

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2001 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Two new large fires were reported in the Rocky Mountain area. Eight large fires reached containment; one in Northern Rockies, one in Eastern Great Basin, four in Rocky Mountain, one in Northwest, and one in Western Great Basin. Initial attack activity was light nationwide.

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 is working in conjunction with the Cascade County in a Unified Command. This complex of fires is 30 miles north of White Sulfur Springs, MT. Active fire behavior, including torching, was observed. Resources made significant progress constructing fireline. The structure protection plan was completed by the Cascade County 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. Structure protection continues in Home Ranch Bottoms and the north end of McDonald Lake. Precipitation was received on the fire, allowing more detailed aerial reconnaissance previously unobtainable because of extreme fire behavior and heavy smoke.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. High winds suspended air operations. Line improvement and mopup continued on the north, east, and south portions of the fire. Fireline construction continues along the Gallatin Crest.

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 being provided for Granite Cabin. Trail closures are in effect for all trails within the fire area.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LOST FORK/MONAR	MT	LCF	3928	NR	9/9	418	12	31	6	0	500K

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MOOSE	MT	FNF	64000	5	UNK	1060	34	16	10	3	7.9M
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	26800	70	9/8	1036	27	20	12	0	9.1M
BERGSICKER WFU	MT	FNF	5600	0	UNK	14	0	0	0	0	NR
BARNUM CREEK	MT	NWS	325	100	---	335	10	4	1	0	1.1M

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#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW CREEK, Upper Snake River District, South-Central Idaho Area, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northeast of Fairfield, ID. Fireline construction progressed significantly.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Shell) is assigned. This fire, which began on 7/20, is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. Structure protection continues on the Joe Bump, Powerhouse, Washboard, and Bill Bochman Cabins.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Due to forecast high winds, personnel and crews were pulled from the fireline.

IRON CREEK, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fire is southeast of Pinedale, WY in the Bridger Wilderness. 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	18079	75	9/6	493	16	30	6	2	900K
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	23000	0	UNK	70	0	1	3	3	1.8M
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2710	90	9/15	129	4	1	3	0	3.9M
IRON CREEK	WY	BTF	400	NR	UNK	71	3	0	3	0	NR
CLEAR CREEK	WY	BTF	150	100	---	76	2	1	2	0	37K

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#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MCFARLAND DIVIDE, Custer Dispatch Center Counties. This fire is 14 miles northwest of Sundance, WY, and is burning in mixed conifer and grass. Three structures were lost, and several others are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS C-T-D
MCFARLAND DIVID	WY	CSX	400	0	UNK	UNK	0	8	0	3	NR
BUCKNAM	WY	CPX	950	100	---	36	0	0	0	0	NR
LEROY	WY	WYS	5580	100	---	288	11	13	6	0	1.1M
SOUTH POT CREEK	CO	DSP	527	100	---	41	1	4	1	0	10K
MARINO 1 & 2	WY	CPX	500	100	-	NR	0	6	0	0	NR

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NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

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.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	45000	65	UNK	183	4	0	6	2	7.5M	
BOULEVARD	OR	WWF	150	100	---	223	6	1	2	0	1.5M	

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WWF = Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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. Containment efforts continue.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST NAME	UNIT NAME	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
STAR	CA	ENF	12730	57	9/7	2253	60	34	16	0	14.8M	

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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.

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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	80	9/5	104	3	8	2	0	NR	
SHALE	NV	EKD	1079	100	---	317	0	0	0	0	NR	

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EKD = Elko Field Office, BLM

OUTLOOK

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHWEST COLORADO FOR WINDS, WARM TEMPERATURES, A DRY UNSTABLE AIR MASS, AND POSSIBLE DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

A strong frontal system moved across the Rocky Mountain Region yesterday bringing increasing moisture and much colder temperatures. There will be numerous showers with possible snow in the higher elevations over Wyoming. In Colorado, showers will increase in the north-central to northeast areas, with a chance of isolated mainly dry afternoon thunderstorms over the remainder of the state. High temperatures will be in the mid 50's to mid 60's over the lower elevations of Wyoming, with 40's in the mountains. Colorado and southeast Wyoming will have high temperatures in the mid 80's to lower 90's in the lower elevations, and 70's in the mountains. Minimum relative humidity will be 45 to 60 percent in northern Wyoming and western South Dakota, and 25 to 40 percent in southern Wyoming. Colorado's minimum relative humidity will be at 12 to 25 percent, increasing somewhat late in the day. Wyoming will have winds from the north at 15 to 25 mph, and over Colorado they will be southwest at 15 to 25 mph.

Much colder air will cover the Northern Rockies today in the wake of a strong cold frontal passage. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms will occur across southern sections of the region today then will taper off this afternoon. Strong gusty north winds are expected as well. High temperatures will be in the 60's to low 70's with 55 to 65 across southeast Montana. Minimum relative humidity will be from 45 to 55 percent, with winds at 15 to 30 mph.

In the Eastern Great Basin, a cold front continues to move through the region. There will be isolated showers and thunderstorms in southern Utah. Showers will be likely over northern Utah and southern Idaho. In northern Utah, snow levels will drop to 9000 feet. High temperatures in Utah will be 65 to 75, with 45 to 55 in the mountains. In Idaho, the high temperatures will be in the mid 50's to mid 60's, with 45 to 55 in the mountains. Minimum relative humidity will be 15 to 25 percent in southern Utah, 30 to 40 percent in northern Utah, and 40 to 50 percent in Idaho. Winds will be northwest at 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 50 mph over Utah.

FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRE							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRE	1	1			5		7
NORTHWEST	ACRES	0	25			5	29	59
CA-NORTH	FIRE					9	3	12
CA-NORTH	ACRES					92	0	92
CA-SOUTH	FIRE					19	3	22
CA-SOUTH	ACRES					42	1	43
NORTHERN	FIRE	1				8	4	13
NORTHERN	ACRES	900				31	6619	7550
GB-EAST	FIRE		18			6	6	30
GB-EAST	ACRES		5021			0	5	5026
GB-WEST	FIRE		5				1	6

GB-WEST	ACRES		76				0	76
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		1				3	4
SOUTHWEST	ACRES		0				4	4
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	16			6	3	26
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	0	54			630	38	722
EASTERN	FIRES			2				2
EASTERN	ACRES			3				3
SOUTHERN	FIRES				9		1	10
SOUTHERN	ACRES				272		15	287
TOTAL	FIRES	3	41	0	2	62	24	132
TOTAL	ACRES	900	5176	0	3	1072	6711	13862

FIRE 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	243	340	27	38	1529	1267	3444
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96583	296002	6488	618	101872	104578	606141
CA-NORTH	FIRES	130	75	8	23	2528	939	3703
CA-NORTH	ACRES	220	75032	5871	5	39878	92305	213311
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	109	118	16	40	1922	659	2864
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	413	8950	1263	12	19991	29733	60362
NORTHERN	FIRE	762	47	20	32	690	700	2251
NORTHERN	ACRES	9449	4953	453	2858	13435	104166	135314
GB-EAST	FIRES	65	1002		63	842	907	2879
GB-EAST	ACRES	693	122874		941	125795	48232	298535
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	638	4	16	111	226	1013
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	480980	1	812	31790	61764	584318
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1172	209	16	44	721	1613	3775
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5497	5496	4568	1083	19399	20524	56567
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	332	643	25	55	461	577	2093
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2154	12990	300	175	46075	9162	70856
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	53	10645	461	11499
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	499	40369	5553	61293
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1083	23409	702	25289
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37506	613466	18876	693913
TOTALS	FIRES	3198	3074	201	1449	43169	8054	59145
TOTALS	ACRES	143583	1008362	39889	50351	1262211	498156	3002552

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 63,585  
 TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 3,294,803

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	2					1	3
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	200					52	252
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES			1			2	3
EASTERN	ACRES			290			65	355
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	1	0	2	1	6
TOTAL	ACRES	200	0	290	0	65	52	607

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1	1		3	1
ALASKA	ACRES			5	745		449	1081
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	76	9				314
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	16	26	11		2	205	260
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2502	21947	35634		500	59205	119788
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	116	3	2	50	192
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14896	303	762	26747	49600
EASTERN	FIRES	10		69	10	322	126	537
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		18151	1355	43933	16085	88165
SOUTHERN	FIRES	7		187	15	142	882	1233
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		58821	35093	87697	702286	884615
TOTAL	FIRES	93	156	545	35	524	2006	3359
TOTAL	ACRES	20715	39121	167260	37112	139140	913242	1316590

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		8704	9205
GB-EAST	FIRES				2		1	3
GB-EAST	ACRES				610		400	1010
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	1	17	1	2		11	32
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	0	2812	48	934		603	4397
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	3	43	1	57	0	69	173
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	9828	48	13548	0	17439	40863

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	4	3	1098	8924
YUKON TERRITORY	0	1	68	17773
ALBERTA	3	4	843	151822
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	124	108757
SASKATCHEWAN	7	0	764	180285
MANITOBA	5	4	493	77884
ONTARIO	25	24	1471	10666
QUEBEC	1	0	949	31131
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	183	1196
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	403	546
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	393	420
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	26
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	93	17390
TOTALS	46	36	6907	606820

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	10	28	17	64		15			200	274
CA-NORTH	142	82	119	41	26	13			438	315
CA-SOUTH	16		1		6	1	1		23	3
NORTHERN	87	26	21	88	17	24			672	472
GB-EAST	15	17	22	22	19	5			109	14
GB-WEST	1	7	11	9	3				3	3
SOUTHWEST	4		5		1				35	7
ROCKY MTN	15	3	16	30	4	8			45	55
EASTERN									8	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	290	163	212	254	76	66	1	0	1533	1143

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