

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2001 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Five new large fires were reported, three in Northern Rockies, one each in Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin. Three large fires reached containment in the Northern Rockies Area. Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

On September 3, a firefighter was struck by a falling snag and fatally injured while working the Labor fire on the Bitterroot National Forest, near Hamilton, Montana. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

Geographic Area 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. Bozeman Area Command (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage the Fridley, Little Joe and Monument fires on the Gallatin National Forest.

MOOSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles north of Whitefish, MT. Due to extreme fire activity, the North Fork Road was closed. Burnout operations to protect structures near Home Ranch Bottoms were successfully completed.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Crews continue to make excellent progress in mopup operations. Gusty southwest winds limited tactical air operations on the west perimeter and crews were pulled from that division to safety zones as a precaution.

BARNUM CREEK, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is five miles north of Happy's Inn, MT. Crews continued to hold all constructed fireline and aggressively attacked emerging spot fires outside the perimeter. Air operations were shut down due to afternoon high winds.

BERGSICKER WFU COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This complex of lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fires, which began on 8/2, is 29 miles east of Bigfork, MT. This complex includes the Bergsicker, Long, Cannon and Toboggan fires. The Long fire spotted across the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

SPISTOLS, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. This fire is 11 miles south of Lame Deer, MT. Crews continue to work on containment efforts on the

southwest and west flanks.

MONARCH, Lewis and Clark National Forest. This fire is east of Highway 89 and the town of Monarch, MT. No further information was received.

LOST FORK, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is five miles southeast of Showdown Ski Area, MT.

FLAT TIRE, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Air tanker operations were effective in assisting with containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
MOOSE	MT	FNF	52000	5	UNK	1215	35	24	9	3	6.1M	
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	26800	55	9/5	1307	29	30	14	0	7.5M	
BARNUM CREEK	MT	NWS	350	80	9/4	350	10	9	3	0	685K	
BERGSICKER WFU	MT	FNF	3300	0	UNK	12	0	0	0	0	NR	
PISTOLS	MT	NCA	200	90	UNK	84	3	8	1	0	NR	
MONARCH	MT	LCF	100	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	
LOST FORK	MT	LCF	500	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	
FLAT TIRE	MT	SOS	185	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	NR	
LITTLE JOE	MT	GNF	860	100	---	553	16	11	6	1	3M	
ELKHORN	ND	DPF	400	100	---	40	0	7	0	0	75K	
WALTON	ID	CWF	474	100	---	683	22	22	3	0	1.9M	

DPF = Dakota Prairie National Forest

CWF = Clearwater National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Steep terrain, gusty winds, low humidity and high temperatures continue to hinder containment efforts on the slopover along the southwest perimeter.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire, which began on 7/20, is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. The Lucky Lad, Cougar and Franklin D cabins were lost. Structure protection is beginning on historic sites on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

IRON CREEK, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is southeast of Pinedale, WY in the Bridger Wilderness. Burnout operations are being conducted along the north perimeter to create a large buffer zone to prevent the fire from spreading toward the wilderness boundary. Fire personnel are posted along the Fremont Trail adjacent to the burn to ensure public safety and education during fire activity.

WILLOW CREEK, Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is ten miles northeast of Fairfield, ID. The fire has burned on the east and west aspects of the Willow Creek drainage. One historical

homestead, and a bridge were lost.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$	LOSS	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	PERS							
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2710	90	9/15	167	6	1	3	0	3.7M		
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	21425	0	9/20	23	0	1	2	0	1.7M		
IRON CREEK	WY	BTF	110	0	UNK	65	3	0	3	0	210K		
WILLOW CREEK	ID	SID	2000	0	UNK	93	2	20	3	2	NR		

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOULEVARD, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles southwest of LaGrande, OR.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. 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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$	LOSS	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	PERS							
BOULEVARD	OR	WWF	150	70	9/5	431	16	1	4	0	835K		
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	43000	65	9/7	250	6	0	6	2	7.2M		

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HYAMPOM, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This fire is two miles northwest of Hayfork, CA. Burnout operations and containment lines held with the support of aircraft.

STAR, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is 55 miles northeast of Georgetown, CA. Protection measures are still in place for Sierra Sequoia Grove and structures in the Red Star Ridge area. Additional preparations for burnout operations have been accomplished.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$	LOSS	C-T-D
				CTN	CTN	PERS							
HYAMPOM	CA	SHF	1060	70	9/4	1736	47	32	7	0	1.7M		
STAR	CA	ENF	11940	45	9/7	2163	65	34	13	0	12M		

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SUTHERLAND SCHOOL, Black Hills National Forest. This fire is seven miles south of Pringle, SD. Reduction in acreage is due to better mapping. Crews made good progress in mopup operations and containment efforts.

LEROY, Wyoming State Forestry. 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. Air tankers and helicopters assisted crews with containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
SUTHERLAND SCHO	SD	BKF	178	90	9/3	91	4	13	1	0	55K	
LEROY	WY	WYS	5580	70	9/5	311	12	12	5	0	1.7M	

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PX, Northern Region, Nevada Division of Forestry. This fire which began on 8/7 is 60 miles north of Elko, NV.

INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
PX	NV	NNS	420	50	9/4	98	2	5	2	0	NR	

OUTLOOK

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHEAST WYOMING AND WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA FOR ISOLATED DRY LIGHTNING, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY, HIGH TEMPERATURES AND HIGH HAINES INDEX ***

An upper level disturbance and associated moisture from an old tropical storm will push over the high pressure ridge into Wyoming and western South Dakota. This will bring isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms over the Black Hills region, otherwise hot and dry conditions will prevail over the Rocky Mountain region. High temperatures will be in the mid 70's to lower 80's in the mountains, 85 to 95 at lower elevations and near 100 in the Black Hills region. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 23 percent. Winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph, except for southerly winds at 10 to 20 mph over eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota.

High pressure will remain over most of the Northern Rockies with partly cloudy skies and isolated late thunderstorms over southwest and south central Montana. High temperatures will be 80 to 95, with minimum relative humidity ranging from 12 to 22 percent. Winds will be southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph.

A weak cold front will stall across western Washington and northwestern Oregon and a dry southwesterly flow will cover eastern Washington and most of Oregon. This will bring mostly sunny conditions except for morning clouds over western Washington and northwestern Oregon. High temperatures will be 65 to 80 west of the Cascades, and 78 to 93 east. Minimum relative humidity will range from 25 to 50 percent west of the Cascades, and 8 to 25 percent east. Winds will be southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph east of the Cascades.

A dry southwest flow will move over northern California bringing sunny skies. High temperatures will be in mid 80's to upper 90's inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 14 to 22 percent, and winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph across the higher elevations, and 5 to 15 mph at lower elevations.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1			1	5	7
NORTHWEST	ACRES		0			0	15	15
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2				18	4	24
CA-NORTH	ACRES	1				37	641	679
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1		1	20	10	32
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		0		0	6	3	9
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				3	6	10
NORTHERN	ACRES	0				0	4800	4800
GB-EAST	FIRES		7			3	3	13
GB-EAST	ACRES		2082			93	1425	3600
GB-WEST	FIRES		7			1	2	10
GB-WEST	ACRES		51			220	0	271
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1	2			1	2	6
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	1	1			0	0	2
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1		2	1	2	6
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		1		2	0	0	3
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1	1	1	3
SOUTHERN	ACRES				2	6	6	14
TOTAL	FIRES	4	19	0	4	49	35	111
TOTAL	ACRES	2	2135	0	4	362	6890	9393

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	15	2	311	3	335
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210141	3263	221942

NORTHWEST	FIRES	242	336	27	38	1475	1267	3385
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96583	295977	6488	618	96426	104537	600629
CA-NORTH	FIRES	130	75	8	23	2503	915	3654
CA-NORTH	ACRES	220	75032	5871	5	39760	88937	209825
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	109	118	16	40	1892	646	2821
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	413	8950	1263	12	19937	29757	60332
NORTHERN	FIRE	752	47	20	32	676	692	2219
NORTHERN	ACRES	8378	4953	453	2858	13422	89637	119701
GB-EAST	FIRES	65	977		63	835	897	2837
GB-EAST	ACRES	693	106346		941	125705	47375	281060
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	621	4	16	111	212	982
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	479818	1	812	31790	61763	583155
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1171	208	16	44	719	1605	3763
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5491	5496	4568	1083	19398	20517	56553
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	330	602	24	57	425	568	2006
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2153	12905	300	177	44452	9122	69109
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	49	10531	458	11378
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40316	5550	61234
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1083	23395	701	25274
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37506	613186	18861	693618
TOTALS	FIRES	3184	2986	200	1447	42873	7964	58654
TOTALS	ACRES	142505	990562	39889	50350	1254533	479319	2957158

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 63,120
 TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 3,265,000

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			2				2
SOUTHERN	ACRES			1928				1928
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	0	2

TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	1928	0	0	0	1928
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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	66	9			314	406
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4801	7194			50057	66408
CA-NORTH	FIRE	20	6	5	1		41	73
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	615	10		9512	10499
CA-SOUTH	FIRE		2	3	2		44	51
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		9305	9699
NORTHERN	FIRE	21	7	115		44	301	488
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	16008		4309	29906	57799
GB-EAST	FIRE		9	4	3	9	40	65
GB-EAST	ACRES		887	1890	177	1490	8876	13320
GB-WEST	FIRE		9		1		2	12
GB-WEST	ACRES		805		0		182	987
SOUTHWEST	FIRE	13	26	11		2	204	256
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21947	35634		500	59148	119431
ROCKY MTN	FIRE	2	19	114	3	2	50	190
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14836	303	762	26747	49540
EASTERN	FIRE	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRE	7		187	15	142	882	1233
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		58821	35093	87697	702286	884615
TOTAL	FIRE	90	145	517	35	522	2005	3314
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38789	153812	37112	139075	913185	1302388

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRE				2		1	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRE							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRE				31		11	42
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				9450		73	9523
NORTHERN	FIRE				12		23	35
NORTHERN	ACRES				501		6813	7314
GB-EAST	FIRE				2		1	3
GB-EAST	ACRES				610		40	650
GB-WEST	FIRE	2	26		1		1	30
GB-WEST	ACRES	0	7016		618		1	7635

SOUTHWEST	FIRES			5		21	26
SOUTHWEST	ACRES			1419		7185	8604
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	17	1	2		10	30
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2812	48	934		603	4397
EASTERN	FIRES						0
EASTERN	ACRES						0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						0
SOUTHERN	ACRES						0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	2	43	1	55	0	169
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	9828	48	13533	0	38125

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1074	8707
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	68	17772
ALBERTA	3	0	838	151813
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	124	108756
SASKATCHEWAN	7	158	752	180173
MANITOBA	3	3	485	77879
ONTARIO	7	16	1429	10616
QUEBEC	0	0	948	31131
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	183	1196
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	403	546
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	392	418
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	26
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	92	17389
TOTALS	21	177	6813	606422

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	23	26	21	51	1	23			425	376
CA-NORTH	185	66	162	49	22	14			259	160
CA-SOUTH	17		8		7	1	1		25	2
NORTHERN	93	33	30	101	16	27			721	455
GB-EAST	9	6	21	9	15	6			87	21
GB-WEST	1	7	6	7	2				4	7
SOUTHWEST	2		4		1				35	7
ROCKY MTN	17	3	7	20	1	5			60	42
EASTERN										7
SOUTHERN	8									
TOTAL	355	141	259	237	65	76	1	0	1623	1070

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