKE, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 26 miles east of Bigfork, MT. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

CANNON, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 25 miles southeast of Bigfork, MT. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

LONG, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 29 miles east of Bigfork, MT. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
MOOSE	MT	FNF	14000	5	UNK	684	25	16	7	0	2.1M	
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	24700	20	9/5	1131	31	33	15	0	3.3M	
LITTLE JOE	MT	GNF	735	20	UNK	436	13	13	4	1	734K	
EAR	MT	FNF	575	20	9/6	401	12	3	4	0	1.5M	
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1230	0	9/30	77	2	0	2	0	280K	
SULPHUR	WY	YNP	250	0	11/15	9	1	0	1	0	8K	
TOBOGGAN	MT	FNF	110	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR	
BERGSICKER	MT	FNF	550	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR	
CANNON	MT	FNF	210	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR	
LONG	MT	FNF	210	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR	

MCD = Miles City Field Office, BLM

#### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the Virginia Lake, 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. Mopup and rehabilitation efforts are continuing on the Virginia Lake and St. Mary fires. A spot fire occurred outside the perimeter on the Bailey fire.

MT. LEONA COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Republic, WA. Crews continue to improve containment lines. Light precipitation was received early yesterday morning decreasing fire activity.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned, and the Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) has been released. 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. Infrared operations being conducted from a helicopter are assisting crews in identifying hot spots along the perimeter. Mopup operations continue.

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 continue to cold trail the Windy Peak fire, and mopup on the Long Swamp fire. Demobilization of resources has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	82773	90	8/29	2415	45	84	7	12	16.6M	
MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	6144	85	UNK	1344	34	30	7	0	8.4M	
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	43000	65	9/1	608	12	2	9	2	5.5M	
WINDY-SWAMP COM	WA	OKF	1200	60	8/30	610	21	5	3	0	1.5M	
SLEEPY COMPLEX	WA	COF	1410	100	---	426	11	11	2	0	1.8M	

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

ROUGH DIAMONDS, Lower Snake River District, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. This fire is three miles northeast of Silver City, ID. The fire remains a threat to the historic town of Silver City. The main access road remains closed with structure protection engines in place in Silver City. Owyhee County remains in a state of emergency.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. Heavy fuels, treacherous topography and remote access are hindering containment efforts. Crews are being flown into remote locations and supported on the fireline with helicopter bucket work.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Crews continue to utilize minimum impact suppression techniques reducing evidence of their presence and ensuring the protection of water quality, riparian areas and habitat of threatened fish species.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire, which began on 7/20 is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. The fire breached the confinement area and continues to spread north and south. The Wildland Fire Situation Analysis will be re-evaluated for future strategies. Last years Pistol fire has reduced further spread to the east.

FALCON, Bridger Teton National Forest. This fire, which began on 8/6 is located in the Teton Wilderness approximately two miles south of Yellowstone National Park. The fire remains in monitor and patrol status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST   CTN	TOTAL   PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
ROUGH DIAMONDS	ID	BOD	10577	50	8/31	277	8	14	3	0	NR	
MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8021	95	9/1	198	6	2	5	2	2.8M	
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2690	85	9/15	115	4	1	4	0	3.1M	
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	13000	90	9/20	15	0	2	1	0	1.6M	
FALCON	WY	BTF	2800	0	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	NR	

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

OREGON, Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Management Team (Walters) is assigned. This fire is in the town of Weaverville, CA which has been evacuated. Extreme fire behavior has been observed with spotting and major downhill runs.

STAR, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is northeast of Georgetown, CA. Extreme fire activity was observed with spotting up to « mile ahead of the fire. Local roads and campgrounds remain closed.

BUS, Mendocino Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire burning in grass and brush oak is three miles north of Hopland, CA. Significant progress has been made in containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST	TOTAL   PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
OREGON	CA	SHU	1600	0	UNK	421	9	43	3	1	NR	
STAR	CA	ENF	8000	10	9/15	1754	55	43	9	0	1M	
BUS	CA	MEU	250	95	UNK	610	15	11	0	12	300K	

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HIGHWAY, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles east of Dunlap, CA. Acreage decrease is due to more accurate mapping. Burn out operations were successful.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE   CTN	%   CTN	EST	TOTAL   PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$   LOSS	C-T-D
HIGHWAY	CA	SQF	4152	85	8/30	869	21	19	5	8	5.3M	
SLOAN	CA	LAC	1979	100	---	71	0	5	0	2	782K	

LAC = Los Angeles County

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GRANITE, Great Basin National Park. This fire is 60 miles southeast of Ely, NV. The fire remains under a confinement strategy. Mopup operations continue.

REPEATER, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire is five miles west of Ruth, NV. Air tankers provided support to ground resources. Threatened resources include a BLM radio base station, Cellular One site, Nevada Bell Telephone tower and Edward's Air Force Base repeater site.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
GRANITE	NV	GBP	618	85	8/31	65	4	3	0	0	405K	
REPEATER	NV	ELD	1400	5	9/4	150	6	4	3	0	NR	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LEROY, Medicine Bow National Forest. This fire burning in Ponderosa pine and grass is 12 miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. Four cabins in the area are currently threatened. Plans are being made for burn out operations.

THOMPSON GULCH, White River Field Office. This fire is 18 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. Good progress has been made on meeting containment objectives. Air tankers were utilized to assist crew with securing containment lines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LEROY	WY	MB1	420	20	8/30	76	2	8	0	0	NR	
THOMPSON GULCH	CO	WRD	200	60	8/29	60	2	2	0	0	NR	
BOHNSTEAD DRAW	WY	CPX	740	100	---	94	1	0	0	0	NR	

CPX = Casper Dispatch Center Counties

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE MOUNTAIN AREAS SOUTH OF I-80 AND OVER EASTERN UTAH FOR AFTERNOON DRY THUNDERSTORMS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHWEST COLORADO FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING DRY THUNDERSTORMS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN EASTERN AND NORTHEASTERN NEVADA FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING DRY THUNDERSTORMS \*\*\*

High pressure over the Great Basin will flatten out somewhat with the passage of a Pacific cold front bringing partly sunny conditions with a chance of dry thunderstorms over the mountains of Utah and southeast Idaho. High temperatures will be 75 to 85 in the mountains, and in the upper 80's and 90's in the valleys. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 18 percent in Utah, and 10 to 20 percent in Idaho. Winds will be northerly at 5 to 15 mph, except southwest at 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts in western Utah and near thunderstorms.

A Pacific cold front will flatten out the ridge of high pressure that has been residing over the Rocky Mountain region. This will bring isolated to scattered dry thunderstorms to Colorado and Wyoming. High temperatures will be in the 60's in the mountains of Wyoming, 75 to 85 in eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota, 70's to 80's in the mountains of Colorado, and in the 80's to lower 90's in the valleys of Colorado. Minimum relative humidity will range from the teens in western Wyoming, 10 to 20 percent at lower elevations of western Colorado, and 15 to 28 percent in most mountain locations and the northern Colorado Front Range. Winds will be variable at 5 to 10 mph over Colorado, northerly at 15 to 25 mph over northern Wyoming, and 5 to 15 mph in southern Wyoming.

The ridge of high pressure will weaken slightly drawing monsoonal moisture into eastern Nevada bringing widely scattered dry thunderstorms, otherwise sunny conditions will prevail. High temperatures will be 77 to 86 in the north and central mountains, 89 to 97 in the northern valleys, and 105 to 111 south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 20 percent. Winds will be west at 10 to 20 mph in western portions, north at 5 to 15 mph in eastern portions, and south at 12 to 20 mph in southern portions.

A cold front will push through bringing partly cloudy skies with a chance of isolated dry thunderstorms to southern sections of Montana. High temperatures will be 75 to 85, with minimum relative humidity ranging from 12 to 22 percent to the west and 20 to 35 percent east. Winds will be northeast at 5 to 15 mph.

High pressure will continue over northern California bringing sunny conditions. High temperatures will be in the upper 80's to 102 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent, and winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

#### FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		2			11	3	16
NORTHWEST	ACRES		0			4	2	6
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				16	4	21
CA-NORTH	ACRES	3				276	1	280
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					16	1	17
CA-SOUTH	ACRES					6	7	13
NORTHERN	FIRES	1	5			1	4	11
NORTHERN	ACRES	1	7			0	10625	10633

GB-EAST	FIREs	7			5	11	23
GB-EAST	ACRES	3503			75	8100	11678
GB-WEST	FIREs	7					7
GB-WEST	ACRES	82					82
SOUTHWEST	IRES1	4		1	2	12	19
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	1		0	0	2	3
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	1	15		21	7	44
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1	5		3255	6	3267
EASTERN	FIREs				2	2	4
EASTERN	ACRES				3	0	3
SOUTHERN	FIREs				8	1	9
SOUTHERN	ACRES				48	1	49
TOTAL	FIREs	3	40	0	1	82	45
TOTAL	ACRES	5	3598	0	0	3667	18744
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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	241	329	27	37	1427	1244	3305
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96580	296075	6487	987	96369	105821	602319
CA-NORTH	FIREs	123	75	8	23	2414	898	3541
CA-NORTH	ACRES	211	75032	5871	5	39235	84865	205219
CA-SOUTH	FIREs	107	116	16	39	1811	613	2702
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	406	8950	1263	11	19722	29722	60074
NORTHERN	FIRE	744	46	19	35	584	665	2093
NORTHERN	ACRES	8206	4928	393	2858	11222	47783	75390
GB-EAST	FIREs	64	916		60	811	858	2709
GB-EAST	ACRES	781	105515		940	123121	38749	269106
GB-WEST	FIREs	18	569	4	15	108	200	914
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	478875	1	812	31409	61591	581659
SOUTHWEST	FIREs	1156	204	16	44	709	1566	3695
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5473	5493	4568	1083	19382	20444	56443
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	326	569	24	53	412	532	1916
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2033	12871	300	175	44448	8543	68370
EASTERN	FIREs	330		10	49	10482	456	11327
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40262	5526	61156
SOUTHERN	FIREs	35		60	1081	23306	689	25171
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37329	614555	18814	694763
TOTALS	FIREs	3146	2826	199	1438	42374	7724	57707
TOTALS	ACRES	142264	988824	39828	50538	1249864	425121	2896439
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TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 62,996  
 TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 2,986,582

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

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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				1			1
NORTHERN	ACRES			270				270
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	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	270	0	0	0	270

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1	1		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	113		44	301	486
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	15840		4309	29906	57631
GB-EAST	FIRES		9	4	3	9	40	65
GB-EAST	ACRES		887	1890	177	1490	8876	13320
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	59148	119431
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	114	3	2	50	190
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14836	303	762	26747	49540
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	148	510	35	522	2005	3310
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38789	148080	35921	139075	913185	1295465

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				2		1	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				29		11	40
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				7866		73	7939
NORTHERN	FIRES				12		23	35
NORTHERN	ACRES				501		3636	4137
GB-EAST	FIRES				2		1	3
GB-EAST	ACRES				595		40	635
GB-WEST	FIRES	2	26		1			29
GB-WEST	ACRES	0	7016		618			7634
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		21	23
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1104		7185	8289
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		17	1	2		10	30
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2812	48	934		603	4397
EASTERN	FIRES						2	2
EASTERN	ACRES						24	24
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	2	43	1	50	0	69	165
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	9828	48	11619	0	11562	33057

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	5	1	1065	8466
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	68	17772
ALBERTA	4	2	823	151701
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	2640	124	108756
SASKATCHEWAN	7	9	733	180012
MANITOBA	2	0	479	77875
ONTARIO	10	5	1381	10568
QUEBEC	3	2	941	31127
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	181	809
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	400	545
NOVA SCOTIA	8	0	382	401
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	24

NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	92	17319
TOTALS	40	2659	6689	605375

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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
<b>ALASKA</b>										
NORTHWEST	76	100	54	129	12	32			836	1315
CA-NORTH	93	53	72	76	10	10	1		110	136
CA-SOUTH	71	16	61	22	20	4	3		261	232
NORTHERN	90	7	24	86	15	29			461	384
GB-EAST	22	13	30	16	17	7			123	22
GB-WEST	2	9	15	6	3	2			10	1
SOUTHWEST	6		14							
ROCKY MTN	7	2	13	6		2	1		7	15
EASTERN			3						16	
SOUTHERN	13									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1824</b>	<b>2105</b>

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