

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin Areas, moderate in the Rocky Mountain and Southern California Areas, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 400 new fires were reported. Eight new large fires were reported, three in the Southern Area, two each in the Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin Areas, and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. In the Northern Rockies Area, four Type 2 and one Type 1 Incident Management Teams have been ordered for new large fires not reflected in today's report. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Southern California 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.

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. Multiple running crown fires were observed.

BEAVER LAKE, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Torching, spotting up to one quarter mile and active surface fire were observed in timber and logging slash. Beaver Ridge Lookout was evacuated.

HOBBLE, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. This fire is five miles northeast of Greycliff, MT. Major runs and spotting were observed in ponderosa pine with dead and down, grass and sage. Structure protection is in place for five residences. One outbuilding has been confirmed lost.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The Wedge Canyon fire assumed responsibility for the Wolf Gun and Paul Bunyan fires of the Trapper Creek Complex yesterday. 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 40 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. Torching, spotting and increased burning of interior fuels occurred on both the northwest and northeast flanks. Structure protection is in place for six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Trapper Creek and Trout fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Slow spreading surface fire with occasional torching was observed. 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. Moderate to high fire behavior with group torching in several locations was observed. Fire activity increased primarily on the east flank of the fire with backing fires into Indian Hill and Meadow creeks.

BLACKWALL, Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest. This fire is 17 miles west of Wisdom, MT. The fire is 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
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	300	NR	UNK	165	6	0	2	0	NR
BEAVER LAKE	ID	CWF	900	0	UNK	45	1	0	0	0	NR
HOBBLE	MT	SOS	2,000	0	UNK	58	0	19	1	1	NR
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	25,744	70	UNK	1,199	29	54	11	36	17.3M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	23,950	58	9/15	811	20	25	6	2	11.2M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	20,540	60	9/5	282	6	5	5	1	NR
SLIMS	ID	NPF	9,420	50	8/20	690	17	6	9	0	8.9M
BLACKWALL	MT	BDF	4,515	95	8/13	NR	0	0	1	0	NR
BIG CREEK	MT	BRF	1,339	90	UNK	0	0	1	0	0	4.0M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX –WFO	MT	FNF	14,300	N/A	N/A	78	1	0	0	1	695K
COTTONWOOD	MT	SOS	200	100	---	12	0	5	0	0	NR

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. One additional outbuilding has been confirmed lost.

EAST HANSEL VALLEY, Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This fire is one half mile west of Howell, UT. Extreme fire behavior with running, torching, spotting and fire whirls was observed. Parts of Howell and Hansel Valley were evacuated. Structure protection is in place for five residences. Two outbuildings have been confirmed lost.

CORRAL, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 20 miles north of Grantsville, UT. Small uphill runs and downhill backing were observed in timber and grass. The fire has crossed Spring Pass road to the south. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

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. No new information was received.

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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEEP	ID	IFD	37,682	65	8/11	461	9	14	6	2	1.2M
EAST HANSEL VALLEY	UT	NWS	5,000	30	8/11	2	0	0	0	0	60K
CORRAL	UT	SLD	1,000	25	8/12	7	0	0	0	0	5K
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	17K

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. Burnout operations were completed on the north flank of the fire, resulting in the increase of acreage.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FAWN PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	81,000	65	UNK	954	25	15	13	0	35M
JUNIPER DUNES	WA	SPD	5,200	95	UNK	103	4	2	1	0	150K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG SPRING, Casper Field Office (East Zone), Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper, 20 miles southwest of Buffalo, WY. Minimal fire behavior with single tree 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. Torching of interior islands of fuel and isolated spotting were 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	8/10	28	1	1	1	0	NR
BURNING GROUND	NE	NBF	318	100	---	7	0	0	0	0	6K

NBF = Nebraska National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JOHNSON RANCH, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in brush and tall grass, 40 miles northeast of Abilene, TX. Structure protection is in place for ten residences and one commercial property.

ROCHELLE, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in heavy brush and grass, 75 miles northwest of Austin, TX.

DEEP MARSH SP, Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Houston, TX.

YELLOW RAIL 1, Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Houston, TX. Engine crews conducted burn out operations at the northern flank of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JOHNSON RANCH	TX	TXS	9,400	50	8/11	50	0	11	0	0	NR
ROCHELLE	TX	TXS	320	NR	UNK	4	0	0	0	0	NR
DEEP MARSH SP	TX	AHR	300	40	8/11	3	0	1	0	0	NR
YELLOW RAIL 1	TX	AHR	675	60	8/11	12	0	4	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.

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 - WFU	AZ	KNF	146	N/A	N/A	3	0	1	0	0	8K

KNF = Kaibab National Forest

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COONEY - WFU	CA	SQF	242	N/A	N/A	9	0	0	0	0	NR
MIDDLE	CA	ANF	350	100	---	83	4	0	0	0	460K

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

ANF = Angeles National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: For increasing winds and low relative humidity in northwest Montana.

Weather Discussion: The upper low will remain parked off the Pacific Northwest with a few small disturbances moving across the Northwest and Northern Rockies. Otherwise, a dry southwest flow

will persist over California and Nevada while monsoon moisture continues over Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Isolated to scattered mixed wet and dry thunderstorms mountains west of the Continental Divide and mountains around Yellowstone National Park.	Idaho: 85 to 100 Montana, west of the divide: 85 to 95 Montana, east of the divide: 90 to 105 North Dakota: 80s east and low 90s west	Idaho: 8 to 18% 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: southwest 5 to 15 mph Montana, east of the divide: southeast 10 to 20 mph North Dakota: northeast 10 to 15 mph
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Scattered wet and dry thunderstorms central and eastern Utah, southeast Idaho and Bridger-Teton, and Arizona Strip. Isolated dry thunderstorms central and western Idaho.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 68 to 85 mountains, 85 to 100 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 70 to 88 higher elevations, 85 to 100 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 12 to 22% mountains, 4 to 12% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 20 to 40% mountains, 10 to 20% valleys.	South to southwest 10 to 20 mph Idaho, Bridger-Teton, northern Utah. Upslope/up valley 5 to 10 mph southern Utah and Arizona Strip, with southwest 10 to 15 mph on ridge tops and exposed areas.
NORTHWEST AREA Chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms western Washington and northwestern Oregon. Partly cloudy eastern Washington with isolated thunderstorms. Mostly sunny eastern and southern Oregon.	Highs in the 80s to mid 90s east of the Cascades and 70s westside.	Generally 15 to 25% east of the Cascades, except 5 to 15% southeastern Oregon. West of the Cascades 35 to 55%.	Southwest 15 to 30 mph in southeastern Oregon, otherwise less than 15 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms, mainly over the Colorado mountains, with isolated dry lightning over western Wyoming and northwest Colorado.	Highs, 92 to 96 over lower elevation of the RMA. High elevation 75 to 85.	10 to 20% lower elevations of western Wyoming and western Colorado (20 to 30% mountains and east).	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms, most numerous eastern Arizona, western New Mexico and northern New Mexico.	80s and 90s mountains, mid 90s to near 110 lower elevations.	15 to 20% western Arizona, 20 to 40% northern New Mexico, eastern Arizona, north central New Mexico, 15 to 20% parts of eastern and southern New Mexico, western Texas.	Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except east to southeast 10 to 20 mph across southwestern Texas and southeastern New Mexico.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Patchy morning low 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.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 80 to 105 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper desert. 105 to 115 low desert.	10 to 20% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 10 to 25% valleys. 40 to 50% coast.	South to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts in the afternoon.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny. Areas of morning fog and low clouds along the coast.	Mid 60s to mid 70s near the coast to lower and mid 90s warmest inland areas.	8 to 18% driest inland areas, otherwise 20 to 30%.	Afternoon wind increasing to south southwest to west northwest 6 to 15 mph, with gusts mostly 25 to 35 mph. The windiest areas will be

			along and east of the Sierra/Cascade crest.
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TOPIC OF CHOICE

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		1	1	2
	ACRES			1,057		0	0	1,057
Northwest	FIRES					11	15	26
	ACRES					15	5	20
Northern California	FIRES					12	2	14
	ACRES					11	1	12
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	30	2	34
	ACRES		0		2	37	0	39
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	2		22	28	133	187
	ACRES	300	0		65	2,058	2,137	4,560
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	28		1	19	28	77
	ACRES	1	1,070		0	1,540	21	2,632
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		10				0	10
Southwest	FIRES		3		1	1	19	24
	ACRES		0		0	0	11	11
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		12			8	9	29
	ACRES		45			2	0	47
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			2		2		4
	ACRES			975		2,220		3,195
TOTAL	FIRES	3	48	2	25	112	210	400
	ACRES	301	1,125	2,032	67	5,883	2,175	11,583

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	1,211	781	2,397
	ACRES	17,457	12,357	9	12	41,074	112,324	183,233
Northern California	FIRES	98	58	7	6	1,539	607	2,315
	ACRES	50	11,579	2	6,511	17,482	16,523	52,147
Southern California	FIRES	47	82	10	45	1,820	552	2,556
	ACRES	853	2,497	360	210	28,796	6,513	39,229
Northern Rockies	FIRES	734	41	25	42	583	850	2,275
	ACRES	8,212	92,249	7,334	22,194	39,252	70,360	239,601
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	37	547	1	21	456	544	1,606
	ACRES	18,318	113,133	100	9	21,149	65,595	218,304
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	315	1	11	95	123	550
	ACRES	1	10,588	0	5	1,831	2,836	15,261
Southwest	FIRES	669	164	5	26	750	1,668	3,282
	ACRES	35,921	5,672	284	3,530	14,829	202,287	262,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	126	579	39	33	764	461	2,002
	ACRES	4,862	10,921	1,963	777	11,963	23,336	53,822
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		26	11	11,103	325	11,592
	ACRES	21,318		6,241	756	172,514	8,799	209,628
TOTAL	FIRES	2,932	1,975	212	261	27,740	6,347	39,467
	ACRES	159,198	299,267	234,283	38,401	712,989	514,100	1,958,238

Ten Year Average Fires	56,270
Ten Year Average Acres	2,827,002

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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
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						300	300
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	300	300

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	1,192	14,751
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	922,457	1,886,294
TOTAL	FIRES	172	175	1,012	131	13,665	2,551	17,706
	ACRES	43,733	47,107	235,101	106,180	848,193	1,071,554	2,351,868

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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		548	658
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		36	38
	ACRES				312		14,642	14,954
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		9	11
	ACRES				306		168	474
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	80	156
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	6,926	0	176,707	185,186

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	107	0	1,660	88,862
Yukon Territory	0	27	66	7,768
Alberta	4	1,174	924	45,009
Northwest Territory	0	52	147	108,298
Saskatchewan	1	16,347	522	105,252
Manitoba	5	16	972	355,883
Ontario	2	2	764	299,402
Quebec	1	241	597	56,263
Newfoundland	0	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	4	3,571	75	38,368
Total	124	17,660	6,274	1,126,455

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	1									
Northwest	21	49	15	68	1	17			407	252
Northern California	1		12		1					
Southern California	14		2		1	1			11	
Northern Rockies	89	22	66	138	23	34			676	479
Eastern Great Basin	21	15	24	27	14	5			149	33
Western Great Basin					1					
Southwest			1						2	
Rocky Mountain	10	2	26	27	4	4			68	26
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			5	11					4	11
Total	157	88	151	271	45	61	0	0	1317	801

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