

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2001 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Two new large fires were reported, one each in Northern California and Rocky Mountain Areas which were contained. Four large fires reached containment, one each in Northern California, Eastern Great Basin, Northwest and Northern Rockies Areas. Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GREEN KNOLL, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is located along Mosquito Creek, southwest of Wilson and approximately six miles southwest of Jackson, WY. A Unified Command with Teton County Fire Department is in effect. Some residents are being allowed back into their homes. Mandatory evacuation of Indian Paintbrush subdivision is still in effect. Fall Creek Road continues to be closed to public access. Good progress in containment efforts were made in all divisions.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is seven miles due east of Landmark, ID. Contingency plans for long term fire spread into private in-holdings along Pistol Ridge and the wilderness boundary west of the fire are continuing. Significant precipitation was received on the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GREEN KNOLL	WY	BTF	4470	75	8/2	1339	41	57	11	0	8M
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	2400	10	9/20	182	7	0	3	0	1M
FLEMING CREEK	ID	SWS	419	100		287	11	8	3	0	621K

SWS = Southwestern Idaho Supervisory Area

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

ARTHUR, Yellowstone National Park. A National Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) has been ordered. This fire is 55 miles west of Cody, WY. Evacuation of a park service facility at the east entrance occurred during the afternoon, along with the closure of the East Entrance Road at Eagle Creek Campground. Active fire behavior with some torching was observed.

CASTLE, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. This fire, burning in ponderosa pine, grass and sagebrush is 40 miles southwest of Glasgow, MT. Moderate fire behavior with some torching was observed. Good progress was made on

fireline construction and mopup.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ARTHUR	WY	YNP	1000	0	UNK	43	0	5	1	0	25K
CASTLE	MT	LED	2000	70	UNK	197	6	13	0	0	NR
KILL WOMAN	MT	LED	350	100		10	0	2	0	0	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STREAM, Plumas National Forest. A National Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Quincy, CA. Good progress was made on mopup and fireline construction. Falling snags continue to limit access to areas of the fireline due to safety concerns.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STREAM	CA	PNF	3560	80	8/1	1421	37	17	7	0	3M
POWERHOUSE	CA	SHU	416	100	---	1365	27	17	1	0	1.1M
GRASSHOPPER	CA	LMU	1350	100	---	91	1	2	0	0	410K

SHU = Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry

LMU = Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BRICEBURG, Sierra National Forest. California Department of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Devort) transitioned full command of the incident to the California Geographic Area Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios), and the Unified Command has been dissolved. This fire is 15 miles east of Mariposa, CA. Hot spots continue to be found in the Sweetwater Creek drainage. Radiometric airborne mapping is being utilized to find hot spots.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BRICEBURG	CA	SNF	728	75	8/1	481	12	9	6	0	2.8M

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. Minor activity, mostly smoldering and creeping was observed. Crews continue with mopup.

SMITH CREEK, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This lightning caused fire is 40 miles west to southwest of Ely, NV. Light to moderate fire activity was observed. Crews made significant progress towards containment.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TABOR CREEK	NV	EKD	7005	90	7/31	342	9	1	3	0	NR
SMITH CREEK	NV	HTF	1592	75	7/31	226	8	6	1	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WEST PLATEAU, San Juan National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 20 miles northeast of Dolores, CO. The fire made a significant run due to hot, dry and windy conditions.

MAD CREEK, Routt National Forest. This fire is in the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area, 11 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. The helitorch burnout operation was successful. Cloud cover, with a trace of precipitation slowed further growth of the fire. Contingency burnout plans are in place should the fire escape containment lines.

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. Slow rates of spread were observed on the Ecklund fire, and there was no observed fire activity on the Davis Draw fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WEST PLATEAU	CO	SJF	300	0	10/1	12	0	2	0	0	NR
MAD CREEK	CO	RTF	1025	35	7/31	145	5	1	4	0	275K
ECKLUND COMPLEX	CO	LSD	3249	30	10/1	63	1	2	1	0	589K
THUNDER CHILD C	WY	CPX	5200	100		45	1	13	0	0	NR

CPX = Casper Dispatch Center Counties

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

UNION VALLEY, Southeast Washington State. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is assigned and has assumed a Unified Command with Chelan Fire Department #7, the City of Chelan and the Chelan County Sheriff. This fire is four miles north of Chelan, WA. Evacuations of residences continue in upper Union Valley and Washington Creek drainage as the fire continues to expand to the north. A structural protection plan is being developed for residences in these areas. Good progress is being made on fireline construction.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
UNION VALLEY	WA	SES	4000	20	UNK	713	18	37	7	3	1.4M
PORT KELLY	WA	WFS	7011	100		311	0	41	0	0	250K

WFS = Washington State

OUTLOOK:

An upper level trough will continue to move east through the Eastern Great Basin, creating a dry westerly flow over the area. This will bring mostly sunny skies with isolated showers or thunderstorms over the mountains of Idaho and northern Utah. High temperatures will be 75 to 85, except 95 to 105 in southwest Utah. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent in Idaho and 10 to 20 percent in Utah. Winds will be west to northwest at 5 to 15 in Idaho and northwest to southwest at 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph in Utah.

Monsoonal moisture will increase into the front range of Colorado and cooler air will filter into Wyoming behind a cold front that passed through. Colorado will become partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms over the mountains and eastern portions of the state. Wyoming will be partly cloudy and breezy, with widely scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 75 to 85 in Wyoming and the 60's in the mountains. Minimum relative humidity will be 15 to 25 percent. Winds will be west to southwest at 10 to 25 mph.

A weak high pressure will rebuild over the Pacific Northwest creating a warming and drying trend. West of the Cascades will have morning clouds, with clearing in the afternoon. East of the Cascades will have sunny conditions. High temperatures will be in the upper 60's to mid 70's west of the Cascades, except for the interior of southwestern Oregon which will be in the mid 80's. East of the Cascades, high temperatures will be in the mid 70's to mid 80's. Minimum relative humidity will range at or above 45 percent west of the Cascades and 20 to 30 percent east. Winds will be northwest to north at 6 to 10 mph west of the Cascades and northwest at 6 to 12 mph east of the Cascades. Southeastern Oregon will have gusts up to 25 mph in the afternoon.

An upper level trough will move out of Montana with diminishing clouds and showers. High temperatures will be in the lower to mid 60's in the mountains and in the mid 70's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 25 to 35 percent in the valleys. Winds will be northwest to southwest at 6 to 12 mph, with ridge top winds being westerly at 10 to 20 mph.

A Pacific trough will remain over Nevada bringing partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers in the northeast and east central portions of the state, and sunny conditions elsewhere. High temperatures will be in the 80's, except 95 to 105 south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 25 percent. Winds will be west to northwest at 10 to 15 mph, except for the southern portion of the state which will be southwest at 15 to 25 mph and gusty.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		0			3	2	5
NORTHWEST	ACRES		84			1500	0	1584
CA-NORTH	FIRES					15	1	16
CA-NORTH	ACRES					10	0	10
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	1			19	3	24
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	0	5			21	3	29
NORTHERN	FIRES	3			0		2	5
NORTHERN	ACRES	100			800		3	903
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			2	1	4
GB-EAST	ACRES		0			4	0	4
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					2	5	7
SOUTHWEST	ACRES					0	0	0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	2			17	1	22
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1	5			506	357	869
EASTERN	FIRES			4			2	6
EASTERN	ACRES			5			3	8
SOUTHERN	FIRES					11	7	18
SOUTHERN	ACRES					72	11	83
TOTAL	FIRES	6	4	4	0	69	24	107
TOTAL	ACRES	101	94	5	800	2113	377	3490

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	210137	3263	221938
NORTHWEST	FIRES	186	203	22	25	999	727	2162
NORTHWEST	ACRES	9191	66680	3486	7	21446	11527	112337
CA-NORTH	FIRES	96	25	3	22	1836	695	2677
CA-NORTH	ACRES	153	1282	4368	5	34009	7255	47072
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	31	56	16	40	1310	428	1881
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	23	1348	1263	28	12420	17764	32846
NORTHERN	FIRES	646	25	11	10	432	355	1479
NORTHERN	ACRES	7319	1457	277	1002	9439	824	20318
GB-EAST	FIRES	46	591		37	416	491	1581
GB-EAST	ACRES	573	72717		879	100207	10591	184967
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	309	2	13	82	122	537
GB-WEST	ACRES	8930	56294	1	104	36454	12171	113954
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1098	135	15	34	640	1300	3222
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5316	4887	4478	1074	26018	18595	60368

ROCKY MTN	FIRES	212	391	20	28	294	369	1314
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1251	5985	300	169	9490	2049	19244
EASTERN	FIRES	329		9	47	9588	414	10387
EASTERN	ACRES	14853		18	496	39326	5331	60024
SOUTHERN	FIRES	56		58	1081	22468	662	24325
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4859		19298	37329	577963	18604	658053
TOTALS	FIRES	2711	1737	170	1339	38362	5566	49885
TOTALS	ACRES	52468	211735	35100	46935	1076909	107974	1531121

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 53,064
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 1,987,197

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			35				35
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						25	25
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						0	0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES						2	2
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	35	0	0	27	62

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	65	9			314	405
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4799	7194			50057	66406

CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	4	1		41	72
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	495	10		9512	10379
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		41	48
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		5498	5892
NORTHERN	FIRES	18	7	82		44	301	452
NORTHERN	ACRES	1723	5840	10303		4309	29881	52056
GB-EAST	FIRES		7	4	3	9	40	63
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8874	13248
GB-WEST	FIRES		5		1		2	8
GB-WEST	ACRES		804		0		182	986
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	25	11		2	181	232
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21172	35634		500	55591	115099
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	91	3	2	49	166
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	13582	303	762	26746	48285
EASTERN	FIRES	10		67	10	320	126	533
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17828	1355	43868	16085	87777
SOUTHERN	FIRES	12		175	13	145	877	1222
SOUTHERN	ACRES	1408		51498	30099	87919	701982	872906
TOTAL	FIRES	92	137	447	33	525	1973	3207
TOTAL	ACRES	21092	37941	139377	32118	139297	905489	1275314

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		8	34
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				16		20	36
NORTHERN	FIRES				7		10	17
NORTHERN	ACRES				0		28	28
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES		15					15
GB-WEST	ACRES		1104					1104
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		19	21
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1015		7185	8200
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		13	1	2		8	24
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2808	48	934		452	4242
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	28	1	39	0	46	114
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	3912	48	1966	0	7686	13612

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1	3	812	2715
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	59	16161
ALBERTA	2	1	746	151509
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	5	13	118	87985
SASKATCHEWAN	1	4086	595	170320
MANITOBA	1	8	404	69717
ONTARIO	6	1	738	9963
QUEBEC	6	1226	604	15986
NEWFOUNDLAND	5	2	113	349
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	281	364
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	265	224
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	11	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	59	7655
TOTALS	30	5340	4805	532970

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	9	24	8	82	9	4			70	127
CA-NORTH	31	46	24	22	7	2			126	184
CA-SOUTH	44	30	29	12	3				182	218
NORTHERN	15		21	14	4				123	3
GB-EAST	58	3	28	45	10	8			275	44
GB-WEST	10	7	9	6	5				43	64
SOUTHWEST	5		5		1	1			22	1
ROCKY MTN	8	1	9	13	4	2			39	8
EASTERN									50	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	180	111	133	194	43	17	0	0	930	649

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