

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Northern Rockies Areas and light elsewhere. Nationally, 239 new fires were reported. Eight new large fires were reported, three in the Southern Area, two in the Northern Rockies and Northwest Areas and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Six large fires were contained, three in the Southern Area, two in the Northwest Area and one in the Northern Rockies Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

An interagency training cadre and military crew advisors travel to Ft. Hood, TX today to begin training the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment. Task Force Steel Dragon will be commanded by LTC Gregory Shultz. The Task Force will be deployed to the Fish Creek fire, Lolo National Forest, in Western Montana.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Black Mountain 2, Beaver Lake, Fish Creek, Cherry Creek, Mile Post 59, Sapp, Slim's and Clear/Nez. An Area Command Team (Rounsaville) is assigned to manage Lincoln Complex, Winslow, East, Rough Draw, Cathedral Peak, Burnt Ridge, and Sheep Complex. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Crazy Horse, Robert, Wedge Canyon, Trapper Creek Complex and Little Salmon Creek Complex. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Boles Meadow, Mineral/Primm, Cooney Ridge, Strawberry Complex, and Gold 1.

FISH CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This incident is comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, 24 miles west of Missoula, MT. Moderate fire spread was observed along fire perimeters. Fire behavior was active on the Cedar Log fire. Structure protection is in place for 195 residences and one commercial property.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lakes, North Howard and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior increased due to lower humidity levels and an increase in wind speeds. Moderate to significant perimeter growth was experienced on uncontained and unstaffed fires. Single and group torching, short sustained crown runs and spotting were observed. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and 24 commercial properties.

SAPP, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in timber and grass, 45 miles east of Riggins, ID. Active ground fire was observed. Burn out operations were begun along the Whitewater Ranch Road. Structure protection is in place for 15 residences and two commercial properties.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is in mixed

conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Fire activity was low with creeping and localized group tree torching. Firefighters worked on tying in the southwest corner of the fire. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire, comprised of the Cherry Creek and Tepee Creek fires, is in lodge pole pine and heavy fuel loading, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Firefighters continued to mopup hot spots. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

MILEPOST 59, Maggie Creek Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Beauchamp) is assigned. This fire is in brush, grass, mixed conifer timber and slash, five miles northwest of Kamiah, ID. No new information was reported.

SLIM'S COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) will take over on August 23rd. This complex is comprised of the Slim's and Poet Branch fires, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Fire activity increased on the Poet Branch fire, with major runs observed near the Poet campground. The Slim's fire is slowly advancing towards the wilderness.

CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There are 20 fires in the complex. The proximal location is six miles southeast of Powell Junction, ID. Fire behavior was active due to the inversion lifting and lower humidity levels. Surface fire and torching were observed.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Short crown runs and short range spotting were observed on the Moose-Wasson fire; group torching and short up slope runs were observed on the Snow-Talon fire. Evacuation orders remain in effect for residences north of Highway 200. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences and 20 commercial properties.

WINSLOW, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Fire behavior moderated due to a persistent cloud cover which kept temperatures down and humidity levels up. Creeping and isolated torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and one commercial property.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This incident, consisting of the East and Grizzly fires, is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Crowning and active torching were observed. Firefighters made good progress with hazard tree cutting and cleanup of the East Yellowstone access road. Structure protection is in place for 12 residences and 27 commercial properties.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT, is composed of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2, Elbow, Brundage and Hawley fires. All fires exhibited minimal fire activity. The evacuation order for the 63 Ranch north of the Rough Draw fire was lifted. Structure protection is in place for 18 residences and one commercial property.

CATHEDRAL PEAK, Custer National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 10 miles south of Nye, MT. Cloud cover and higher humidity levels

resulted in limited fire activity. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences and one commercial property.

BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hendricks) is assigned. This complex, four miles northwest of Neihart, MT, consists of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park, Sheep Camp and Pioneer Ridge fires. Some torching was observed on the Ant Park fire; all other fires exhibited surface and creeping fire. The Sheep Camp fire was added to this complex; it was formerly part of the Sheep Complex.

SHEEP COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This incident is in grass and timber, 28 miles southeast of Townsend, MT. This incident consists of the Sheep Camp, Hidden Valley and Big Avalanche fires. The Sheep Camp fire was removed from this complex and has become a part of the Burnt Ridge Sheep Camp Complex.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, ten miles northeast of Saint Ignatius, MT. Fire behavior was active with torching, flare-ups and short range spotting. Structure protection is in place for 225 residences and 15 commercial properties.

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. Fire behavior was low with creeping and isolated torching. The majority of residences within the Blankenship Road area are now considered secure. The Avalanche Campground and Fish Creek camp remain closed. Structure protection is in place for 140 residences and six commercial properties.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. A smoke inversion limited all air operations. Short crown runs and interior torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Ferguson and Hart) are sharing management responsibility for this complex. The complex, comprised of the Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The fires remained in monitor status with no significant perimeter growth. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There are 20 fires in the complex. Fire runs, torching and crowning were observed on the Mid fire. Due to increased fire activity and multiple new starts, the trail closure in the fire area was extended southward to the head waters of the South Fork of the Flathead River. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is in timber eleven miles east of Florence, MT. Group torching, short range spotting and short crown runs were observed. Swartz Creek residences remain evacuated. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This fire is in heavy timber, nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Fire activity was extreme with high rates of spread, crowning and spotting up to 0.25 miles. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

BOLES MEADOW, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer stands and brush, 25 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was active with torching, short crowning runs and short range spotting. Spot fires and slopovers from burnout operations were contained. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences.

MINERAL/PRIMM, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. The fire is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. The fire continued to flank and back across the midslopes of Sunflower Peak in the southeast corner. Torching and crowning were observed in conifer stands. Burnouts on the southwest, northeast and southeast flanks successfully improved and secured lines. Structure protection is in place for 300 residences.

STRAWBERRY COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Strawberry, Slide Rock, Brewster Creek, and Edelman fires, is in logging slash, 27 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was low to moderate.

HOBBLE, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Larsen) is assigned. This fire is in timber and grass, six miles east of Greycliff, MT. Fire behavior was limited to smoldering and creeping. The Stephens Hill Road was reopened and all evacuations have been lifted.

CRAIG II, Northern Cheyenne Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. This fire is in timber, grass and old slash, ten miles west of Lame Deer, MT. Fire behavior was limited to several small interior areas that exhibited active flaming and torching. Structure protection is in place for 35 residences.

EASTERN MONTANA COMPLEX, Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Swain, Buffalo Creek and Willey fires, is in timber and grass, 45 miles south of Miles City, MT. Minimal interior burning was observed on the Willey and Swain fires. Eight coal seam fires were discovered on the Buffalo Creek fire.

WINDMILL COMPLEX, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Windmill, Aspen, Old Bear and Little Hawk fires. This incident is in ponderosa pine, sagebrush and rangelands, 17 miles east of Hardin, MT. Fire activity escalated due to hot, dry and windy weather. A one acre slopover was contained. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences.

TYSON, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 50 miles west of Cody, WY. Fire activity was low. Fire activity was low with single tree torching and spotting.

UNION, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 35 miles west of Ashton, ID. The fire is burning slowly to the northeast. Single tree torching and some spotting were observed.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. There are three fires in this incident. This complex was previously reported as the Belton-Center-Harrison fire. Ground fire in heavy fuels and isolated torching were observed.

BETA LAKE – DORIS RIDGE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. These fires are in timber, five miles south of Hungry Horse, MT. The fires

are in close proximity to the Hungry Horse Dam, recreational and communication facilities and powerlines. Fire behavior was limited to ground fire and isolated torching.

BALL CREEK, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Big Fork, MT. Short crown runs and short range spotting were observed.

BLACKFOOT LAKE, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in timber, 15 miles southeast of Hungry Horse. Short runs, torching and crowning were observed. The Jewel Basin Recreation Area was closed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FISH CREEK	MT	LNF	24,220	0	UNK	567	12	34	4	0	2.8M
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	18,847	30	UNK	1,166	32	57	4	0	7.5M
SAPP	ID	NPF	9,200	0	UNK	232	8	7	0	0	352K
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	6,750	55	UNK	1,039	26	68	7	5	4.4M
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	4,067	72	UNK	370	7	4	6	0	5.2M
MILEPOST 59	ID	MCS	8,139	60	UNK	431	16	14	2	1	2.1M
SLIM'S COMPLEX	ID	NPF	13,594	65	8/25	364	9	7	6	0	15.3M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX – WFU	ID	CWF	8,361	N/A	N/A	7	0	0	0	0	224K
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	32,145	8	UNK	648	17	41	0	0	2M
WINSLOW	MT	CES	10,115	25	UNK	331	8	21	2	0	1.6M
EAST	WY	YNP	20,500	18	UNK	720	20	11	5	0	2.7M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	2,588	15	UNK	494	7	21	6	0	4.3M
CATHEDRAL PEAK	MT	CNF	1,110	3	UNK	218	2	9	3	0	1.9M
BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX	MT	LCF	1,614	39	UNK	464	13	24	1	0	903K
SHEEP COMPLEX	MT	HNF	833	50	UNK	82	4	6	1	0	NR
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	10,092	30	UNK	611	11	55	3	0	4.8M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	44,003	50	9/20	564	9	27	4	3	18.1M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	41,887	60	9/15	560	7	17	3	36	24.2M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	25,098	65	9/5	21	1	0	0	1	3.4M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX – WFU	MT	FNF	25,454	N/A	N/A	82	1	0	1	1	1.3M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	20,877	30	9/15	821	22	62	5	0	3.7M
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	7,675	15	UNK	464	12	10	3	0	3M
BOLES MEADOW	MT	SWS	4,050	75	8/23	743	19	29	3	0	4.4M
MINERAL/PRIMM	MT	LNF	16,000	20	UNK	616	13	30	3	0	2.1M
STRAWBERRY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	1,021	80	8/22	339	11	6	2	0	1.5M
HOBBLE	MT	SOS	38,320	95	8/23	269	3	42	1	15	2.8M
CRAIG II	MT	NCA	9,180	90	8/22	645	19	48	0	2	1.1M
EASTERN MONTANA COMPLEX	MT	MCD	16,703	83	8/23	448	8	81	0	0	1.1M
WINDMILL COMPLEX	MT	CRA	30,020	80	8/23	627	19	36	2	1	2.2M
TYSON	WY	YNP	149	80	8/22	23	1	0	1	0	75K
BETA LAKE – DORIS	MT	FNF	235	0	9/15	97	4	4	0	0	NR
UNION	WY	YNP	440	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	5K
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	542	0	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	1K
BALL CREEK	MT	FNF	300	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BLACKFOOT LAKE	MT	FNF	250	0	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	60K
CAYUSE LAKE - WFU	ID	CWF	8,906	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	1	0	14K
SMITH CREEK	MT	EAS	742	100	---	34	0	12	0	0	24K

EAS = Eastern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Marble and North Fork Lick fires, is 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. Group torching, short runs and backing were observed. The North Fork Lick fire is in monitor status; containment efforts are focused on the Marble fire. Structure protection is in place for 123 residences and two commercial properties.

CANYON CREEK, Boise National Forest. A transfer of command from Martin's Type 1 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will take place on 8/23. This fire is in pine, sub-alpine fir, grass and brush, 20 miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Creeping and smoldering were observed.

SOUTH FORK, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, 25 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Group torching and short crown runs with short range spotting associated with active backing fire on the northwest flank were observed. Area roads remain closed to the public. Structure protection is in place for two commercial properties.

WITHINGTON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is in timber, grass and brush, seven miles south of Salmon, ID. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is in place for 4 residences.

RICHARDSON, Payette National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Dixie. Group tree torching, spotting and crown runs were observed. Structure protection for one residence is in place.

FALCONBERRY, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Moderate fire activity and spread were observed. The fire is in monitor status and structure protection will remain in place for one residence.

MOSS RIDGE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fires Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Torching and spotting were observed in heavy timber. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

BOBCAT, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fires Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Active fire with torching and spotting was observed in heavy timber, ten miles north of Moran, WY. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

CLEAR CREEK, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A transfer of command from Cook's Fire Use Management Team back to the Bridger-Teton National Forest will take place on today. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, which began on 8/4, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in spruce and fir timber, 20 miles northeast of Pinedale, WY. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching were observed. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse, Little Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. No further information was reported.

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NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	8,219	10	UNK	321	6	6	5	0	4.6M
CANYON CREEK	ID	BOF	5,475	90	8/22	441	11	3	8	0	4.2M
SOUTH FORK	ID	BOF	6,765	80	8/24	314	8	12	4	0	3.1M
WITHINGTON	ID	SCF	10,500	90	8/22	527	20	9	3	0	2.3M
RICHARDSON	ID	PAF	120	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
FALCONBERRY	ID	SCF	24,350	0	UNK	36	1	0	2	6	345K
MOSS RIDGE - WFU	WY	BTF	1,800	N/A	N/A	9	0	0	0	0	1K
BOBCAT – WFU	WY	BTF	130	N/A	N/A	9	0	0	0	0	NR
CLEAR CREEK – WFU	WY	BTF	220	N/A	N/A	8	0	0	0	0	89K
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	715	0	9/30	2	0	0	0	0	23K
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	3,361	N/A	N/A	35	2	0	1	0	259K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. The fires are in timber with heavy ground fuels. Plume dominated fire behavior with long range spotting was observed on both fires. The community of Camp Sherman was evacuated and structure protection is in place for 1,000 residences and 200 commercial properties.

TOGO MOUNTAIN, Colville National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is in timber, three miles east of Danville, WA. Active fire with isolated torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 61 Canadian residences.

LIGHTNING COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Grouse Creek, Hass Ridge and Two Corral fires, 31 miles east of Joseph, OR. Significant up hill runs and torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

WILCOX, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is in timber, brush and grass, 15 miles northeast of Tonasket, WA. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, torching and running was observed. One residence has been evacuated. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and five commercial properties.

BIRCH CREEK RIM, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in sagebrush and grass, 28 miles northwest of Jordan Valley, OR. A wind-driven fire with moderate activity in light fuels was observed. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

ROOSTER COMB, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in sagebrush and grass, 25 miles northwest of Jordan Valley, OR. A wind-driven fire with moderate activity in light fuels was observed.

HAZEL MOUNTAIN, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in grass, brush and sub-alpine fir, 16 miles southwest of Enterprise, OR. Smoldering fire with occasional torching was observed. This fire is in monitor status. No new information was reported.

NOCA COMPLEX, North Cascades National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use complex, which began on 8/5, is comprised of seven fires, eleven miles southeast of Newhalem, WA. Creeping surface fire with low to moderate rates of spread in sub-alpine fir was observed. No new information was reported.

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B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	10,900	0	0	862	24	37	4	3	365K
TOGO MOUNTAIN	WA	COF	5,136	20	8/26	904	27	36	10	0	3.1M
LIGHTNING COMPLEX	OR	WWF	5,000	5	8/25	250	7	13	0	0	100K
WILCOX	WA	OWF	300	40	8/23	74	2	9	2	0	NR
BIRCH CREEK RIM	OR	VAD	750	60	UNK	NR	1	9	3	0	NR
NOCA COMPLEX- WFU	WA	NCP	170	0	UNK	26	0	0	3	0	40K
HAZEL MOUNTAIN – WFU	OR	WWF	150	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	NR
HAGELSTEIN	OR	ORS	435	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	300K
ROOSTER COMB	OR	VAD	2,400	100	---	NR	1	10	1	0	NR

ORS = Oregon Department of Forestry, State Headquarters

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOULDER BASIN 2, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is in grass, sagebrush and timber, 37 miles southwest of Cody, WY. Plume dominated fire with group torching and spotting was observed. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and 20 commercial properties.

BLACKWATER, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is in timber with heavy ground fuels, 30 miles west of Cody, WY. Fire activity diminished from yesterday. Some torching and short runs were observed. Structure protection is in place for ten residences and two commercial properties.

NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX, Bighorn National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Little Horn 2 and Riley Point fires, is 35 miles northwest of Sheridan, WY. Creeping and smoldering were observed throughout the complex. Structure protection remains in place for 19 evacuated summer homes and one Game and Fish cabin on the Little Horn 2 fire.

WEST CHIMNEY ROCK, Rawlins Field Office (South Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in ponderosa pine, lumber pine, sagebrush and mountain shrubs and 34 miles northeast of Rawlins, WY. Creeping fire with isolated torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for twelve residences and one commercial property.

SAWTOOTH, Routt National Forest. This fire is in blow-down and bug-killed spruce, 20 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs, CO. Smoldering in heavy fuels with single and group tree torching was observed.

NORRIS, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is 35 miles west of Cody, WY. A sizeable increase in acreage is due to a cold front that passed over the fire area yesterday. The fire is currently un-staffed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOULDER BASIN 2	WY	SHF	10,000	0	9/15	71	1	5	2	0	150K
BLACKWATER	WY	SHF	200	20	9/15	26	1	0	0	0	75k
NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX	WY	BHF	8,250	75	8/22	182	2	11	2	1	3.2M
WEST CHIMNEY ROCK	WY	RAD	200	50	8/22	50	1	6	1	0	75K
SAWTOOTH	CO	RTF	200	10	UNK	35	1	0	1	0	266K
NORRIS	WY	SHF	1,200	0	9/1	0	0	0	0	0	250K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

KIBBIE COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use complex, which began on 7/20, is comprised of the Kibbie, Son of Kibbie and the Flora fires. Scattered surface fire with torching and spotting was observed in red fir and lodgepole timber, 18 miles east of Miwok Village in Yosemite National Park, CA. 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
KIBBIE COMPLEX – WFU	CA	YNP	240	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	5K
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	550	N/A	N/A	14	0	0	0	0	25K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	995	N/A	N/A	31	2	0	1	0	67K
COONEY – WFU	CA	SQF	1,570	N/A	N/A	14	2	0	0	0	73K

SQF = Sequoia National Forest KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP STF = Stanislaus National Forest

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES

6 MILE GRADE FIRE, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in jackpine plantations and slash, six miles south of Williams, MN. No fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
6 MILE GRADE FIRE	MN	MNS	100	97	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES

OS-5, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, Fish & Wildlife Service. This fire is in tall grass, four miles west of Hackberry, LA. Extreme fire behavior with 30 foot flame lengths was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OS-5	LA	SBR	769	60	0	7	2	1	0	0	NR
OS-4	LA	SBR	760	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
OS-3	LA	SBR	405	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BLUE RIDGE	OK	OKS	400	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Montana west of the divide for dry and wet thunderstorms and gusty winds

Fire Weather Watches: West central Montana west of the divide, all Montana east of the divide, and western North Dakota for dry and wet thunderstorms and gusty winds.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure area off the coast of California will rotate inland today, increasing moisture and instability across Oregon and Idaho. The moisture and instability will eventually make its way into western Montana this evening and overnight. As storms begin, some of them may be on the dry side and accompanied by strong winds, especially across Montana. The wettest storms are expected in Oregon and over the central mountains of Idaho. Conditions will remain warm and unstable across Wyoming as well, with isolated thunderstorm activity in the afternoon. Northern California and the northern Great Basin should also see thunderstorms today, before drying out on Saturday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Scattered dry and wet thunderstorms with gusty winds.	Idaho: 80 to mid 90s Montana: 80s North Dakota: 80s	Idaho: 15 to 25% Montana: 15 to 30% North Dakota: 30 to 40%	Idaho: Southwest 5 to 15 mph Montana: Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph North Dakota: Southeast 10 to 20 mph
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Breezy and a little cooler with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Local heavy rain and much improved humidity. Utah, Arizona Strip: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Breezy over western Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 65 to 75 mountains, 75 to 85 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 68 to 83 higher elevations, 83 to 98 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 22 to 35% valleys, 30 to 47% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 14 to 30% valleys, 22 to 40% mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 10 to 20 mph with strong gusty winds near storms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest 10 to 20 mph western Utah, variable or southwest 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
NORTHWEST AREA Showers and wet thunderstorms scattered across much of the region.	Cooler lots of 60s and 70s, still in the 80s in parts of southwest Oregon and lower elevations east of the Cascades.	Higher, mostly 35 to 55%. Driest in eastern Washington 20 to 35%.	Variable to mostly west 6 to 12 mph.
Rocky Mountain Area Becoming partly cloudy with isolated to scattered thunderstorms. A few storms could be dry over northern Wyoming and western South Dakota.	Upper 80s to mid 90s lower elevations, Mid 70s to mid 80s in the mountains.	14 to 18% Western Slope of Colorado and south central and northeast Wyoming. 18 to 28% elsewhere.	South to southeast 10 to 25 mph on the eastern plains and Black Hills region. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph northwest Wyoming. Variable 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise partly to mostly sunny with isolated afternoon thunderstorms over the southern California mountains and deserts east and south of Cajon Pass.	65 to 80 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 85 to 100 valleys. 85 to 100 upper desert. 95 to 110 low desert.	15 to 30% desert. 15 to 30% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts in the afternoon.

EASTERN AREA Partly cloudy and breezy over northern Michigan and northeast Wisconsin	75 to 82 across the northern Great Lakes	35 to 45% across inland areas of the upper peninsula of Michigan and northeast Wisconsin	North to northwest winds at 10 to 20 mph, decreasing late in the afternoon
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Decreasing cloudiness from the south during the day. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in the morning all areas, then mostly in the north in the afternoon.	Mostly mid 70s to upper 80s. Near the coast 60s to lower 70s.	Mostly 23 to 45%.	Mainly southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph, with erratic downdraft gusts 25 to 40 mph under or near thunderstorms
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms, most numerous New Mexico	70 to 80 mountains, around 80 to near 108 lower elevations.	15 to 20% Arizona New Mexico, 20 to 30% elsewhere.	Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except east to southeast 10 to 20 mph across New Mexico and Texas.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered wet thunderstorms.	80s to mid 90s in the lower elevations, mid 70s to mid 80s in upper elevations.	10 to 20% north, 20 to 35% south & Sierra's.	Southwest 15 to 25 mph in the northern 2/3 of Nevada and south 5 to 15 mph across the far southern end of the state.



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BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
 - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
 - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter’s right and responsibility.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		1		1
	ACRES			3,602		185		3,787
Northwest	FIRES	1	0			3	6	10
	ACRES	0	700			34	301	1,035
Northern California	FIRES					23	3	26
	ACRES					24	0	24
Southern California	FIRES	1	1			24	5	31
	ACRES	1	25			88	2	116
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1			3	4	104	112
	ACRES	84			3,318	2,578	12,527	18,507
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7			2	7	16
	ACRES		2			1	922	925
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		0				0	0
Southwest	FIRES		4			1	12	17
	ACRES		4			1	2	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6			2	2	10
	ACRES		3			10	4,203	4,216
Eastern Area	FIRES					4	1	5
	ACRES					29	0	29
Southern Area	FIRES			1		7		8
	ACRES			4,061		122		4,183
TOTAL	FIRES	3	19	1	3	71	142	239
	ACRES	85	734	7,663	3,318	3,072	17,957	32,829

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	376	12	435
	ACRES	20	40,271	269,573	3,712	258,503	2	572,081
Northwest	FIRES	200	182	10	37	1,296	937	2,662
	ACRES	17,867	15,724	9	14	44,368	128,161	206,143
Northern California	FIRES	101	58	7	6	1,755	640	2,567
	ACRES	53	11,579	2	6,511	18,257	16,554	52,956
Southern California	FIRES	50	94	10	46	2,036	653	2,889
	ACRES	854	2,524	360	218	32,484	6,897	43,337
Northern Rockies	FIRES	796	57	31	72	754	1,331	3,041
	ACRES	55,960	107,418	22,865	61,942	122,664	196,718	567,567
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	687	4	34	540	803	2,120
	ACRES	18,460	131,843	1,060	2,632	28,822	126,155	308,972
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	363	1	11	108	134	622
	ACRES	1	10,885	0	5	1,938	2,865	15,694
Southwest	FIRES	775	173	5	54	790	1,884	3,681
	ACRES	36,558	5,878	284	3,550	14,851	202,399	263,520
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	165	709	39	42	940	578	2,473
	ACRES	13,369	14,300	1,963	778	16,347	34,634	81,391
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	21	9,129	441	10,562
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	109,273	5,536	174,570
Southern Area	FIRES	128		42	11	11,339	326	11,846
	ACRES	21,323		8,326	756	177,796	8,800	217,001
TOTAL	FIRES	3,178	2,337	237	344	29,063	7,739	42,898
	ACRES	216,651	340,422	311,332	80,803	825,303	728,721	2,503,232

Ten Year Average Fires	60,257
Ten Year Average Acres	3,338,402

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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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
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	34	19	7	3	231	307
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,299	118,153
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		311	16	450	201	1,001
	ACRES	10,562		56,486	1,823	78,519	26,889	174,279
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,196	14,755
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,046	1,886,883
TOTAL	FIRES	172	176	894	133	13,667	2,557	17,599
	ACRES	43,733	47,132	240,296	106,508	848,202	1,072,977	2,358,848

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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						2	2
	ACRES						151	151
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				39		21	60
	ACRES				665		2,507	3,172
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		50	53
	ACRES				602		34,548	35,150
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				4		16	20
	ACRES				365		13,252	13,617
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		17	25
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		22		2		3	27
	ACRES		1,544		0		1,869	3,413
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	28	0	65	0	113	206
	ACRES	0	1,546	0	7,830	0	211,936	221,312

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	21	3,747	2,152	159,550
Yukon Territory	0	0	69	32,411
Alberta	5	0	989	48,999
Northwest Territory	0	0	156	124,841
Saskatchewan	5	4,529	571	124,161
Manitoba	6	8,705	1,081	389,694
Ontario	28	119	836	300,342
Quebec	1	3,357	635	69,717
Newfoundland	0	0	155	24,643
New Brunswick	3	3	181	185
Nova Scotia	0	0	243	1,287
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	0	83	126,217
Total	70	20,460	7,151	1,402,047

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	28	89	72	172	7	21	1		275	418
Northern California	4		15							
Southern California	13		14		4	1			23	5
Northern Rockies	201	140	186	655	37	58			2140	1670
Eastern Great Basin	36	29	34	24	30	5			374	121
Western Great Basin			3							
Southwest		1							1	
Rocky Mountain	8	1	21	28	9	1		1	76	49
Eastern Area									10	1
Southern Area			2			1			7	
Total	290	260	347	879	87	87	1	1	2906	2264

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