

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY AUGUST 7, 2003 - 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Northwest and Northern Rockies Areas, moderate in the Eastern Great Basin Area, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 370 new fires were reported. Five new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Northern California and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the Wedge Canyon, Robert, Trapper Creek Complex, Little Salmon Creek Complex (WFU) and Ross Creek fires on the Flathead and Kootenai National Forests, and the Glacier National Park.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was observed. Crews are constructing direct handline in the Antley Creek drainage. Crews are conducting burn out operations on the northwest flank to reinforce containment lines. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A unified command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) and Flathead County is in place. This fire is in timber, 8 miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Isolated torching was observed on the north side. Rehabilitation activities have begun south of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. Crews are making slow progress containing the west and northeast flanks due to difficult terrain and fuel conditions. Structure protection is in place for six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This complex, comprised of Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun and Paul Bunyan fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Both the Trapper Creek and the Wolf Gun fires are burning through old burns. Slow burning surface fire was observed. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) will be opened on a controlled basis between the hours of 1000 and 1800. Smoke continues to impact Glacier National Park, Waterton Lakes National Park, and Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

SLIMS, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Minimal fire behavior due to rain was observed. Crews have begun constructing indirect fireline from the wilderness boundary working west along Copper Ridge toward Meadow Creek.

BLACK FROG COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. Plans are being made for a transfer of command from Frye s Type 1 Incident Management Team to Type 3 organizations on both the Blackwall and Frog Pond fires. This complex, comprised of the Blackwall and Frog Pond fires, is in lodgepole pine and mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 34 miles south of Hamilton, MT. No new information was received.

BIG CREEK, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is in timber, four miles northwest of Victor, MT. Minimal fire behavior with occasional torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	25,723	50	UNK	1,293	33	59	8	36	14.2M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	23,950	55	UNK	977	27	32	6	2	9M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	20,540	50	9/5	250	5	6	7	1	2.7M
SLIMS	ID	NPF	8,920	35	8/20	800	21	8	9	0	7.4M
BLACK FROG COMPLEX	MT	BRF	7,275	90	UNK	449	6	9	3	0	9.1M
BIG CREEK	MT	BRF	1,339	90	UNK	4	0	1	0	0	4.0M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX WFU	MT	FNF	14,300	N/A	N/A	44	0	0	0	1	264K
SHASTA WFU	ID	NPF	325	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	61K

#### **EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

DEEP, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) has been ordered. This fire is in short grass, sagebrush and pockets of timber, 17 miles northwest of Dubois, ID. This wind-driven fire developed into a plume-dominated fire for several hours. Erratic winds produced torching, spotting and fire whirls. The campgrounds in the Medicine Lodge Creek area have been evacuated. Roads into Medicine Lodge Creek and Middle Creek are closed. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

HOT CREEK, Boise National Forest. A transfer of command from Sexton s Type 1 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will take place on 8/9 at 0600. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy fuel loading, three miles west of Atlanta, ID. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was observed. Evacuations of isolated summer cabins and campers remain in effect. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences and ten commercial properties. The Middle Fork Boise River Road remains closed due to mudslides. James Creek Road is currently the only road access into Atlanta and is closed to all but essential fire traffic.

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This fire is comprised of the Grimmer and North Fork Lick fires. These fires are in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. Fires are being managed in a confine/contain strategy. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Minimal fire activity with no new acreage growth was observed in sub-alpine fir, mixed conifer and grass. Fires are in monitor status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEEP	ID	IFD	23,000	15	UNK	117	1	12	2	1	NR
HOT CREEK	ID	BOF	26,560	90	8/7	455	13	11	6	1	7.8M
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	625	50	8/8	259	8	0	7	0	1.8M
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	625	NR	9/30	1	0	0	0	0	14K

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

FAWN PEAK COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Fawn Peak, Sweetgrass and Farewell fires. The Farewell fire is in sub-alpine fir with heavy dead and down timber, 13 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Slow backing fire was observed. Initial attack action was taken on five new fire starts. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

JUNIPER DUNES, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in short grass, 14 miles northeast of Pasco, WA. Running grass fire with scattered torching of juniper was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FAWN PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	79,770	60	UNK	1,094	24	15	13	0	33M
JUNIPER DUNES	WA	SPD	1,000	0	UNK	83	2	10	0	0	NR

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LANE GULCH, Grand Junction Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in pinyon pine and juniper, 12 miles north of Grand Junction, CO. Isolated torching was observed.

THOMPSON SPRINGS, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in juniper and pinyon pine, 15 miles east of Rangely, CO. Running, crowning, and spotting one quarter mile ahead of the front were observed.

BIG SPRING, Casper Field Office (East Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper, 20 miles southwest of Buffalo, WY. Slow burning surface fire was observed. Structure protection is in place for 6 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LANE GULCH	CO	GRD	793	50	8/7	73	2	3	3	0	NR
THOMPSON SPRINGS	CO	WRD	250	0	8/9	43	2	3	1	0	NR
BIG SPRING	WY	CAD	3,125	90	8/8	93	1	8	3	0	2.4M

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HOOVER, Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This fire is in Coe State Park, 15 miles east of Morgan Hill, CA. Creeping with individual torching was observed in grass, brush and oak woodland.

PARK, Butte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This fire is in grass and oak woodland, three miles northeast of Chico, CA. Rapid rates of spread were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HOOVER	CA	SCU	168	50	UNK	241	9	12	5	0	NR
PARK	CA	BTU	200	0	UNK	NR	3	17	1	0	NR

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUE RIVER COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Steeple, Largo and Thomas fires, is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, pinyon pine, brush and grass, 18 miles south of Alpine, AZ. This complex is in monitor status.

HORSE, Kaibab National Forest. This fire is in ponderosa pine, logging slash and grass, ten miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. Backing surface fire with less than one foot flame lengths was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUE RIVER COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	18,575	85	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	6.3M
HORSE	AZ	KNF	110	0	UNK	NR	0	15	0	0	NR

### OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watches:** For strong winds, low relative humidity and very high fire danger in southern Nevada, northwest Nevada and northeast California.

**Weather Discussion:** A dry southwest flow prevails over much of the West. However, a disturbance will be moving across the Pacific Northwest. Limited moisture continues in New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Breezy with isolated thunderstorms in central Idaho mountains and eastern Utah mountains. Otherwise, generally warming and drying.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 63 to 84 mountains, 80 to 90 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 74 to 92 higher elevations, 92 to 103 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 13 to 23% mountains, 9 to 20% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 18 to 30% mountains, 10 to 20% valleys.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph over Snake River Plain, and ridgelines. Upslope and variable 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of fog and low clouds along the coast. Otherwise mostly sunny, becoming locally partly cloudy over northern inland areas during the afternoon	Mid 60s to mid 70s near the coast and in the mountains. Mid 70s to upper 80s lower inland terrain	19 to 28% in the driest inland areas.	Increasing to mainly south/southwest to west 7 to 15 mph, with gusts 24 to 32 mph over exposed higher terrain and in northeast California.

<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Isolated to scattered mixed dry ands wet thunderstorms over the Idaho panhandle and Montana west of the divide with isolated thunderstorms in western North Dakota. Partly cloudy elsewhere.	Idaho: 80s Montana west of the Divide: 80s Montana east of the Divide: 85 to 100 North Dakota: 80s to low 90s	Idaho: 15 to 25% Montana west of the Divide: 17 to 27% Montana east of the Divide: 11 to 18% North Dakota: 25 to 40%	Idaho: Valley/slope winds 5 to 15 mph. Montana west of the Divide: valley/slope winds 5 to 15 mph. Montana east of the Divide: southwest 10 to 20 mph. North Dakota: southeast 5 to 15 mph.
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms, most numerous eastern Arizona / western New Mexico and northern New Mexico.	80s and 90s mountains, mid 90s to near 105 lower elevations.	15 to 20% western Arizona, 20 to 40% northern New Mexico and eastern Arizona, 15 to 20% parts of eastern and southern New Mexico, and western Texas	Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except east to southeast 10 to 20 mph across southwest Texas and south to southeast 5 to 15 across northeast New Mexico.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Morning coastal fog. Otherwise sunny.	65 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90s upper desert. 95 to 10 low desert.	8 to 20% mountains and deserts. 15 to 30% valleys. 40 to 50% coast.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny with a breezy to windy afternoon.	80s to 90s in the lower elevations, upper 60s to 70s in the upper elevations, 102 in the southern deserts	5 to 15%, except 15 to 30% in the Sierras	South to southwest 15 to 25 mph. Some areas gusting to 30 mph.



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**TOPIC OF CHOICE**

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		3		3
	ACRES			451		0		451
Northwest	FIRES	10	17			76	24	127
	ACRES	2	1,507			104	4	1,617
Northern California	FIRES	2			1	8	3	14
	ACRES	0			1	151	1	153
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	14	1	17
	ACRES		0		1	41	1	43
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5			1	35	114	155
	ACRES	65			7	3	343	418
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			7	14	21
	ACRES		22,950			2	3	22,955
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		1				1	2
Southwest	FIRES	5				4	12	21
	ACRES	24				6	1	31
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			1	1	6
	ACRES		703			0	0	703
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					426		426
TOTAL	FIRES	22	22	0	3	152	171	370
	ACRES	91	25,161	451	9	733	354	26,799

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	359	9	414
	ACRES	20	40,271	211,198	3,713	232,481	2	487,685
Northwest	FIRES	171	169	8	36	1,134	687	2,205
	ACRES	17,455	10,620	9	12	40,644	112,242	180,982
Northern California	FIRES	98	58	7	6	1,503	581	2,253
	ACRES	50	11,579	2	6,511	17,368	14,785	50,295
Southern California	FIRES	47	80	10	42	1,749	544	2,472
	ACRES	853	2,496	360	207	28,598	6,052	38,566
Northern Rockies	FIRES	717	33	23	20	498	605	1,896
	ACRES	8,184	92,213	7,332	22,129	37,246	67,884	234,988
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	30	513	1	19	415	496	1,474
	ACRES	15,680	105,033	100	8	19,554	65,500	205,875
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	309	1	11	95	121	542
	ACRES	1	10,498	0	5	1,831	2,836	15,171
Southwest	FIRES	658	160	5	22	738	1,602	3,185
	ACRES	35,910	5,672	284	3,530	14,794	202,353	262,543
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	102	558	37	33	702	434	1,866
	ACRES	2,549	10,408	1,962	3,075	11,883	23,007	52,884
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	19	9,041	425	10,456
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	108,807	5,525	174,093
Southern Area	FIRES	127		23	11	10,831	325	11,317
	ACRES	21,318		5,261	756	160,270	8,799	196,404
TOTAL	FIRES	2,861	1,894	202	229	27,065	5,829	38,080
	ACRES	154,206	288,790	233,398	40,631	673,476	508,985	1,899,486

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>55,464</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>2,647,714</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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 Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				52		30	82
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	52	0	30	82



**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	146	3		217	498
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,655	123		28,180	52,043
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	102	16		127	254
	ACRES	31	267	16,201	2,193		9,712	28,404
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		170	180
	ACRES		27	621	2,990		13,675	17,313
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	33	19	6	3	228	302
	ACRES	3,333	26,871	39,373	5,140	12	43,133	117,862
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	90	9	10	74	223
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,389
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	448	201	998
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,510	26,889	173,848
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,187	14,746
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	921,437	1,885,274
TOTAL	FIRES	170	175	1,012	131	13,665	2,545	17,698
	ACRES	43,721	47,107	235,101	106,180	848,193	1,070,374	2,350,676

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				39		12	51
	ACRES				111		306	417
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		23	25
	ACRES				312		14,635	14,947
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		10	12
	ACRES				306		116	422
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				3		14	17
	ACRES				3,500		159,436	162,936
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,869	3,420
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	20	0	51	0	67	138
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	5,059	0	176,364	182,976

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	72	3,826	1,224	74,075
Yukon Territory	0	0	66	7,641
Alberta	16	28	893	41,973
Northwest Territory	3	152	146	100,882
Saskatchewan	2	131	518	84,483
Manitoba	3	32	959	355,756
Ontario	0	0	761	299,400
Quebec	4	2,582	595	55,587
Newfoundland	1	71	136	19,872
New Brunswick	0	0	173	181
Nova Scotia	0	0	232	1,284
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	63	34,776
Total	101	6,821	5,766	1,075,909

### RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	25	51	26	91	2	17			517	325
Northern California	6	13	10	29	2	6			13	55
Southern California	4		1	10	1				11	511
Northern Rockies	87	27	47	108	16	35			677	606
Eastern Great Basin	19	10	33	15	15	10			196	62
Western Great Basin	1	3	5							
Southwest		2	17						4	
Rocky Mountain	11	6	15	26	4	7			58	36
Eastern Area			5						8	
Southern Area										
Total	153	112	159	279	40	75	0	0	1484	1595

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