

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 289 new fires were reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Northern Rockies Area and one each in the Southern California and Southern Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, 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 will take place today. 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. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and short upslope runs was observed. Structure protection is in place for six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. This complex, comprised of the Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun, Trout and Paul Bunyan fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The Trapper Creek and Trout fires will be managed by Ferguson's Type 1 Incident Management Team. The Wolf Gun and Paul Bunyan fires will be managed by Hart's Type 1 Incident Management Team. Slow burning surface fire with occasional torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

CHERRY CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is in lodgepole pine with heavy ground fuels, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Individual and group tree torching was observed.

COTTONWOOD, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. This fire is 12 miles southwest of Roundup, MT. Minimal fire behavior was observed in sage and ponderosa pine.

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. Active fire behavior with group torching in several locations was observed.

BLACK FROG COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. 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. Fires are in monitor status.

BIG CREEK, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is in timber, four miles northwest of Victor, MT.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	25,725	65	UNK	1,199	29	54	11	36	16.3M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	23,950	58	9/15	920	23	31	6	2	10.9M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	20,540	60	9/5	282	6	5	5	1	NR
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	170	0	UNK	35	0	0	2	0	120K
COTTONWOOD	MT	SOS	200	90	UNK	22	0	9	0	0	50K
SLIMS	ID	NPF	9,100	50	8/20	709	17	7	9	0	8.4M
BLACK FROG COMPLEX	MT	BRF	7,275	98	UNK	229	4	9	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	77	1	0	0	1	619K
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) is assigned. This wind-driven fire is in short grass, sagebrush and pockets of timber, 17 miles northwest of Dubois, ID. Structure protection is in place for four residences.

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. These fires, comprised of the Grimmet and North Fork Lick fires are in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. The 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 behavior 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	30,000	25	UNK	251	3	22	6	1	675K
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	625	75	8/11	185	5	0	3	0	2M
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	660	NR	9/30	1	0	0	0	0	16K
FESTIVAL	ID	IFD	2,632	100	---	81	2	8	1	0	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

FAWN PEAK COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident 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 was observed.

JUNIPER DUNES, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in short grass, 14 miles northeast of Pasco, WA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FAWN PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	79,950	65	UNK	1,053	29	15	13	0	35M
JUNIPER DUNES	WA	SPD	3,500	80	UNK	103	4	2	1	0	55K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG SPRING, Casper Field Office (East Zone), Bureau of Land Management. A transfer of command from a Type 3 organization to Blume's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today. This fire is in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper, 20 miles southwest of Buffalo, WY. Extreme fire behavior with short range spotting and short duration crown runs was observed. Crews disengaged from suppression activities for several hours yesterday due to safety concerns. 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 with isolated torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG SPRING	WY	CAD	3,340	80	8/11	172	5	13	3	0	2.6M
THOMPSON SPRINGS	CO	WRD	717	85	8/9	35	1	2	1	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

MIDDLE, Angeles National Forest. This fire is in brush and timber, six miles east of San Fernando, CA.

COONEY, Sequoia National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in pine and fir, 15 miles northeast of Camp Nelsen, CA. Ground fire with one major upslope run was observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MIDDLE	CA	ANF	300	95	8/9	354	13	17	2	0	NR
COONEY - WFU	CA	SQF	242	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	1K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JOHNSON RANCH, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in brush and tall grass, 40 miles northeast of Abilene, TX.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JOHNSON RANCH	TX	TXS	7,500	5	8/11	61	0	21	0	0	NR
CARTER LAKE	TX	TXS	500	100	---	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 lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFO) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in ponderosa pine, logging slash and grass, ten miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. Smoldering surface fire was observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUE RIVER COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	18,575	90	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	6.3M
HORSE - WFO	AZ	KNF	150	N/A	N/A	NR	0	5	0	0	8K

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: For dry lightning and low relative humidity over northeast Wyoming. For strong winds and low humidity across the Lake Tahoe region in the Sierras and the adjacent east slopes in far western Nevada.

Weather Discussion: An upper low off the Northwest coast will continue to eject small disturbances into the Northwest and Northern Rockies for a threat of some thunderstorms. Elsewhere, a dry southwest flow prevails across California as well as portions of the western and northern Great Basin. An upper high over the Four Corners is circulating moisture across Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Widely scattered thunderstorms Utah, mainly over mountains. Mostly sunny Idaho and Bridger-Teton.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 62 to 82 mountains, 82 to 94 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 73 to 92 higher elevations, 90 to 102 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 10 to 18% mountains, 8 to 16% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 25 to 43% mountains, 11 to 28% valleys.	South to southwest 5 to 15 mph in Idaho, Bridger-Teton, and northern Utah. Light and upslope in southern Utah. 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 lower 90s warmest inland areas.	8 to 18% driest inland areas, otherwise 22 to 30%.	Afternoon wind increasing to south-southwest to west-northwest 6 to 13 mph, with gusts mostly 20 to 30 mph. The windiest areas will be along and east of the Sierra/Cascade crest.
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, east and west of the divide: 15 to 25% 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: south 10 to 20 mph. North Dakota: southeast 10 to 15 mph.

NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms, mainly over the Washington Cascades.	Mainly in the 70s and 80s. Near 90 in southeast Washington.	40 to 50% west. 20 to 30% central and east. Some teens and single digits eastern Oregon and southeast Washington.	Generally less than 15 mph, with spotty gusts to 25 mph southern Oregon.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Widely scattered thunderstorms over Colorado, the eastern plains, and the Black Hills. Isolated dry lightning over Wyoming and western Colorado.	Highs, 90 to 95 over lower elevation of the Rocky Mountain Area. High elevation 75 to 85.	8 to 20% Wyoming and lower elevations of western Colorado. 20 to 30% elsewhere.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Patchy low morning clouds and fog coastal areas. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy over the southern California mountains and deserts with isolated afternoon thunderstorms, some possibly dry, mainly east and south of Cajon Pass.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 80 to 100 mountains. 90 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper desert. 105 to 115 low desert.	5 to 15% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 25% valleys. 40 to 50% coast.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts in the afternoon.
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms, most numerous in western, north central and northern New Mexico.	80s and 90s mountains, mid 90s to near 110 lower elevations.	15 to 20% northwestern Arizona, 20 to 40% northeastern New Mexico and northwestern Texas, 15 to 20% parts of southern New Mexico, south central New Mexico and southwestern Texas.	Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except east to northeast 10 to 20 mph across northeastern New Mexico and northwestern Texas.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly to mostly sunny with a breezy to windy afternoon. Very slight chance for a dry thunderstorm across the east.	80s to 90s in the lower elevations, upper 70s to 80s in upper elevations, 104 in the southern deserts	5 to 15% north, 10 to 20% south and 12 to 22% in the Sierras	South to southwest 10 to 30 mph, some areas gusting to 35 mph.



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FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

- Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:
 - Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
 - Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
 - Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
 - Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
 - Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
- Continued from above...
 - Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
 - Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
 - Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
 - Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					22,735		22,735
Northwest	FIRES	5	1	1			12	19
	ACRES	5	125	0			63	193
Northern California	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					27	1	28
Southern California	FIRES					52	4	56
	ACRES					28	30	58
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	1			21	57	90
	ACRES	11	16			253	278	558
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	3			11	9	23
	ACRES	432	30			48	5	515
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		80					80
Southwest	FIRES	4	1		2	5	29	41
	ACRES	10	0		0	23	16	49
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6			4	15	25
	ACRES		0			7	1	8
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		16		17
	ACRES			5		8,043		8,048
TOTAL	FIRES	20	16	2	2	121	128	289
	ACRES	458	251	5	0	31,164	394	32,272

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	360	11	418
	ACRES	20	40,271	211,100	3,712	255,219	2	510,324
Northwest	FIRES	183	175	10	37	1,187	773	2,365
	ACRES	17,457	12,357	9	12	41,072	112,324	183,231
Northern California	FIRES	98	58	7	6	1,527	605	2,301
	ACRES	50	11,579	2	6,511	17,471	16,522	52,135
Southern California	FIRES	47	81	10	44	1,790	550	2,522
	ACRES	853	2,497	360	208	28,759	6,513	39,190
Northern Rockies	FIRES	734	39	25	20	555	717	2,090
	ACRES	8,212	92,249	7,334	22,129	37,194	68,223	235,341
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	36	519	1	20	437	516	1,529
	ACRES	18,317	112,063	100	9	19,609	65,574	215,672
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	313	1	11	95	122	547
	ACRES	1	10,578	0	5	1,831	2,836	15,251
Southwest	FIRES	669	161	5	25	746	1,645	3,251
	ACRES	35,921	5,672	284	3,530	14,825	202,275	262,507
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	126	567	39	33	756	452	1,973
	ACRES	4,862	10,876	1,963	777	11,961	23,018	53,457
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	19	9,059	425	10,474
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	108,880	5,525	174,166
Southern Area	FIRES	127		24	11	11,101	325	11,588
	ACRES	21,318		5,266	756	170,294	8,799	206,433
TOTAL	FIRES	2,931	1,927	210	236	27,613	6,141	39,058
	ACRES	159,197	298,142	233,308	38,334	707,115	511,611	1,947,707

Ten Year Average Fires	55,964
Ten Year Average Acres	2,784,714

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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						0	0
	ACRES						95	95
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						410	410
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	505	505

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	43,293	118,022
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	1,191	14,750
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	922,157	1,885,994
TOTAL	FIRES	172	175	1,012	131	13,665	2,550	17,705
	ACRES	43,733	47,107	235,101	106,180	848,193	1,071,254	2,351,568

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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				38		12	50
	ACRES				110		306	416
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		29	31
	ACRES				312		14,636	14,948
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		9	11
	ACRES				306		158	464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				3		15	18
	ACRES				3,500		159,478	162,978
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,869	3,420
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	20	0	56	0	73	149
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	6,926	0	176,449	184,928

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	112	11,348	1,553	92,632
Yukon Territory	0	100	66	7,741
Alberta	10	1,859	920	43,835
Northwest Territory	0	6,937	147	108,246
Saskatchewan	1	0	521	88,905
Manitoba	4	29	967	355,867
Ontario	1	1	762	299,400
Quebec	0	665	596	56,022
Newfoundland	1	0	142	19,884
New Brunswick	0	0	173	181
Nova Scotia	0	0	232	1,284
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	71	34,797
Total	129	20,939	6,150	1,108,796

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	24	44	9	54	2	18			396	271
Northern California	3		8		1					12
Southern California	12		7		1				12	1
Northern Rockies	91	22	54	127	15	41			759	616
Eastern Great Basin	10	4	56	18	16	1			81	27
Western Great Basin	1		6	1						
Southwest		2	1						2	
Rocky Mountain	19	7	17	34	2	7			62	36
Eastern Area									8	
Southern Area				21						6
Total	160	79	158	255	37	67	0	0	1320	969

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