

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 88 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported in the Northern Rockies Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and Northern Rockies Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CURVE, Angeles National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles north of Azusa, CA in the Bear Creek and San Gabriel River drainages. The fire has spread into the San Gabriel and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas. Favorable weather conditions moderated fire behavior in mixed conifer forest and heavy brush. Crews are constructing fireline on the west and northeast flanks with support from aerial resources. Personnel successfully contained numerous spot fires on the opposite side of Highway 2. Highways 2 and 39 are closed. Two hundred buildings are threatened; structure protection is in place. One additional outbuilding was confirmed lost during the initial phase of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CURVE	CA	ANF	18,254	30	9/10	1,731	57	61	13	73	6.2M
LEONA	CA	ANF	5,124	100	---	127	6	5	0	16	2.2M

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

THOMPSON CREEK, White River National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hartman) will assume command at 0600 MDT. This fire is six miles southwest of Carbondale, CO. Running and torching were observed in grass, Douglas fir, gambel oak and aspen. Crews are constructing fireline on the west flank with support from aerial resources.

COMMISSARY RIDGE, Rock Springs District, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. Precipitation contributed to minimal fire activity in mixed conifer forest, sagebrush and grass. Crews made significant progress mopping up. Residents of the Commissary Ranch subdivision were allowed to return to their homes. The Spring Canyon Ranch subdivision, summer homes and cabins remain evacuated; structure protection is in place. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX, Routt National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Burn Ridge and Hinman fires, is 25 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Occasional torching, creeping and smouldering were observed in heavy dead and down spruce, lodgepole pine and fir. Crews are constructing fireline using Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques (MIST) in the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area.

BIG FISH, White River National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. The Team is also managing the Lost Lakes fire. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which started on July 19th, is 34 miles southwest of Steamboat Springs, CO. The fire is being managed for resource benefit and a confinement strategy is in place. Active fire behavior was observed in heavy dead and down spruce, fir and aspen in the Paradise and Big Fish drainages. Personnel installed hose lays and sprinkler systems from Paradise Creek to Mirror Creek. Structure protection is in place for several guest ranches.

LOST LAKES, Routt National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which began on July 8th, is 20 miles west of Yampa, CO. The fire is in monitor status and is being managed for resource benefit. Active fire behavior with torching, short runs and short range spotting was observed in bug kill spruce and fir near Pyramid Peak.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
THOMPSON CREEK	CO	WRF	200	0	UNK	112	3	6	2	0	50K
COMMISSARY RIDGE	WY	RSD	3,500	95	9/7	773	20	29	12	2	3.8M
MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX	CO	RTF	31,014	75	10/5	671	20	5	10	0	11.7M
BIG FISH	CO	WRF	16,300	0	UNK	88	1	4	3	9	1.4M
LOST LAKES	CO	RTF	5,184	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

APPLE, Umpqua National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles east of Glide, OR. Occasional torching, creeping and smouldering were observed in heavy timber. Crews are mopping up, holding and rehabilitating fireline. Twenty residences remain threatened; structure protection is in place.

OFFICE BRIDGE, Willamette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is burning one half mile north of Westfir, OR. Minimal fire behavior was observed in brush and timber. Crews made good progress mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
APPLE	OR	UPF	17,600	90	9/8	716	20	39	6	0	15.4M
OFFICE BRIDGE	OR	WIF	160	70	9/9	404	11	12	2	0	1.3M

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

KRAFT SPRING COMPLEX, Custer National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the previously reported Kraft Spring fire and three new large fires, the Stern, Craig Pass and Clarkson fires. The complex is 30 miles southeast of Ekalaka, MT. Active fire behavior was observed on the northwest flank in heavy dead and down timber, ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grass. Crews made good progress on all flanks. Five homes have been evacuated; structure protection is in place.

COW CREEK, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gray) is assigned. This fire is seven miles northwest of Joliet, MT. Wetting rain resulted in minimal fire activity in ponderosa pine and grass. Crews made good progress building direct attack fireline and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KRAFT SPRING COMPLEX	MT	CNF	55,000	40	UNK	702	15	76	5	0	860K
COW CREEK	MT	SOS	5,400	80	9/7	192	4	8	2	1	NR
BEAR TRAP	MT	BDF	143	100	---	72	3	2	1	0	67K

BDF = Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JOHNSON, Fishlake National Forest. This fire is 23 miles southeast of Richfield, UT. Precipitation resulted in minimal fire activity in spruce, fir and aspen. Crews are hot-spotting and holding on the north flank.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JOHNSON	UT	FIF	1,849	90	9/8	40	1	1	1	0	1.9M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

GOAT, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is 15 miles south of Cimarron, NM. Minimal fire activity was observed in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and oak. Dozers are constructing fireline on the northeast flank. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GOAT	NM	N2S	595	85	9/7	24	0	4	1	0	215K

OUTLOOK:

The Southern California Area can expect mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of thunderstorms over the far southeastern mountains and deserts. High temperatures will be in the 70's along the coast, mid 60's and 70's in the mountains, in the 80's in the valleys and in the 90's in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent in the mountains and deserts, 25 to 35 percent in the inland valleys and above 50 percent near the coast. Winds will be southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph and gusty in the mountains and deserts.

A moist southwest flow over the Rocky Mountain Area will bring isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 80's in the mountains and in the 90's at lower elevations in South Dakota. In Colorado and Wyoming, high temperatures will be upper 50's to 75 in the mountains and in the 70's and 80's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 35 to 50 percent in western Wyoming and 15 to 35 percent elsewhere. Winds will be south to southeast at 12 to 22 mph east of the Continental Divide and southwest at 15 to 30 mph in the remainder of the area.

An upper level trough over the Northwest Area will bring partly sunny skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms east of the Cascade Mountains. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's. Minimum relative humidity will range from 45 to 65 percent west of the Cascade Mountains and 30 to 45 percent elsewhere. Winds will be southwest to west with gusts to 20 mph.

A moist, unstable southwest flow over the Northern Rockies Area will bring isolated showers with a chance of thunderstorms in North Dakota and eastern Montana. High temperatures will be 60 to 75 west of the Continental Divide and 70 to 90 elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will range from 45 to 55 percent in North Dakota and 30 to 40 percent in the remainder of the area. Winds will be west to southwest at 5 to 15 mph.

Tropical moisture moving across the Eastern Great Basin Area will bring scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 55 to 70 in the mountains and 70 to 87 in the valleys. Minimum relative humidity will range from 18 to 40 percent in western Idaho and 25 to 55 percent elsewhere. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 25 mph in Utah and Wyoming, and 5 to 15 mph in Idaho.

The Southwest Area can expect partly to mostly sunny skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms across Arizona and western New Mexico. High temperatures will be upper 60's to near 80 in the mountains and in the 80's to near 102 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 30 percent in the valleys and 25 to 50 percent in the mountains. Winds will be south to southwest at 10 to 25 mph.



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WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- Are other aircraft in the area?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Will terrain and obstructions allow the helicopter to attain the proper drop height?
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	1			8	4	14
	ACRES	0	0			50	0	50
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	1				9		10
	ACRES	1				181		182
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES		2			9	3	14
	ACRES		0			6	332	338
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	1			1	2	2	6
	ACRES	14			0	2,701	3,002	5,717
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1				5	3	9
	ACRES	0				13	0	13
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					2	5	7
	ACRES					261	4	265
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		100				174	274
EASTERN	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	1	1
SOUTHERN	FIRES	1				19		20
	ACRES	25				27		52
TOTAL	FIRES	5	4	0	1	58	20	88
	ACRES	40	100	0	0	3,239	3,513	6,892

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	32	31	10	452	17	543
	ACRES	4	581,096	345,609	133,708	1,130,847	16	2,191,280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	248	303	36	48	1,375	1,190	3,200
	ACRES	18,204	147,046	2,792	20	98,766	809,563	1,076,391
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	204	19	5	13	2,019	583	2,843
	ACRES	610	6,864	818	3,665	11,527	36,278	59,762
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	71	75	18	28	2,456	627	3,275
	ACRES	10,209	25,789	86	743	69,513	266,751	373,091
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRE	918	51	32	46	508	870	2,425
	ACRES	13,871	10,537	2,178	9,153	30,689	69,026	135,454
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	68	519	8	42	521	938	2,096
	ACRES	5,325	71,387	100	33	114,581	140,910	332,336
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	10	413	2	10	91	143	669
	ACRES	316	37,401	80	6	884	42,297	80,984
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,114	291	31	70	1,158	1,672	4,336
	ACRES	263,422	21,550	6,870	17,865	198,069	448,564	956,340
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	408	531	45	66	1,136	715	2,901
	ACRES	54,476	62,626	631	9,116	183,769	309,103	619,721
EASTERN	FIRES	762		19	31	10,430	346	11,588
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	61,325	3,368	98,483
SOUTHERN	FIRES	100		190	45	28,607	800	29,742
	ACRE	17,161		147,132	6,665	281,878	25,317	478,153
TOTALS	FIRES	3,904	2,234	417	409	48,753	7,901	63,618
	ACRES	415,554	964,296	507,521	181,583	2,181,848	2,151,193	6,401,995
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65,483
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3,299,132

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1,500					1,500
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			26				26
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,064	1,064
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	1,500	26	0	0	1,064	2,590

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			1,085				1,085
NORTHWEST	FIRES	22	103	30	10	6	256	427
	ACRES	6,145	9,238	2,691	254	292	40,010	58,630
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	7	14	11	11		86	129
	ACRES	163	1,269	19,942	231		9,943	31,548
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	1	2	6	7		97	113
	ACRES	70	24	286	670		17,226	18,276
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	9	11	104	2	44	297	467
	ACRES	725	1,765	15,698	108	4,478	21,436	44,210
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1	20	2	12	9	24	68
	ACRES	7	6,545	445	2,422	379	47,905	57,703
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						172	172
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	4	13	10			128	155
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			12,750	34,812
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	8	17	121	8	21	28	203
	ACRES	516	2,949	17,416	2,290	2,170	11,287	36,628
EASTERN	FIRES	21		281	8	495	137	942
	ACRES	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	15,909	130,057
SOUTHERN	FIRES	59		237	82	17,300	882	18,560
	ACRES	10,951		109,574	95,553	833,389	705,253	1,754,720
TOTAL	FIRES	132	180	803	140	17,875	1,940	21,070
	ACRES	27,376	39,040	214,745	101,965	902,824	881,891	2,167,841

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						12	12
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES				16		4	20
	ACRES				1,383		1	1,384
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES				14		41	55
	ACRES				3,601		3,676	7,277
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				0		3,468	3,468
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES		8				1	9
	ACRES		851				1	852
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				380		4,485	4,865
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES		12				3	15
	ACRES		668				21,184	21,852
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				260			260
TOTAL	FIRES	0	20	0	34	0	72	126
	ACRES	0	1,519	0	5,624	0	32,827	39,970

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1,562	8,202
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	69	37,051
ALBERTA	0	0	1,233	540,376
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	85	29,178
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	873	852,501
MANITOBA	0	0	751	82,473
ONTARIO	0	0	942	173,021
QUEBEC	0	0	718	886,253
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	137	35,694
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	286	249
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	245	218
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	79	7,085
TOTALS	0	0	6,980	2,652,301

This will be the last information update for CIFFC until 09/12/2002

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREW FED	CREW ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	15	84	34	137	5	26			851	547
CA-NORTH	5	20	4	44			1		5	149
CA-SOUTH	34	30	61	15	14	3			118	147
NORTHERN	20	1	38	54		8			123	90
GB-EAST		1	9	4	3				14	1
GB-WEST					1					
SOUTHWEST	5		4	6	3	1			37	13
ROCKY MTN	28	20	21	35	6	22			311	142
EASTERN				2					69	6
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	107	156	171	297	32	60	1	0	1,528	1,095

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