

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity moderate in the Western Great Basin Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 136 new fires were reported. Two of these became large fires, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Three large fires were contained, one in the Rocky Mountain Area and two in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Northwest Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage large fires on the Malheur and Ochoco National Forests. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage large fires in southwestern Oregon and northern California.

FLORENCE, Siskiyou National Forest. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey and Martin) are assigned. This fire is 26 miles southwest of Grants Pass, OR. Backing and minor uphill runs were observed in mixed conifer forest and brush. Crews made good progress burning out on the east flank. The Illinois River Valley is under a 24 hour evacuation advisory; 3,400 residences and 250 commercial properties are threatened.

TIMBERED ROCK, Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Thorpe) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles north of Shady Cove, OR. Torching and spotting were observed in old growth timber and heavy dead and down slash. Burn out operations were successfully completed on several divisions, are nearing completion on the west flank and are underway on the north and northeast perimeters. Numerous residences and outbuildings are threatened; structure protection is in place. Two outbuildings were confirmed lost.

SOUR BISCUIT, Siskiyou and Six Rivers National Forests. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) and a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) are assigned. This fire burning on both sides of the California-Oregon border, 17 miles southwest of Cave Junction, OR. Active fire behavior was observed in mixed conifer forest and brush. Crews made good progress constructing indirect attack handline and burning out on the California portion of the fire. Dozer and handline construction is underway along the ridge above the Illinois River Valley in Oregon in preparation for a burn out. A portion of the increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

TILLER COMPLEX, Umpqua National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) and US Army Task Force Destroyer (1/5 FA 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery Regiment) commanded by Lt. Col. David R. Byrn Sr., at Ft. Riley, KS, are assigned. This complex is on the Tiller Ranger District and in the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Area, east of Tiller, OR. Isolated torching and short crown runs were observed in grass, brush and timber. Crews are building indirect and direct attack fireline and scouting for new fire starts. Fifteen residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

DEER POINT, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is seven miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Torching and low intensity runs were observed in sagebrush, ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine. Crews are burning out on the northeast flank near Parrish Peak and Cooper Ridge. The communities of Manson and Chelan remain threatened.

TOOL BOX COMPLEX, Fremont National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Tool Box, Silver, Lava and Winter fires, is approximately ten miles south of Silver Lake, OR. Smouldering, creeping, isolated torching and short interior runs were observed in sagebrush, juniper, fir and ponderosa pine. Crews made good progress improving containment lines and mopping up. Fireline rehabilitation is underway.

FLAGTAIL-MALHEUR COMPLEX, Malheur National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Wood) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Flagtail, High Roberts and Easy Creek fires, is south of Prairie City, OR. Isolated torching, creeping and smouldering were observed on the High Roberts fire in mixed conifer forest, ponderosa pine and slash. Crews successfully suppressed several slopovers on the southeast perimeter and are constructing handline. Significant progress was made mopping up the Flagtail and Easy Creek fires. One additional outbuilding was confirmed lost.

MONUMENT, Malheur National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This fire is nine miles southwest of Unity, OR. Individual tree torching and smouldering were observed in mixed conifer forest, ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grass. Crews are rehabilitating firelines and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FLORENCE	OR	SIF	188,000	5	UNK	1,753	53	62	11	11	8.4M
TIMBERED ROCK	OR	ORS	24,700	30	UNK	1,192	48	48	16	2	4.6M
SOUR BISCUIT	OR	SIF	40,082	27	UNK	1,016	35	23	7	0	2.8M
TILLER COMPLEX	OR	UPF	28,377	25	8/16	1,155	36	49	3	0	9.2M
DEER POINT	WA	WEF	37,600	60	UNK	934	23	36	6	9	12.2M
TOOL BOX COMPLEX	OR	FRF	120,085	85	8/5	2,293	50	154	6	0	15.8M
FLAGTAIL-MALHEUR COMPLEX	OR	MAF	27,000	98	8/3	1,143	34	54	11	3	16.8M
MONUMENT	OR	MAF	24,378	90	8/5	202	2	20	3	0	7.2M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PINES, San Diego Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Ristow) is assigned. This fire is near Julian, CA. Extreme fire behavior with flame lengths exceeding 200 feet and long range spotting were observed in sagebrush, chaparral and bug kill timber. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline on the south flank. Evacuations remain in effect for several communities; 350 residences and associated outbuildings and 25 commercial properties are threatened. One additional residence and five outbuildings were confirmed lost. Highway 78 is closed.

MCNALLY, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is burning in heavy brush and mixed conifer forest nine miles north of Kernville, CA. Crews made good progress burning out along indirect attack fireline on the east flank. Aerial resources are being utilized on the southwest flank due to extremely rugged terrain. Twelve residences remain threatened; structure protection is in place.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HEL	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PINES	CA	MVU	25,135	55	8/3	2,049	51	187	8	36	5.7M
MCNALLY	CA	SQF	96,500	50	UNK	1,838	52	75	13	1	17.9M

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TOLLMAN, Niobrara County. This fire is burning 18 miles northeast of Lusk, WY in grass, sagebrush and ponderosa pine. Running, torching and crowning were observed. Engine crews are burning out a large section of fireline on the west flank. Two residences and an outbuilding are threatened; structure protection is in place.

LONG MESA, Mesa Verde National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is nine miles southeast of Cortez, CO. Isolated torching was observed in pinyon pine and juniper. Crews are mopping up, patrolling and rehabilitating firelines. Mesa Verde National Park remains evacuated and is closed to the public. Eighty residences and several National Park buildings are threatened; structure protection is in place.

HORSE LOOKING, Rosebud Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is burning in grass and ponderosa pine northwest of St. Francis, SD. No new information was reported.

NORTH BARCUS, Craig District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 20 miles east of Rangely, CO. Creeping and smouldering were observed in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. Crews made good progress constructing fireline. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

HENSEL, Medicine Bow National Forest. This fire is burning in bug kill ponderosa pine 20 miles northwest of Wheatland, WY.

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TOLLMAN	WY	NIX	1,000	0	UNK	34	0	16	0	0	NR
LONG MESA	CO	MVP	2,601	50	8/5	376	10	14	5	7	1.3M
HORSE LOOKING	SD	RBA	2,800	80	UNK	330	6	31	1	0	NR
NORTH BARCUS	CO	CRD	6,000	80	8/5	84	4	3	1	0	113K
HENSEL	WY	MB1F	14,730	98	UNK	33	1	0	1	7	7.5M
PANORAMA	CO	GJX	1,700	100	---	0	0	0	0	6	400K

GJX = Garfield County, Colorado State Forest Service

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

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CATHEDRAL ROCK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) has been ordered. This fire is burning on both sides of the Continental Divide, 35 miles north-northwest of Salmon, ID. Extreme fire behavior with spotting up to ½ mile ahead of the front and 100 foot flame lengths was observed in lodgepole pine, spruce and fir. Crews are establishing an anchor point and initiating direct attack fireline construction on the south flank.

GARDEN VALLEY COMPLEX, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This complex consists of 17 fires northeast of Garden Valley, ID. Smouldering, creeping and intermittent torching were observed in sagebrush, lodgepole pine and subalpine fir. Crews initial attacked a new fire start yesterday and are mopping up the remaining fires in the complex.

SEQUOIA, Dixie National Forest. This fire is 26 miles southwest of Cedar City, UT. Creeping and smouldering were observed in chaparral and ponderosa pine. Crews are gridding for hot spots and monitoring inaccessible areas.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CATHEDRAL ROCK	ID	SCF	250	0	UNK	194	7	3	4	0	NR
GARDEN VALLEY COMPLEX	ID	BOF	936	85	UNK	633	22	1	9	0	3M
SEQUOIA	UT	DIF	8,100	97	8/3	61	2	1	2	0	2.4M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

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BUSTER, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Pioche, NV. Torching and running were observed on the southwest perimeter in sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper. Crews have completed contingency line on the north flank. Difficult terrain and limited access are hampering containment efforts. Reduction in acreage was due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BUSTER	NV	ELD	4,214	5	8/20	192	7	4	1	0	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

RED WAFFLE, Custer National Forest. This fire is burning 35 miles southeast of Bridger, MT in Douglas fir, limber pine and juniper. Personnel are mopping up. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED WAFFLE	MT	CNF	6,000	95	8/15	13	0	2	1	0	1.7M

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
STANZA	CA	KNF	2,875	100	---	580	16	20	5	0	4.6M
SHELLY CREEK	CA	SRF	850	100	---	402	10	16	5	0	2.5M

KNF = Klamath National Forest

SRF = Six Rivers National Forest

OUTLOOK:

An increasing southwest flow over the Northwest Area will bring mostly sunny skies with a chance of showers in western Washington. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's. Minimum relative humidity will be in the mid teen to mid 20 percent range east of the Cascade Mountains, near 30 percent in western Oregon, and above 60 percent in western Washington. Winds will be southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph on the east slopes of the Cascade Mountains.

The Southern California Area can expect mostly sunny skies with morning low clouds and fog along the coast. A slight chance of thunderstorm activity is forecast in the central Sierra Nevada Mountains. High temperatures will be in the mid 60's to mid 70's along the coast, mid 70's to mid 80's in the mountains, in the 80's to low 90's inland, and in the 90's to 107 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 25 percent in the mountains and deserts, 35 to 55 percent in the valleys, and above 50 percent near the coast. Winds will be onshore at 8 to 18 mph along the coast and southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph elsewhere.

Monsoonal moisture over the Rocky Mountain Area will bring scattered to numerous wet thunderstorm activity. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains and 85 to 94 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 18 to 35 percent.

A southwesterly flow over the Eastern Great Basin Area will bring partly to mostly sunny skies with isolated thunderstorms in the mountains of eastern Utah and Idaho. High temperatures will be 75 to 90 in the north and 90 to 105 in the south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 6 to 18 percent in the valleys and 15 to 28 percent in the mountains. Winds will be southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph, gusting to 35 mph.

The Western Great Basin Area can expect isolated thunderstorms in northern and eastern Nevada and mostly sunny skies elsewhere. High temperatures will be mid 80's to upper 90's and minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 18 percent. Winds will be southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph.

High pressure building into the Northern Rockies Area will bring mostly sunny skies with isolated thunderstorms in western Montana and northern Idaho. High temperatures will be 70 to 80 in North Dakota and eastern Montana, and 80 to 90 elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will range from 30 to 40 percent in the east and 15 to 25 percent in the west. Winds will be north at 15 to 25 mph in North Dakota and eastern Montana, and west at 5 to 15 mph in the remainder of the region.

A deepening low pressure trough off the coast of the Northern California Area will bring mostly sunny skies and increasing southwest winds. High temperatures will be in the 60's near the coast and in the 80's to mid 90's inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 18 to 25 percent inland and winds will be southwest at 10 to 20 mph.



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OPERATIONAL BRIEFINGS

Operational briefings are critical to safe fire operations. To ensure a consistent and effective briefing, a standardized briefing checklist should always be used. The following checklist is printed on the cover of the NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide:

Situation:

- Fire name, location, map orientation, other incidents in the area
- Terrain influences
- Fuel type and conditions
- Fire weather (previous, current, and expected)
- Fire behavior (previous, current, and expected)

Mission/Execution:

- Command (Incident Commander/immediate supervisor)
- Commander's intent
- Specific tactical assignments
- Contingency plans

Communications:

- Communication Plan (tactical, command, air/ground frequencies, cell phone numbers, etc.)
- Medivac Plan

Service/Support:

- Other resources that may be working adjacent to you and those available to order
- Aviation operations
- Logistics (e.g., transportation, supplies, equipment)

Risk Management:

Identify known hazards and risks

Identify control measures to eliminate hazards and reduce risk

Identify trigger points for disengagement or reevaluation of operational plan

Questions or Concerns

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREABIABLMFWSNPSST/OTUSFSTOTALALASKAFIRES0002
2ACRES2,3754,20139,13039,67285,378NORTHWESTFIRES1012ACRES17,77525,98933,765NORTHERN
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FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

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MOUNTAINFIRES32233933598434892,085ACRES52,19743,4432,6489,116137,338242,357487,099EASTERNFIRE
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ACRES2,048,324*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting
adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

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adjustments. ***

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

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USFSTOTALALASKAFIRES0ACRES0NORTHWESTFIRES22ACRES11NORTHERN
CALIFORNIAFIRES0ACRES0SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAFIRES14418ACRES13114NORTHERN
ROCKIESFIRES167ACRES03535EASTERN GREAT BASINFIRES0ACRES0WESTERN GREAT
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reporting adjustments. ***

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

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RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

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