

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2001 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

One new large fire was reported in the Northern Rockies area. Two large fires met containment objectives, one each in the Rocky Mountain and Northwest areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in Rocky Mountain and Eastern 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:

Bozeman Area Command (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage the Fridley, Little Joe and Monument 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. One residence has been evacuated and 15 others have been notified of potential evacuations. The fire exhibited active burning and crowning. Good progress is being made on the south end of the fire with dozers.

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 continues to be closed and the Elk Summit Road is now closed. The fire experienced 30 mph wind gusts and jumped containment lines in two divisions, resulting in crews and equipment being pulled off those lines.

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 in direct attack. Mopup has been completed on the northern flanks of the fire, but direct attack has not yet begun within Yellowstone National Park. Structure protection remains a priority.

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. Contingency plans for evacuation have been completed for Boulder Canyon. Mopup continues on the north and west flanks 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. Burnout operations were initiated on the southeastern flank of the fire for structure protection and keep the fire out of Tie Gulch. More burnout operations are planned.

EAR, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Columbia Falls, MT. Mopup

is continuing with the support of helicopter bucket work. Crews are utilizing minimum impact suppression tactics within the Great Bear Wilderness area.

BARNUM CREEK, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Specht) had been ordered. This fire is five miles north of Happy's Inn, MT.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MOOSE	MT	FNF	17100	5	UNK	635	21	16	7	0	2.5M
WALTON	ID	CWF	400	10	UNK	321	9	12	4	0	300K
LITTLE JOE	MT	GNF	789	40	9/3	604	18	15	7	1	1.6M
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1270	0	9/30	65	1	0	2	0	450K
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	25500	30	9/5	1251	33	43	15	0	4.8M
EAR	MT	FNF	620	30	9/2	397	11	5	4	0	2.1M
BARNUM CREEK	MT	NWS	100	50	NR	80	3	3	0	0	NR

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, Gambol Mill, Bailey Mountain, and Virginia Lake fires, is 12 miles south of Okanogan, WA. The change in acreage is due to the Brewster fire being turned back over to the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

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. Five Type I Canadian crews are scheduled to arrive on the incident.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned and is scheduled to transition with a Type 3 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. Reduction in acreage is due to better mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	74109	90	UNK	2059	19	108	6	12	20.8M

MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	6144	98	8/31	1005	30	24	7	0	9.2M
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	43000	65	9/1	232	8	5	9	2	6.5M
WINDY-SWAMP COM	WA	OKF	1000	100	---	413	16	3	1	0	2.0M

OKF = Okanogan National Forest.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SUBSTATION, Richfield Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is northeast of Scipio, UT. Crews completed dozer line on the northeast side of the fire.

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. Plans have been made to open the Silver City road from Murphy, ID at the end of shift.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. Estimated containment has been moved to 9/1 due to very steep terrain and heavy fuels. With the aid of cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity, crews were able to make significant progress in containment objectives.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire, which began on 7/20 is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. The fire continues to spread in northerly and southerly directions. Three trails have been closed, Pistol Creek Trail, 44 Creek Trail, and Little Pistol Trail.

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. Structural protection has been implemented for two cabins.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SUBSTATION	UT	RID	1000	0	UNK	107	4	5	1	0	150K
ROUGH DIAMONDS	ID	BOD	8956	90	8/31	346	10	9	4	0	920K
MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8021	95	9/1	108	2	2	2	2	3.3M
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2690	85	9/15	120	2	0	5	0	3.3M
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	14250	0	9/20	21	0	2	1	0	1.6M
FALCON	WY	BTF	2850	0	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	50K

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. Reports from the Damage Assessment Team have increased the

initial report of three structures destroyed to 20 including primary and secondary structures. Some demobilization of resources has begun.

STAR, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is northeast of Georgetown, CA. This fire continues to burn actively at night, due to low relative humidity recovery. Protection measures have been initiated in the Sierra Sequoia Grove along with evacuation of livestock within the area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
OREGON	CA	SHU	1680	90	8/31	1393	29	37	6	33	1.6M
STAR	CA	ENF	9800	30	9/7	1998	67	30	12	0	6.3M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

REPEATER, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire is five miles west of Ruth, NV. This fire is burning in sage, pinyon pine, juniper, and mountain mahogany. Crews and dozers have made significant progress.

GRANITE, Great Basin National Park. This fire is 60 miles southeast of Ely, NV. The fire received measurable amounts of rain. Crews were pulled off the line, due to poor road conditions. Mop up efforts have been slowed by the weather.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
REPEATER	NV	ELD	990	70	9/1	NR	6	4	3	0	NR
GRANITE	NV	GBP	618	85	8/31	65	4	3	0	0	405K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LEROY, Medicine Bow National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is burning in Ponderosa pine and grass, is 12 miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. Wyoming Air National Guard has been ordered to assist in firefighting efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LEROY	WY	MB1	2500	10	UNK	210	6	18	0	0	NR
THOMPSON GULCH	CO	WRD	200	100	-	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR

WRD = White River Field Office, BLM

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 and ground forces. 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
SWAMP RIDGE	AZ	GCP	140	0	12/1	104	2	2	1	0	NR

OUTLOOK

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE NORTHERN ROCKIES FOR GUSTY WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY, AND DRY LIGHTNING ***

A dry cold front will move through the Northern Rockies area Friday afternoon. Winds will increase as the front approaches. A combination of windy conditions, low humidity and dry lightning is forecasted along with partly cloudy skies. Temperatures will be in the upper 70s to 90s with minimum relative humidity at 15 to 30 percent and down to 10 percent in the lower valleys of Montana. Winds will be southwest at 15 to 30 mph over ridge tops with gusts up to 40 mph. Winds in the lower valleys will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph, but can be expected to be stronger in north-central Montana.

A ridge of high pressure over the Eastern Great Basin area remains in place, with some upper level disturbances creating the chance of isolated, mainly dry thunderstorms. Temperatures will range from 75 to 85 in the mountains and mid 80s to 90s in the lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 22 percent except for 15 to 25 percent in the mountains of Utah. Winds will be westerly 10 to 20 mph.

An upper level disturbance will cause the Rocky Mountain area to see a continued threat of thunderstorms over Colorado and Wyoming. Weather will be widely scattered showers and afternoon thunderstorms. A few storms will have dry lightning, especially over central to eastern Wyoming, otherwise partly sunny in most areas. Temperatures will range from 80 to 90 in the lower elevations of Colorado and 75 to 85 in eastern Colorado, Wyoming and western South Dakota. Minimum relative humidity will range from 11 to 21 percent over the lower elevations, with 17 to 27 percent over the Colorado Front Range. Winds will be variable at 5 to 12 mph, except in western South Dakota where some locations can expect winds as high as 10 to 20 mph.

A weak trough will maintain near normal temperatures across the Great Basin area. Weather will be partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the central and northeast portions of Nevada, otherwise mostly sunny. Temperatures will be in the 80s to low 90s in central and northern portions of the area and 90 to 105 in the southern portion. Minimum

relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent and winds will be southwest to west at 10 to 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		2			8	3	13
NORTHWEST	ACRES		1			1	1	3
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				14	3	18
CA-NORTH	ACRES	3				3	0	6
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					11	2	13
CA-SOUTH	ACRES					206	0	206
NORTHERN	FIRES					3	7	10
NORTHERN	ACRES					200	2190	2390
GB-EAST	FIRES		14		2	9	3	28
GB-EAST	ACRES		1458		0	430	1260	3148
GB-WEST	FIRES		17		1		2	20
GB-WEST	ACRES		31		0		0	31
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1				1	3	5
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	3				1	0	4
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	9			1	4	15
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	0	2			0	0	2
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					16	5	21
SOUTHERN	ACRES					26	36	62
TOTAL	FIRES	3	42	0	3	63	32	143
TOTAL	ACRES	6	1492	0	0	867	3487	5852

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	334	27	38	1450	1239	3329
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96580	296077	6487	987	96376	104210	600717
CA-NORTH	FIRES	126	75	8	23	2451	904	3587
CA-NORTH	ACRES	216	75032	5871	5	39483	84885	205492
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	107	116	16	39	1831	618	2727
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	406	8950	1263	11	19928	29723	60281
NORTHERN	FIRES	744	47	19	35	666	675	2186
NORTHERN	ACRES	8206	4953	393	2858	13170	52032	81612
GB-EAST	FIRES	64	951		62	825	870	2772
GB-EAST	ACRES	781	105526		940	124045	40011	271303
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	604	4	16	108	206	956
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	479275	1	812	31409	61742	582210

SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1157	206	16	44	717	1578	3718
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5476	5495	4568	1083	19398	20454	56474
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	328	591	24	53	417	553	1966
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2153	12891	300	175	44447	8763	68729
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	49	10498	456	11343
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40274	5526	61168
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1081	23348	701	25225
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37329	614687	18861	694942
TOTALS	FIRES	3152	2926	199	1442	42621	7803	58143
TOTALS	ACRES	142392	989284	39828	50538	1253356	429470	2904868

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 63,016
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 3,045,334

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			1				1
NORTHERN	ACRES			31				31
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	31	0	0	0	31

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	115		44	301	488
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	15961		4309	29906	57752
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	512	35	522	2005	3309
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38789	148201	35921	139075	913185	1295586

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				30		11	41
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				8493		73	8566
NORTHERN	FIRES				12		23	35
NORTHERN	ACRES				501		3835	4336
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	54	0	69	169
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	9828	48	12389	0	11761	34026

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1	231	1069	8697
YUKON TERRITORY	0	1	68	17773
ALBERTA	2	50	828	151811
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1	124	108757
SASKATCHEWAN	4	1	737	180013
MANITOBA	1	13	482	77877
ONTARIO	6	0	1400	10589
QUEBEC	0	0	943	31130
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	0	183	809
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	402	546
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	383	402
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	26
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	92	17319
TOTALS	16	297	6736	605749

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	72	45	45	156	8	26			677	1274
CA-NORTH	110	57	65	44	10	17			186	220
CA-SOUTH	28	1	12	2	8	1	1		92	58
NORTHERN	88	11	11	111	9	37			516	426
GB-EAST	28	11	57	25	22	7			208	33
GB-WEST	1	9	3	4	3	2			10	1
SOUTHWEST	8		12						52	2
ROCKY MTN	4	2	12	16					14	25
EASTERN									11	
SOUTHERN	8									
TOTAL	347	136	217	358	60	90	1	0	1766	2039

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