

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin Areas and light elsewhere. Nationally, 318 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Southern California and Southern Areas. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas and two in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, 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 transfer of command from Bennett's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Hart's Type 1 Incident Management Team is expected to take place on 8/9. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. The incident is no longer operating as a Unified Command with Flathead County. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Creeping with isolated torching and short duration up slope runs was observed. Crews are making steady progress containing the west and northeast flanks. 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. Preparations are in place to transfer command of the Trapper Creek and Trout Creek fires to Ferguson's Type 1 Incident Command Team. Preparations are also in place for a transfer of command of the Paul Bunyan Fire to Hart's Type 1 Incident Management Team. Slow burning surface fire with occasional torching was observed. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is open on a controlled basis between the hours of 1000 and 1800. The Highline Trail will open today. 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. Firefighter exposure to excessive steep terrain is minimized as the Fireline Explosive Team continues to make excellent progress working south towards 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. Minimal fire activity was observed.

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	25,725	60	UNK	1,210	30	55	10	36	15.6M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	23,950	55	9/15	1,033	30	31	6	2	9.8M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	20,540	50	9/5	307	8	6	5	1	2.8M
SLIMS	ID	NPF	8,950	40	8/20	779	20	8	9	0	7.9M
BLACK FROG COMPLEX	MT	BRF	7,275	97	8/8	276	4	4	2	0	9.4M
BIG CREEK	MT	BRF	1,339	90	UNK	7	0	1	0	0	4.0M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX –WFU	MT	FNF	14,300	N/A	N/A	44	0	0	0	1	570K
SHASTA – WFU	ID	NPF	325	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	61K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FESTIVAL, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in short grass with scattered brush and juniper, ten miles northeast of Blackfoot, ID. This is a primarily wind-driven fire with rapid rates of spread and large flame lengths.

DEEP, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) is assigned. This fire is in short grass, sagebrush and pockets of timber, 17 miles northwest of Dubois, ID. Wind-driven fire with occasional plume-dominated behavior was observed. The fire is expected to reach the continental divide today. 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 four residences.

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A transfer of command from Brunner's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 Organization is projected for 8/8. This fire is comprised of the Grimmet 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
FESTIVAL	ID	IFD	2,200	60	8/8	107	2	14	1	0	NR
DEEP	ID	IFD	30,000	30	UNK	314	5	24	4	1	NR
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	625	65	8/8	210	6	0	5	0	2M
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	625	NR	9/30	1	0	0	0	0	15K
HOT CREEK	ID	BOF	26,560	100	---	407	9	9	6	1	8M

BOF = Boise National Forest

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. Minimal fire activity due to scattered rain showers over the area was observed. Suppression actions continue on seven lightning starts from yesterday. Crews are making good progress.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FAWN PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	79,900	60	UNK	1,031	29	25	13	0	33M
JUNIPER DUNES	WA	SPD	3,500	55	8/8	112	6	6	1	0	55K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. Active fire behavior with short surface runs, intermittent torching and short range spotting was observed. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

THOMPSON SPRINGS, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in juniper and pinyon pine, 15 miles east of Rangely, CO. Minimal fire activity was observed. Increase in acreage was due to a burn out operation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG SPRING	WY	CAD	3,300	75	8/11	135	3	13	3	0	2.5M
THOMPSON SPRINGS	CO	WRD	717	50	8/9	46	2	3	1	0	NR
LANE GULCH	CO	GRD	793	100	---	155	6	4	2	0	NR

GRD = Grand Junction Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

MIDDLE, Angeles National Forest. This fire is in brush and timber, six miles east of San Fernando, CA. Structure protection is in place for 15 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MIDDLE	CA	ANF	200	0	UNK	420	13	35	6	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CARTER LAKE, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 75 miles northwest of Dallas, TX. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CARTER LAKE	TX	TXS	500	80	8/8	43	0	10	0	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. Creeping surface fire was observed. A wetting rain was over the fire area.

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	150	0	UNK	NR	0	5	0	0	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HOOVER	CA	SCU	200	100	---	277	6	0	1	0	751K
PARK	CA	BTU	240	100	---	20	1	12	0	0	NR

SCU = Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

BTU = Butte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: For Southern California Area east of the Sierra crest for strong southwest winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system off the Pacific Northwest coast is producing a relatively dry southwest flow across much of the west. However, there is enough moisture and instability for a few thunderstorms over portions of the Northwest and Northern Rockies. An upper level high centered over New Mexico is circulating moisture across the southwest states.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Widely scattered thunderstorms Utah, mainly over mountains. Breezy and warmer Idaho, Bridger-Teton.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 62 to 87 mountains, 85 to 95 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 78 to 92 higher elevations, 90 to 104 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 12 to 22% mountains, 8 to 15% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 26% mountains, 8 to 15% valleys.	South to southwest 10 to 25 mph. Gusty near thunderstorms.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny. Areas of morning fog and low clouds along the coast.	Mid 60s to mid 70s near the coast to around 90 warmest inland areas.	15 to 26% driest inland areas.	South/southwest to west 7 to 15 mph, with exposed higher terrain and northeast California increasing in the afternoon to 8 to 17 mph with gusts 20 to 30 mph.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Isolated to scattered mixed dry and wet thunderstorms.	Idaho: 85 to 100. Montana west of the divide: 85 to 95. Montana east of the divide: 85 to 100. North Dakota: 80s east and low 90s west.	Idaho: 15 to 25% Montana west of the divide: 15 to 25%. Montana east of the divide: 20 to 35%. North Dakota: 35 to 45%.	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: Northwest to southwest 5 to 15 mph. North Dakota: Southeast 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy, with scattered thunderstorms.	Mainly in the 70s, with 80s southeast Washington.	40 to 50% western sections, 20 to 30% central and east. Some mid teens southeast Oregon.	Generally less than 15 mph
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Widely scattered thunderstorms over Colorado. Isolated thunderstorms elsewhere. A few storms could be dry over Wyoming.	Highs, 85 to 95 over lower elevation of the Rocky Mountain area. High elevation 75 to 85.	8 to 16% lower elevations of north and northeastern Wyoming. 10 to 20% on west slope of Colorado. 20 to 50% elsewhere.	South/southeast wind 10 to 20 mph over eastern plains and South Dakota. Southwest wind 8 to 18 mph over southwest Wyoming.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 100 valleys. 90 to 105 upper desert. 100 to 115 low desert.	5 to 15% desert. 10 to 25% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts in the afternoon.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny with a breezy to windy afternoon.	80s to 90s in the lower elevations, upper 70s to 80s in upper elevations, 104 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.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

SPOT WEATHER FORECAST

Spot weather forecasts should be requested for those fires that have potential for extreme fire behavior, exceed initial attack, or are located in areas where Red Flag Warnings have been issued.

● Basic elements needed for a spot weather forecast include:

- Name of fire and management agency
- Request time and date
- Location by $\frac{1}{4}$ section
- Drainage name
- Exposure
- Size
- Elevation (top and bottom)
- Fuel type
- Fire character (ground, crown, etc.)
- Weather conditions (place, elevation, observation time, wind direction, wind velocity, dry bulb, wet bulb, remarks)

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10	5	1		25	52	93
	ACRES	2	1,612	0		13	24	1,651
Northern California	FIRES					13	16	29
	ACRES					76	2	78
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	14	2	18
	ACRES		1		1	143	81	226
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	2	1		37	52	95
	ACRES	5	2	1		37	60	105
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	6	3			11	11	31
	ACRES	2,205	7,000			7	65	9,277
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES	7			1	3	8	19
	ACRES	1			0	8	2	11
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			9	8	20
	ACRES		0			6	11	17
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					712		712
TOTAL	FIRES	26	14	2	2	124	150	318
	ACRES	2,213	8,615	1	1	1,003	245	12,078

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	359	11	417
	ACRES	20	40,271	211,100	3,712	232,484	2	487,589
Northwest	FIRES	181	174	9	36	1,158	747	2,305
	ACRES	17,457	12,232	9	12	40,656	112,264	182,630
Northern California	FIRES	98	58	7	6	1,516	597	2,282
	ACRES	50	11,579	2	6,511	17,444	14,787	50,373
Southern California	FIRES	47	81	10	43	1,763	546	2,490
	ACRES	853	2,497	360	208	28,741	6,133	38,792
Northern Rockies	FIRES	720	35	24	20	535	658	1,992
	ACRES	8,189	92,215	7,333	22,129	37,283	67,944	235,093
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	36	516	1	20	426	507	1,506
	ACRES	17,885	112,033	100	9	19,561	65,614	215,202
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	309	1	11	95	122	543
	ACRES	1	10,498	0	5	1,831	2,836	15,171
Southwest	FIRES	665	160	5	23	741	1,614	3,208
	ACRES	35,911	5,672	284	3,530	14,802	202,259	262,458
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	126	561	39	32	752	442	1,952
	ACRES	2,556	10,875	1,963	3,071	11,954	23,018	53,437
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	19	9,047	425	10,462
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	108,810	5,525	174,096
Southern Area	FIRES	127		23	11	11,088	325	11,574
	ACRES	21,318		5,261	756	162,253	8,799	198,387
TOTAL	FIRES	2,911	1,908	207	231	27,480	5,994	38,731
	ACRES	156,426	297,872	233,302	40,628	675,819	509,181	1,913,228

Ten Year Average Fires	55,714
Ten Year Average Acres	2,694,703

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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							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						1	1
	ACRES						65	65
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						310	310
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	375	375

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	229	303
	ACRES	3,333	26,871	39,373	5,140	12	43,198	117,927
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
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	1,189	14,748
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	921,747	1,885,584
TOTAL	FIRES	172	175	1,012	131	13,665	2,548	17,703
	ACRES	43,733	47,107	235,101	106,180	848,193	1,070,749	2,351,063

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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		26	28
	ACRES				312		14,635	14,947
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		10	12
	ACRES				306		122	428
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				3		15	18
	ACRES				3,500		159,476	162,976
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	71	142
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	5,059	0	176,410	183,022

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	217	7,209	1,441	81,284
Yukon Territory	1	0	67	7,641
Alberta	17	3	910	41,976
Northwest Territory	1	428	147	101,310
Saskatchewan	2	4,422	520	88,905
Manitoba	4	82	963	355,838
Ontario	0	0	761	299,400
Quebec	1	0	596	55,357
Newfoundland	5	12	141	19,884
New Brunswick	0	0	173	181
Nova Scotia	0	0	232	1,284
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	8	21	71	34,797
Total	256	11,948	6,022	1,087,857

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	22	26	18	41	4	75	2		232	216
Northern California	4	13	10	12	2	1			6	48
Southern California	18	8	15	30	7	4	2		17	10
Northern Rockies	93	32	46	108	20	41	2	3	739	628
Eastern Great Basin	18	9	60	23	21	7			227	73
Western Great Basin	1	3	5		1					
Southwest		2	7						4	
Rocky Mountain	18	7	18	37	6	11			63	37
Eastern Area									9	
Southern Area				22						15
Total	174	100	179	273	61	139	6	3	1297	1027

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