

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2001 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Six new large fires were reported, two in Idaho, two in Oregon, one in Nevada and one in southern California. Two large fires was contained in northern California and one in Idaho. Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

OWYHEE RIVER, Vale District, BLM. This lightning caused fire is located 15 miles northeast of Burns Junction, OR. It is burning in a Wilderness Study Area in light to medium fuels in a remote area. Shifting winds are hampering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT VAD	SIZE 800	% 0	EST NR	TOTAL 54	CRW 1	ENG 11	HELI 3	STRC 0	\$\$\$ NR	C-T-D
OWYHEE RIVER	OR	VAD	800	0	NR	54	1	11	3	0	NR	
LYTLE	OR	VAD	349	100		8	0	3	0	0	NR	

VAD = Vale District BLM

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GREEN KNOLL, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is located along Mosquito Creek, southwest of Wilson and approximately 6 miles southwest of Jackson, WY. A unified command with Teton County Fire Department has been established. A major effort was made to keep the fire from spreading into the housing subdivisions. Strong wind gusts caused some spotting and the fire burned actively most of the night.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Crews continue to improve line and extinguish hot spots along the west and south flanks of the fire. Afternoon winds caused the fire to make runs and spotting in sub alpine fir was observed. A spike camp has been established on Pistol Creek Ridge.

FLEMING CREEK, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This human caused fire is located 8 miles north of Horseshoe Bend, ID. The fire is burning in steep and rugged terrain. No threats to nearby residences are anticipated.

DOE FLAT, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This human caused fire is located 11 miles north of Three Creek. The fire is burning in fine fuels

in a remote area. Engines are making good progress towards containment.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
GREEN KNOLL	WY	BTF	3271	50	UNK	1082	32	28	6	0	4M	
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	285	10	UNK	386	11	0	8	0	293K	
FLEMING CREEK	ID	BOD	450	10	UNK	72	2	5	3	0	NR	
DOE FLAT	ID	BOD	1500	75	7/28	80	0	12	0	0	NR	
SPROAT	ID	BOD	500	100		30	0	8	0	0	NR	

BOD= Lower Snake River District, BLM

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STREAM, Plumas National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanic) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) has been ordered to assume management of the fire. The teams will begin transition on Sunday. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Quincy, CA. Current threat is to developed campgrounds, a Forest Service work center, summer residences, a bald eagle nesting area, a historical cabin in the vicinity of Antelope Lake and the Thompson Peak semi-primitive area. On 7/26 a mandatory evacuation of Antelope Lake recreation area took place and a forest closure was issued for a three mile radius of the Antelope Lake area. Numerous structures remain threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
STREAM	CA	PNF	2900	15	8/1	894	24	24	5	0	700K	

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TABOR CREEK, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. This fire, burning in grass and sagebrush, is 13 miles north of Metropolis, NV. Crews will continue to construct and hold fireline and begin mopup.

IBAPAH, Eastern Nevada Agency, BIA. This lightning caused fire is 50 miles south of Wendover, NV on the Goshute Indian Reservation. Engine crews are making good progress towards containment and some demobilization was anticipated last night.

OLD WELL, Ely Field Office, BLM. This lightning caused fire is 30 miles northeast of Ely, NV. Fuels are grass, sage and pinon/ juniper. Fire behavior observed included running, torching and spotting. Current threats are to livestock grazing and wildlife habitat.

INCIDENT	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$
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NAME					CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	C-T-D
TABOR CREEK		NV	EKD	5319	30	7/28	258	7	10	3	0	NR
IBAPAH		NV	ENA	2400	75	UNK	37	0	14	1	0	NR
OLD WELL		NV	ELD	800	40	7/28	15	0	3	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BRICEBURG, Sierra National Forest. A Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Hodson) and a Geographic area Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) has been established. This fire is located 15 miles east of Mariposa, CA. Aviation resources are assisting with line construction due to the remote location. Secondary dozer line construction is now complete. A burn action plan is complete for a firing operation near Sweetwater drainage. Direct line construction utilizing Type I Helicopters is a top priority today.

SHELBY, San Bernardino National Forest. The fire is located northwest of Devore, CA. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered and will arrive later today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BRICEBURG	CA	SNF	722	45	8/1	1322	38	14	3	0	0	1.5M
SHELBY	CA	BDF	650	50	7/28	340	13	21	4	0	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAD CREEK, Routt National Forest. This fire is in the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area, 11 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Numerous spot fires located along the southern perimeter are showing up as a result of fuels drying out. A burnout operation utilizing a helitorch is planned for 7/29.

ECKLUND COMPLEX, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This complex of lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fires is in the Diamond Breaks Wilderness Study Area, 50 miles east of Vernal, UT. A slow rate of spread was observed on the Ecklund fire and blackline was established to prepare for a burnout. Observed activity on the Davis Draw fire was minimal yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
MAD CREEK	CO	RTF	345	15	7/30	78	3	0	2	0	0	180K
ECKLUND COMPLEX	CO	LSD	3244	0	10/1	72	2	2	2	0	0	465K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

VISTA, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire, which started on 7/15, is five miles east of the North Rim of the park. The fire burned more actively with the increase of temperatures. Helicopters were used to check the spread at the canyon rim on the north side. The Cape Royal Road from the Point Imperial Junction to Cape Royal remains closed to visitor use.

PINE, Prescott National Forest. This lightning caused fire, which started on 7/2, is in the Pine Mountain and Cedar Bench Wilderness Areas, 18 miles southeast of Camp Verde, AZ. The fire has made runs into the basin north of Skeleton Ridge and east of Little Mesa below Verde Rim. Structure protection was put into place at Mt. Ranch.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST PERS	TOTAL CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VISTA	AZ	GCP	775	0	UNK	85	3	2	1	0 240K
PINE	AZ	PNF	7400	0	UNK	25	0	3	1	0 30K

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL WYOMING FOR WINDS, A DRY AND UNSTABLE AIRMASS, DRY FUELS AND WARM TEMPERATURES ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHEAST OREGON FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHERN IDAHO FOR WINDS, DRY UNSTABLE AIRMASS, DRY FUELS AND WARM TEMPERATURES ***

A strong high pressure aloft will bring warmer and drier weather across the Rockies. A Pacific front will move though Montana and northern Wyoming bringing an increase in westerly winds. Colorado will be mostly sunny with increasing winds. There will be a chance of isolated afternoon thunderstorms in the southern Colorado mountains. High temperatures will be in the 70's to the mid 80's in the mountains, and in the 80's and lower 90's for the lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 12 percent in western Wyoming, and 15 to 30 percent elsewhere. Winds will be west to southwest at 15 to 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph in western Wyoming. Colorado will have westerly winds at 10 to 20 mph.

A trough over the Pacific Northwest will bring cooler temperatures and an increase in westerly winds across north and central portions of the Great Basin. A ridge of high pressure will maintain warm temperatures, low humidity and light winds over the southern portions of the area. It will be mostly sunny with isolated afternoon thunderstorms predicted for portions of Utah. Central and southern Idaho will be sunny with mainly dry thunderstorms over the mountains. High temperatures will be mid 70's to

lower 80's in the mountains, and 80's to lower 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 18 percent at lower elevations of Utah, and 15 to 25 percent in the mountains. Winds will be southwesterly at 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts. Idaho will have minimum relative humidity ranging from 5 to 15 percent, except 15 to 25 percent in the southwest. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent, with winds at 15 to 35 mph with gusts to 45 mph. Nevada will be mostly sunny. High temperatures will be 80 to 95, except 105 to 115 in southern part of the state. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in the northwest and 6 to 12 percent elsewhere. Winds will be southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph in the north and central portions and 5 to 15 mph across the south.

As the upper level trough moves into the Pacific Northwest westerly winds will increase. Some light rain is expected in western Washington and northwest Oregon. Scattered showers and possible isolated thunderstorms are forecasted in eastern Washington and northeast Oregon. High temperatures will be in the 60's to 70's in the north, and lower 80's in the south. Relative humidity will increase except in southern Oregon where it will be around 15 percent. Winds will be from the west at 15 to 25 mph with local gusts to 35 mph across eastern Washington and Oregon.

Northern California will be mostly sunny and a little cooler with morning fog along the coast. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's near the coast and 80's to near 100 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 50 to 60 percent along the coast and 10 to 20 percent inland. Winds will be west to southwest at 8 to 18 mph with gusts from 20 to 30 mph over the mountains. Southern California will be mostly sunny with morning coastal fog and low clouds. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's along the coast, 80's and 90's inland, 105 to 114 in the lower deserts and near 120 in Death Valley. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 15 percent inland and 25 to 40 percent in the inland coastal area. Winds will be south to southwest 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	3			7	5	18
NORTHWEST	ACRES	70	1150			6	1	1227
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				17	1	19
CA-NORTH	ACRES	0				1	0	1
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				29	5	35
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	1				20	651	672
NORTHERN	FIRES	6	2			3	6	17
NORTHERN	ACRES	7	2			0	2	11
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	12			5	7	25
GB-EAST	ACRES	0	2718			30	358	3106
GB-WEST	FIRES	0	4				6	10
GB-WEST	ACRES	1900	2620				4550	9070
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					6	3	9
SOUTHWEST	ACRES					3	0	3

ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3			1	2	6
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		5			0	6	11
EASTERN	FIRES					8	1	9
EASTERN	ACRES					2	0	2
SOUTHERN	FIRES	2				7		9
SOUTHERN	ACRES	17				14		31
TOTAL	FIRES	14	24	0	0	83	36	157
TOTAL	ACRES	1995	6495	0	0	76	5568	14134

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	14	2	297	3	320
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210134	3263	221935
NORTHWEST	FIRES	186	200	10	23	966	713	2098
NORTHWEST	ACRES	9191	65251	2044	6	7429	11548	95469
CA-NORTH	FIRES	68	25	3	22	1775	688	2581
CA-NORTH	ACRES	97	1282	4368	5	33302	4179	43233
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	53	15	39	1262	414	1813
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	23	1342	1218	28	12399	17710	32720
NORTHERN	FIRE	638	22	11	8	427	320	1426
NORTHERN	ACRES	6813	932	277	2	9437	742	18201
GB-EAST	FIRES	44	595		37	401	471	1548
GB-EAST	ACRES	572	65637		879	104278	8082	179448
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	308	2	13	82	119	533
GB-WEST	ACRES	9115	55060	1	104	36454	10577	111311
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1053	134	15	34	630	1271	3137
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5310	4872	4478	1074	26013	18609	60356
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	180	391	20	28	274	362	1255
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1214	5939	300	169	8977	1621	18220
EASTERN	FIRES	329		5	47	9570	412	10363
EASTERN	ACRES	14853		13	496	39301	5328	59991
SOUTHERN	FIRES	57		58	1081	22458	655	24309
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4860		19298	37329	577873	18593	657953
TOTALS	FIRES	2596	1730	153	1334	38142	5428	49383
TOTALS	ACRES	52048	201400	33608	45934	1065597	100250	1498837

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 51,780
 TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 1,873,053

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	FIRE							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRE							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRE							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRE							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRE							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRE						0	0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES					25		25
ROCKY MTN	FIRE							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRE							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRE							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	25		25

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRE	17	64	9			312	402
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4799	7194			50057	66406
CA-NORTH	FIRE	20	6	2	1		41	70
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	480	10		9512	10364
CA-SOUTH	FIRE		2	2	2		41	47
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	160	174		5498	5844
NORTHERN	FIRE	18	7	81		44	301	451
NORTHERN	ACRES	1723	5840	10268		4309	29881	52021
GB-EAST	FIRE		7	4	3	9	40	63
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8874	13248
GB-WEST	FIRE		5		1		2	8
GB-WEST	ACRES		724		0		182	906
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	12	25	11		2	177	227
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2177	21172	35634		500	52756	112239
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	2	19	91	3	2	48	165
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	13582	303	762	26684	48223
EASTERN	FIRE	10		67	10	320	126	533
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17828	1355	43868	16085	87777
SOUTHERN	FIRE	12		175	13	145	877	1222
SOUTHERN	ACRES	1408		51498	30099	87919	701982	872906
TOTAL	FIRE	91	136	443	33	525	1966	3194
TOTAL	ACRES	21067	37861	139279	32118	139297	902592	1272214

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				26		7	33
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				16		0	16
NORTHERN	FIRES				7		10	17
NORTHERN	ACRES				0		10	10
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES		14					14
GB-WEST	ACRES		854					854
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		19	21
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				448		7185	7633
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	4		1	2		8	15
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2803		48	934		152	3937
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	18	1	39	0	45	103
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	3657	48	1399	0	7348	12452

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	0	810	2712
YUKON TERRITORY	0	510	59	16161
ALBERTA	2	1	738	151501
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	10	11564	108	86440
SASKATCHEWAN	1	251	594	166255
MANITOBA	2	1	400	69708
ONTARIO	23	1064	704	9913
QUEBEC	5	701	583	12847
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	105	347
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	273	394
NOVA SCOTIA	0	1	260	216
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	11	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	55	7650
TOTALS	52	14093	4700	524166

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	8	8	34	11	12	2	2		35	3
CA-NORTH	7	11	11	14	2				94	19
CA-SOUTH	29	28	39	17	9		2		92	118
NORTHERN	5		7		3	2			5	
GB-EAST	55	4	99	20	16	4	10		240	31
GB-WEST	6	5	29	7	9				10	2
SOUTHWEST	5		4		2	1			22	1
ROCKY MTN	5		7	1	1	1			23	6
EASTERN									41	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	120	56	230	70	54	10	14	0	562	180

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