

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Two new large fires were reported, one each in Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin areas. Four large fires reached containment; two in Northern Rockies, and one each in the Rocky Mountain and Northern California areas. 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.

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.

LOST FORK/MONARCH, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned, and working in conjunction with Cascade County in a Unified Command. This complex of fires is 30 miles north of White Sulfur Springs, MT. Active fire behavior was observed. Dozer line construction began yesterday on the northwest flank. Structure protection continued with engines along Highway 89 south of Monarch. Evacuation and structure protection planning are continuing in conjunction with Cascade County and the state Department of Emergency Services. MOOSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles north of Whitefish, MT. Moderate fire behavior was observed. The evacuation warning for Home Ranch Bottoms is still in effect. Structure protection continues within Glacier National Park and the north shore of McDonald Lake.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. The fire is approaching the Gallatin Divide, increasing the threat to the Bozeman water supply. Direct attack was initiated on the remaining nine miles of open fireline along the west side of the fire.

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. Reduction in acreage is due to better mapping. Hotspots continued to emerge with warm dry weather. Crews continued to mop up inside the fire perimeter and grid for hot spots.

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. Structure protection is in place at Spruce Park Cabin and will be provided for Granite Cabin. Trail closures are in effect for all trails within the

fire areas.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
LOST FORK/MONAR	MT	LCF	2810	0	UNK	179	2	10	5	0	NR	
MOOSE	MT	FNF	58500	5	UNK	1047	32	15	9	3	7M	
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	26800	60	9/8	1085	29	25	11	0	8.2M	
BARNUM CREEK	MT	NWS	325	95	9/5	353	10	8	2	0	850K	
BERGSICKER WFU	MT	FNF	4300	0	UNK	13	0	0	0	0	NR	
SPISTOLS	MT	NCA	200	100	---	50	3	2	1	0	NR	
FLAT TIRE	MT	SOS	500	100	---	43	0	13	0	1	NR	

NCA = Northern Cheyenne Agency

SOS = Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW CREEK, Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is ten miles northeast of Fairfield, ID. Structure protection continues. Crews are establishing new fireline on the east east and west flanks.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. Transition from a Type 3 organization to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Shell) will occur today. This fire, which began on 7/20, is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. Sturcture protection continues on the Joe Bum, Powerhouse and Bill Bochman cabins.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Some portions of this fire are inaccessible to crews due to steep and rugged terrain.

CLEAR CREEK, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 30 miles north of Pinedale, WY. Fireline and burnout operations were completed on the east and south flanks. Resistance to containment is high due to the fuel types and topography.

IRON CREEK, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fire is southeast of Pinedale, WY in the Bridger Wilderness. Active fire behavior was observed. Burnout operations were conducted along the north perimeter, creating 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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WILLOW CREEK	ID	SID	13500	10	UNK	366	10	24	3	2	270K	
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	22275	0	9/20	37	0	1	2	3	1.7M	
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2710	90	9/15	167	6	1	3	0	3.8M	

CLEAR CREEK	WY	BTF	215	0	UNK	75	2	1	2	0	25K
IRON CREEK	WY	BTF	320	0	UNK	65	3	0	3	0	240K

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. No new fire growth was observed.

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. Steep terrain and lack of access have necessitated placing most of the east side of the fire into monitor status. Difficult access still hampers mopup and backhaul of equipment.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BOULEVARD	OR	WWF	150	90	9/5	298	9	1	3	0	1.3M	
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	44800	65	9/7	193	4	0	6	2	7.38M	

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

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 in place for structures and resources inside and adjacent to burnout areas. Burnout operations were initiated and firelines held.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
STAR	CA	ENF	12350	53	9/7	2213	62	37	13	0	12.5M	
HYAMPOM	CA	SHF	1060	100	---	1285	35	20	8	0	4M	

SHF = Shasta-Trinity National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUCKNAM, Casper Dispatch Center Counties. This lightning caused fire is 13 miles northwest of Casper, WY, and is burning in grass and sage. Structures are threatened.

LEROY, Wyoming State Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Wheatland, WY, and is burning in Ponderosa pine and grass. Air tankers and helicopters assisted crews with containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BUCKNAM	WY	CPX	950	90	UNK	36	0	12	0	0	0	NR
LEROY	WY	WYS	5580	80	9/5	287	12	13	5	0	964K	
SUTHERLAND SCHO	SD	BKF	178	100	---	91	3	13	1	0	55K	

BKF = Black Hills Forest

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SHALE, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire which began on 9/3 is four miles north of Elko, NV. Fire activity observed included isolated torching and running. The fire is threatening deer habitat, wildlife, and utility structures. Crews have made good progress constructing fireline.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
SHALE	NV	EKD	1079	63	9/5	256	7	17	2	0	0	NR
PX	NV	NNS	420	70	9/5	104	3	8	2	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK

*** A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL PORTIONS OF NEVADA FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY ***

*** A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA FOR ISOLATED DRY LIGHTNING, INCREASING WINDS, AN UNSTABLE AIR MASS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND HIGH TEMPERATURES ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE IDAHO UPPER SNAKE RIVER PLAIN FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL UTAH FOR STRONG SOUTH TO SOUTHWEST WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND A HIGH HAINES INDEX ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN WESTERN, CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST WYOMING FOR ISOLATED DRY LIGHTNING, INCREASING WINDS, AN UNSTABLE AIR MASS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND HIGH TEMPERATURES ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTH-CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN MONTANA FOR WET AND DRY THUNDERSTORMS AND GUSTY WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH A COLD FRONTAL PASSAGE ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR AREAS EAST OF THE SIERRA-CASCADE CREST SOUTH OF THE MODOC NATIONAL FOREST (INCLUDING LASSEN AND FAR EASTERN PLUMAS NATIONAL FORESTS) FOR STRONG WINDS AND VERY LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY ***

A cold front will move across the Western Great Basin this afternoon with strong gusty southwest to northwest winds. This will bring partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the north and central portions. High temperatures will be 75 to 85 in the north and central areas, and 90 to 100 in the south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be southwest at 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph.

A weather system is strengthening off the Pacific northwest coast, causing upper level disturbances to move in a southwest flow across the Rocky Mountain Region. Thunderstorm potential should be highest over far western Wyoming, with isolated mainly dry thunderstorms over Colorado, central to eastern Wyoming, and western South Dakota. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's to mid 90's, with 70's in the mountains. Minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 17 percent over most of Wyoming and western South Dakota, and 10 to 20 percent in the lower elevations with 15 to 25 percent in the mountains over Colorado and southeast Wyoming. Outside of thunderstorm gusts, the strongest winds will be south to southwest at 15 to 25 mph over Wyoming and western South Dakota.

In the Eastern Great Basin, there will be increasing south to southwest winds and a few thunderstorms ahead of a strengthening Pacific weather system as it moves into western Idaho by the afternoon. This system will cause increasing clouds and winds with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Showers will be more numerous over western Idaho. In Utah, high temperatures will be 85 to 95, with 75 to 85 in the mountains. In Idaho, high temperatures will be 75 to 85, with 65 to 75 in the mountains. In eastern Idaho, the minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 20 percent, with 12 to 25 percent in the mountains. In southwest Idaho the minimum relative humidity will be 20 to 35 percent, and in Utah they will range from 7 to 18 percent, with 10 to 22 percent in the mountains. Winds over some Utah ridges will be 20 to 35 mph with higher gusts, and the rest of Eastern Great Basin will be southwest from 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts.

In Northern Rockies, a cold front will move across northern Idaho and Montana during the day, bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms with cooler temperatures and gusty shifting winds. Some of the thunderstorms may be dry in south-central and southeastern Montana. High temperatures will be in the 80's to 90's prior to the front, and in the 70's to lower 80's behind the front. Minimum relative humidity will range from 25 to 40 percent in the west to 12 to 24 percent in the south and east. Southwest winds at 15 to 25 mph will shift to the northwest at 15 to 30 mph behind the front.

A dry trough will pass through Northern California, bringing mostly sunny skies with strong southwest winds. High temperatures will be in the 60's along the coast, and low 80's to low 90's inland. Minimum relative humidity will be 14 to 22 percent. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph across higher elevations.

FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIREs							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIREs		2			10	4	16
NORTHWEST	ACRES		0			10	11	21
CA-NORTH	FIREs					16	2	18
CA-NORTH	ACRES					26	0	26
CA-SOUTH	FIREs		2			11	15	28
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		0			12	1	13
NORTHERN	FIREs	3				6	3	12
NORTHERN	ACRES	78				7	7910	7995
GB-EAST	FIREs		7			1	3	11
GB-EAST	ACRES		11507			90	852	12449
GB-WEST	FIREs		12				13	25
GB-WEST	ACRES		1086				1	1087
SOUTHWEST	FIREs	1				2	3	6
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	6				1	3	10
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	1	17			6	3	27
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1	4			952	0	957
EASTERN	FIREs				1	2	3	6
EASTERN	ACRES				0	0	3	3
SOUTHERN	FIREs					10	2	12
SOUTHERN	ACRES					128	6	134
TOTAL	FIREs	5	40	0	1	64	51	161
TOTAL	ACRES	85	12597	0	0	1226	8787	22695

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	338	27	38	1499	1268	3412
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96583	295977	6488	618	99446	104549	603661
CA-NORTH	FIREs	130	75	8	23	2519	930	3685
CA-NORTH	ACRES	220	75032	5871	5	39786	92304	213218
CA-SOUTH	FIREs	109	118	16	40	1903	657	2843
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	413	8950	1263	12	19949	29732	60319
NORTHERN	FIRE	761	47	20	32	682	696	2238
NORTHERN	ACRES	8549	4953	453	2858	13404	97547	127764
GB-EAST	FIREs	65	984		63	836	901	2849
GB-EAST	ACRES	693	117853		941	125795	48227	293509
GB-WEST	FIREs	18	633	4	16	111	225	1007
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	480904	1	812	31790	61764	584242
SOUTHWEST	FIREs	1172	208	16	44	721	1610	3771
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5497	5496	4568	1083	19399	20520	56563
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	331	619	25	55	431	573	2034
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2154	12909	300	175	45404	9124	70066
EASTERN	FIREs	330		10	50	10645	461	11496

EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40369	5553	61290
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1083	23400	701	25279
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37506	613194	18861	693626
TOTALS	FIRES	3195	3024	201	1446	43058	8025	58949
TOTALS	ACRES	142683	1003159	39889	50348	1258677	491444	2986200

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 63,256
 TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 3,284,826

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		10					10
NORTHWEST	ACRES		72					72
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES			2				2
NORTHERN	ACRES			156				156
GB-EAST	FIRES		1					1
GB-EAST	ACRES		260					260
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					2	3
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	100					5	105
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	11	2	0	0	2	16
TOTAL	ACRES	100	332	156	0	0	5	593

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	76	9			314	416
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4873	7194			50057	66480
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	28	1		41	96
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	13557	10		9512	23441
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		44	51

CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		9305	9699
NORTHERN	FIRES	21	7	117		44	301	490
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	16164		4309	29906	57955
GB-EAST	FIRES		10	4	3	9	40	66
GB-EAST	ACRES		1147	1890	177	1490	8876	13580
GB-WEST	FIRES		9		1		2	12
GB-WEST	ACRES		805		0		182	987
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	14	26	11		2	204	257
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2302	21947	35634		500	59153	119536
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		187	15	142	882	1233
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		58821	35093	87697	702286	884615
TOTAL	FIRES	91	156	542	35	522	2005	3351
TOTAL	ACRES	20515	39121	166910	37112	139075	913190	1315923

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				33		11	44
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				9465		73	9538
NORTHERN	FIRES				12		23	35
NORTHERN	ACRES				501		7404	7905
GB-EAST	FIRES				2		1	3
GB-EAST	ACRES				610		320	930
GB-WEST	FIRES	2	26		1		1	30
GB-WEST	ACRES	0	7016		618		1	7635
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				5		21	26
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1419		7657	9076
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	57	0	68	171
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	9828	48	13548	0	16059	39483

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8	214	1095	8921
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	68	17772
ALBERTA	2	5	840	151818
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1	124	108757
SASKATCHEWAN	5	112	757	180285
MANITOBA	1	1	486	77880
ONTARIO	16	26	1445	10642
QUEBEC	0	0	948	31131
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	183	1196
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	403	546
NOVA SCOTIA	1	2	393	420
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	26
NATIONAL PARKS	0	1	92	17390
TOTALS	33	362	6859	606784

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	14	28	17	64		10			293	263
CA-NORTH	180	82	165	51	30	12			385	317
CA-SOUTH	20				7	2	1		25	3
NORTHERN	85	26	18	98	21	19			664	429
GB-EAST	15	11	33	10	18	1		4	84	12
GB-WEST	3	12	16	22	5				6	7
SOUTHWEST	7		8		1				35	7
ROCKY MTN	16	3	15	29	2	7			60	50
EASTERN										7
SOUTHERN	8									
TOTAL	348	162	272	274	84	51	1	4	1559	1088

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