

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2001 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Four new large fires were reported, two in Eastern Great Basin and one each in the Northern Rockies and Southwest Areas. Three large fires met containment objectives, one each in Eastern Great Basin, Northern California and Southern California Areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in Rocky Mountain and Western Great Basin areas 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:

An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage the Fridley and Little Joe fires on the Gallatin National Forest. 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 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles north of Whitefish, MT. The fire exhibited active burning and crowning. Good progress was made with dozers on the south end of the fire.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. A passing cold front with wind gusts to 60 mph resulted in minimal acreage increase, due to excellent work accomplished by resources.

WALTON, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (McElwain) is assigned. This fire is three miles south of Powell, ID. The Tom Beal road has been closed, and with some evacuations of Walton Lakes Trailhead are in effect.

LITTLE JOE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Joki) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Gardiner, MT. Significant progress was made constructing direct dozer line on the southwest flank of the fire. Structure protection remains a priority.

EAR, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Columbia Falls, MT. Burnout operations are scheduled to secure fireline. Several spots have been contained and are in mopup stages.

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. Burnout operations are scheduled for the north end of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MOOSE	MT	FNF	14954	5	UNK	658	23	15	7	0	2.5M
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	25500	25	9/5	1269	32	41	15	0	4.0M
WALTON	ID	CWF	300	40	UNK	248	9	0	3	0	NR
LITTLE JOE	MT	GNF	770	35	UNK	597	15	15	7	1	680K
EAR	MT	FNF	575	20	9/2	410	12	5	4	0	1.9M
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1270	0	9/30	65	1	0	2	0	305K

#### 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. The St. Mary's fire has reached containment, with the majority of fire suppression rehabilitation completed. Mopup and rehabilitation activities are being conducted on the Bailey Mt. 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. Increased fire activity was observed today. Interior concentrations of large fuels continue to burn with some isolated torching of trees. Crews continue to improve and mopup existing fireline.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned and is scheduled to transition with a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Oliverius) at the end of today's shift. 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 along the fireline continue to be worked by crews and helicopters.

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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	82773	90	UNK	2352	37	108	6	12	20.8M
MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	6144	90	8/30	1184	36	63	17	0	9.2M

REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	43000	65	9/1	405	9	6	9	2	5.5M
WINDY-SWAMP COM	WA	OKF	1200	80	8/30	602	21	3	3	0	1.8M

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#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SUBSTATION, Richfield Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) had been ordered. This fire is northeast of Scipio, UT. Extreme fire behavior was observed due to microburst winds.

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. Significant progress has been made with mopup aided by helicopter bucket work. Efforts are being made to open Silver City Road from Murphy, ID. Plans are being made to demobilize some local engine resources. Acreage decrease is due to better mapping.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. Estimated containment has been revised from 8/27 to 9/1 due to very steep terrain and heavy fuels. Crews are being flown to remote areas and supported with helicopter bucket work.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Crews are using minimum impact suppression tactics in all operations ensuring the protection of water quality, riparian areas, and habitat of Chinook salmon, steelhead and bull trout habitat.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire, which began on 7/20 is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. A new Wildland Fire Situation Analysis has been drawn up indicating new containment boundaries.

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.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SUBSTATION	UT	RID	650	0	UNK	10	0	2	0	0	NR
ROUGH DIAMONDS	ID	BOD	8956	80	8/31	325	7	11	3	0	775K
MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8021	95	9/1	161	4	2	4	2	3.1M
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2690	85	9/15	157	5	1	5	0	3.1M
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	13000	90	9/20	21	0	2	1	0	1.6M
FALCON	WY	BTF	2850	0	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	NR
BLACK MOUNTAIN	UT	SLD	345	100	---	21		4	1	0	NR

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SLD = Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

#### 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. All evacuees of Weaverville, CA have been allowed to return. Only one minor slopover was reported.

STAR, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is northeast of Georgetown, CA. The fire is making advances in Duncan and Long Canyons toward Mosquito Ridge. Construction of indirect fireline is taking place in advance of planned burnout operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
OREGON	CA	SHU	1680	65	UNK	1360	20	45	6	12	683K
STAR	CA	ENF	9000	12	9/15	1754	61	21	12	0	3.5M
BUS	CA	MEU	250	100	---	255	5	4	0	2	450K

MEU = Mendocino Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HIGHWAY	CA	SQF	4152	100	---	609	14	7	4	8	6.0M

SQF = Sequoia National Forest.

#### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

REPEATER, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire is five miles west of Ruth, NV. Some rain was received on the fire. Heavy fuels, steep terrain and difficult access are hampering suppression efforts.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
REPEATER	NV	ELD	1400	20	9/4	192	6	4	2	0	NR
GRANITE	NV	GBP	618	85	8/31	82	3	3	0	0	405K

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LEROY, Medicine Bow National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is on order. This fire is burning in Ponderosa pine and grass, is

12 miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. Spotting was observed over the North Laramie River, due to strong winds.

THOMPSON GULCH, White River Field Office. This fire is 18 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. Good progress has been made on containment efforts despite strong winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LEROY	WY	MB1	900	10	UNK	134	5	8	0	0	NR
THOMPSON GULCH	CO	WRD	200	90	UNK	60	2	2	1	0	NR

#### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

SWAMP RIDGE, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This is a lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire, which began on 8/17 is 25 miles southwest of Jacob Lake, AZ. The fire is continually monitored by air tactics and ground forces.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SWAMP RIDGE	AZ	GCP	125	10	12/1	71	2	2	0	0	NR

#### OUTLOOK

High pressure is centered over the Northern Rockies, bringing sunny skies. Temperatures will be in the 80s to 90s with minimum relative humidity in the mountains at 20 to 35 percent except 10 to 20 percent in the lower valleys. Winds will be southwesterly 10 to 15 mph over the ridges and west to northwest at 10 to 20 mph in the valley bottoms with gusts up to 25 mph in exposed areas.

High pressure in the Pacific Northwest area will slide east Thursday as a weak frontal system approaches the coast. The front will arrive by late afternoon or early evening. A slightly unstable air mass over south central Oregon may result in a slight risk of late afternoon thunderstorms in central and southeast Oregon, otherwise mostly sunny conditions will dominate the region. Highs will be 65 to 70 along the coast, with 70s to 80s in the western valleys except near 90 in southwest Oregon. Highs east of the Cascades will be in the 80s to 90s. Minimum relative humidity west of the Cascades will be 40 to 60 percent, except up to 70 percent along the coast and down to 25 percent in southwest Oregon. Minimum relative humidity east of the Cascades will be 20 to 40 percent, except 10 to 15 percent in portions of northeast Washington, south-central Oregon and southeast Oregon. Winds will be southwest to west at 10 to 15 mph over ridge tops and southwest to west in major valleys.

A weak trough will bring a little cooler temperatures to the Western Great Basin area. Some mid level moisture will remain over the area bringing a slight chance of thunderstorms, otherwise expect partly cloudy conditions. Temperatures will be mid 80s to mid 90s in the north and central portion of the region and 95 to 110 in southern portions. Minimum relative humidity will be 9 to 17 percent and winds southwest at 10 to 15 mph.

A ridge of high pressure continues to sit over the Eastern Great Basin area. A series of upper level disturbances moving through the ridge of high pressure, will continue to bring a slight chance of thunderstorms over Utah, while mostly sunny skies continue over southern Idaho. Temperatures will be 75 to 85 in the mountain regions with mid 80s to 90s in the valley bottoms. Relative humidity will range from 25 to 35 percent in the mountains and 10 to 22 percent in the valleys of Utah, with 6 to 18 percent in the valleys of Idaho. Winds will be westerly at 8 to 18 mph with some gusts over the ridges near 25 mph.

High pressure dominates the area over northern California. Expect sunny conditions except for coastal fog and low clouds. Temperatures will range from the 60s to low 70s along the coast, and lower 80s to upper 90s inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

A Pacific cold front is expected to continue its southward movement across eastern Colorado, continuing the chance for widely scattered, mainly dry thunderstorms along the Colorado Front Range and southeast Wyoming. Expect mostly sunny conditions in eastern Wyoming and South Dakota. Temperatures will be mid 50 to 60s over the mountains and upper 70s in the valley bottoms. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent along the mountains, with the exception of the Colorado Front Range at 17 to 27 percent, and valley bottoms near 11 to 21 percent. Winds will be east to southeast at 5 to 12 mph east of the divide and 5 to 12 mph west of the divide in a westerly direction.

In southern California, high pressure will dominate the area. Weather conditions will be mostly sunny except for coastal fog and low clouds. Temperatures will be in the 70s to 80s near the coast and 90's to 105 inland, with higher readings in desert areas. Minimum relative humidity will be 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		3		1	4	3	11
NORTHWEST	ACRES		1		0	0	741	742
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2				23	2	27
CA-NORTH	ACRES	2				245	20	267
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					9	3	12
CA-SOUTH	ACRES					0	1	1
NORTHERN	FIRES		1			5	3	9
NORTHERN	ACRES		25			176	2039	2240

GB-EAST	FIRES		21			5	7	33
GB-EAST	ACRES		1352			6	1	1359
GB-WEST	FIRES		18				4	22
GB-WEST	ACRES		369				151	520
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		2				7	9
SOUTHWEST	ACRES		1				4	5
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		13			4	11	28
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		19			0	261	280
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					26	2	28
SOUTHERN	ACRES					106	2	108
TOTAL	FIRES	2	58	0	1	76	42	179
TOTAL	ACRES	2	1767	0	0	533	3220	5522

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	332	27	38	1437	1247	3322
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96580	296076	6487	987	96369	106562	603061
CA-NORTH	FIRES	125	75	8	23	2437	901	3569
CA-NORTH	ACRES	213	75032	5871	5	39480	84885	205486
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	107	116	16	39	1820	616	2714
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	406	8950	1263	11	19722	29723	60075
NORTHERN	FIRES	744	47	19	35	663	668	2176
NORTHERN	ACRES	8206	4953	393	2858	12970	49823	79203
GB-EAST	FIRES	64	937		60	816	866	2743
GB-EAST	ACRES	781	104068		940	123615	38750	268154
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	575	4	15	108	202	922
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	478877	1	812	31409	61592	581662
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1156	206	16	44	716	1574	3712
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5473	5495	4568	1083	19397	20448	56464
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	327	582	24	53	416	549	1951
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2153	12889	300	175	44448	8762	68727
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	49	10498	456	11343
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40274	5526	61168
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1081	23332	696	25204
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37329	614661	18825	694880
TOTALS	FIRES	3149	2872	199	1439	42553	7778	57990
TOTALS	ACRES	142386	987425	39828	50538	1252484	428159	2900820

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 63,188  
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 3,020,870

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

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	114		44	301	487
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	15930		4309	29906	57721
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	26	11		2	204	256
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	145	511	35	522	2005	3308
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38789	148170	35921	139075	913185	1295555

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				8423		73	8496
NORTHERN	FIRES				12		23	35
NORTHERN	ACRES				501		3657	4158
GB-EAST	FIRES				2		1	3
GB-EAST	ACRES				610		40	650
GB-WEST	FIRES	2	26		1			29
GB-WEST	ACRES	0	7016		618			7634
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				5		21	26
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1232		7185	8417
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	53	0	69	168
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	9828	48	12319	0	11583	33778

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	5	0	1069	8466
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	68	17772
ALBERTA	2	160	826	151861
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	124	108756
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	733	180012
MANITOBA	2	1	481	77876
ONTARIO	12	8	1393	10576
QUEBEC	2	3	943	31130
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	181	809
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	1	402	546
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	383	402
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	2	95	26

NATIONAL PARKS		0		0		92		17319
TOTALS		26		176		6790		605551

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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
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	72	85	88	167	17	29			970	1331
CA-NORTH	43	54	32	56	6	16			178	248
CA-SOUTH	41	11	30	16	19	3	1		249	181
NORTHERN	86	12	20	87	12	31			502	393
GB-EAST	29	11	41	19	21	5			171	27
GB-WEST	1	9	9	4	1	2			10	1
SOUTHWEST	7		14						52	2
ROCKY MTN	11	1	15	6	2	1			3	15
EASTERN									16	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	290	183	249	355	78	87	1	0	2151	2198

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