

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light in all Areas. Nationally, 155 new fires were reported. Six new large fires were reported, four in the Northern Rockies Area and one each in the Northwest and Southwest Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Northern Rockies Area and one in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The U.S. Army Task Force Steel Dragon (2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by LTC Gregory Schultz, at Fort Hood, TX is assigned to the Fish Creek Complex in western Montana.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Blackfoot Lake Complex, Ball Creek, Wedge Canyon, Robert, Middle Fork Complex, Trapper Creek Complex, Crazy Horse, High and Little Salmon Creek Complex. An Area Command Team (Rounsaville) is assigned to manage Lincoln Complex, Winslow, East Complex, Rough Draw Complex, Cathedral Peak Complex, Rathbone and Burnt Ridge/Sheep Camp Complex. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Cherry Creek Complex, Mineral-Primm/Boles Meadow, Fish Creek Complex, Black Mountain 2, Cooney Ridge and Gold 1. An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Sapp, Slim's Complex, Fiddle, Beaver Lake, Cayuse Lake Complex, and Clear/Nez Fire Use Complex.

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Wounded Buck, Doe, Dead Buck, and Blackfoot Lake fires, is in timber 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT. The Doris Mountain fire was active with short runs; the remaining fires continued to smolder. Structure protection is in place for 200 residences. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

BALL CREEK, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Big Fork, MT. Single tree torching was observed.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Rapid rates of spread with torching, crowning and spotting were observed on portions of the fire. A radio receiver was relocated due to a fire threat. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Belton, Center and Harrison fires, is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. Smoldering and creeping were observed. Assessment of structure protection needs along Highway 2 south of the Harrison fire is under way. The fires are being monitored with no suppression actions planned.

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. Continued slow surface spread was observed with isolated torching. Firefighters made good progress mopping up. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

HIGH, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 23 miles northeast of Seeley Lake, MT. Fire behavior was minimal with creeping and smoldering.

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. Creeping, smoldering and isolated torching were observed. Crews continued working to secure spot fires and other hot spots above the upper McDonald Creek drainage. The North Fork Road reopened to through traffic at 0700 yesterday morning, and most Glacier National Park facilities remain open for visitors. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to the Trapper Creek, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires; a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned to the Wolf Gun fire. The complex is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Smoldering, creeping, isolated torching and short upslope runs were observed. The fires remain in a monitoring status. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

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. Smoldering, creeping and occasional single tree torching were observed on the Moose-Wasson Fire. The Snow-Talon fire made several significant slope runs with multiple tree torching and short range spotting; it was approaching the Continental Divide yesterday evening. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences and 20 commercial properties.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the East and Grizzly fires, is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Crowning and torching with short runs were observed. Highway 20 between Fishing Bridge and the eastern entrance is closed to public travel until a burn out is completed and safe travel can resume. Burn out of the area west of the eastern entrance to Yellowstone and north of Signal Hills began; crews reported good progress. Structure protection is in place for 31 residences and 43 commercial properties.

WINSLOW, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Some isolated torching and short crown runs were observed in the interior of the fire. The voluntary evacuation of Lakeview remains in place. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and one commercial property.

CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX, Custer National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cathedral Peak, Oliver and Salderbalm fires, is in timber 10 miles south of Nye, MT. Fire behavior increased from the last few days and included torching, short crown runs, and short to moderate range spotting. The West Fork of the Stillwater trail and road remain closed to non-local traffic due to the threat of the Saderbalm fire. 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, comprised of the Burnt Ridge, Ant

Park, Sheep Camp and Pioneer Ridge fires, is four miles northwest of Neihart, MT. The Ant Park fire spotted across the North Fork of the Smith River and is approaching the contingency line. Rehabilitation on the Pioneer Ridge Fire was completed.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT, is comprised of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2, Elbow, Brundage, Walbrun and Hawley fires. Active surface fire and group torching were observed on the southwest corner of the Brundage fire. Minimal fire growth was seen on all other fires; smoldering, creeping, and some isolated torching were observed. Structure protection measures are still in place at the 63 Ranch. Firefighters began working on a ten acre spot fire north of the Slippery Rock fire.

CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cherry Creek and Tepee Creek fires, is in lodgepole pine with heavy ground fuels, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Some interior torching was observed on the Tepee Creek fire. There was minimal torching within the interior of the Cherry Creek fire. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This incident is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Warm temperatures, gusty winds, and low humidity levels resulted in active fire behavior. The Boles Meadow fire, declared contained on 8/24, was added to this incident.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A transfer of command from Benes' Type 2 Incident Management Team to Stam's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today. U.S. Army Task Force Steel Dragon (2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by Lt. Col. Gregory Schultz, at Fort Hood, TX is assigned. Military deployment on fire lines will begin on 8/27. 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. Active interior burning was observed with short uphill crown runs. Some perimeter growth occurred along the northwest flank toward Bear Creek and the West Fork of Fish Creek. Firefighters on the Thompson Creek Fire completed burn out operations along the north flank east of Fish Creek. Structure protection is in place for 195 residences and one commercial property.

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. Single tree torching with some short range spotting was observed. Firefighters continued to rehabilitate, mop-up and patrol the fire area. Structure protection is in place for 650 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. Isolated single tree torching, smoldering and creeping were observed. Area roads remain closed. 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. Smoldering, creeping, backing and some single tree torching were observed.

SLIM'S COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Slim's and Poet Branch fires, 35 miles east of

Grangeville, ID. Firefighters continued to work the northeast flank of the Poet Branch fire. While increased torching was observed, no increase in perimeter occurred.

SAPP, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire is in timber and grass, 22 miles south/southeast of Elk City, ID. Isolated smoldering was observed with heat retention only in scattered heavy fuels. There are very few obvious hotspots north of the Salmon River. Structure protection remains in place at Allison Ranch, Yellow Pine Ranch, White Water Ranch, Mallard Ranch and Cook Ranch. Firefighters finished constructing handline from Vista Point southeast to the Salmon River. Structure protection is in place for 22 residences and one commercial property.

FIDDLE, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) will assume command today. This fire is in timber, six miles northeast of Riggins, ID. Minimal fire behavior was observed with some active burning in concentrations of ground fuels. Road and trail closures continue. Structure protection is in place for two residences.

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. Higher temperatures, lower humidity levels, and increased winds resulted in an early and sustained increase in fire behavior. Surface fire, torching, short crown runs, and short range spotting were observed throughout the complex. Structure protection is in place for 61 residences and 51 commercial properties.

CAYUSE LAKE, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This incident, comprised of 40 fires, is in timber 41 miles southwest of Lolo, MT. These fires are being managed under a confinement strategy. Smoldering in large fuels continued.

RATHBONE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is in timber, 17 miles north of West Yellowstone, MT. A major 80 to 100 acre run was observed with active spotting.

MOLLMAN, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Ronan, MT. Smoldering, creeping and flare-ups under dense canopy were observed. Tribal forests and rangelands remain closed.

UNION, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 35 miles east of Ashton, ID. Smoldering and creeping were observed. The fire is not currently staffed. No further information was received.

BULL ELK, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 32 miles northeast of Roy, MT. Running and torching were observed. No further information was received.

GOLD CHEST. Idaho Panhandle National Forest. This fire is in timber and grass, two miles southeast of Murray, ID. Torching was observed. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	1,427	0	UNK	362	15	10	0	0	304K
BALL CREEK	MT	FNF	210	NR	UNK	103	8	0	0	0	NR
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	44,441	62	09/15	433	6	19	4	36	25.6M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	1,569	0	09/15		0	0	0	0	4.3M
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	10,169	35	UNK	565	10	47	5	0	7.1M
HIGH	MT	FNF	120	NR	UNK	62	0	1	4	0	381K
ROBERT	MT	FNF	45,581	65	09/20	680	13	43	4	3	20.4M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	25,590	65	09/05	22	1	0	0	1	3.4M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	34,159	32	UNK	709	17	38	0	1	4.3M
EAST COMPLEX	WY	YNP	22,000	40	08/31	694	20	11	7	0	4.7M
WINSLOW	MT	CES	13,000	35	UNK	318	6	17	1	0	4.1M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	2,096	2	UNK	206	2	8	4	0	3.0M
CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX	MT	CNF	1,806	58	UNK	567	13	28	2	0	2.2M
BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX	MT	LCF	3,014	60	UNK	305	3	17	2	0	5.8M
CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	4,088	85	UNK	482	11	8	4	0	7.3M
MINERAL/PRIMM	MT	LNF	21,968	55	UNK	1,272	30	39	7	0	10.9M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	30,856	22	UNK	865	20	48	8	0	4.9M
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	7,023	75	08/28	1,002	24	56	6	5	7.8M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	22,310	50	09/15	1,184	37	51	5	0	6.5M
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	8,296	60	UNK	505	15	4	5	0	4.7M
SLIM'S COMPLEX	ID	NPF	14,847	25	UNK	513	16	12	8	0	17.4M
SAPP	ID	NPF	11,367	35	UNK	239	7	10	0	0	1.0M
FIDDLE	ID	NPF	738	70	08/26	213	5	0	3	0	250K
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	22,997	42	UNK	1,237	33	65	5	0	10.6M
CAYUSE LAKE	ID	CWF	9,841	NR	UNK	11	0	0	1	0	32K
RATHBONE	MT	GNF	250	40	08/30	97	3	0	2	0	540K
MOLLMAN	MT	FHA	158	30	UNK	6	0	0	1	0	35K
UNION	WY	YNP	726	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	7K
BULL ELK	MT	CMR	300	0	UNK	35	0	10	1	0	NR
GOLD CHEST	ID	IPF	100	0	UNK	121	2	6	2	0	NR
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX –WFU	MT	FNF	31,658	N/A	N/A	73	0	0	1	1	1.4K
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX – WFU	ID	CWF	9,830	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	0	0	280K
MORTON COUNTY	ND	NDS	400	100	---	23	0	7	0	0	NR
WILTON	ND	NDS	1,500	100	---	36	0	12	0	0	NR

NDS = North Dakota State

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. Active fire with multiple tree torching and spotting less than a mile was observed. Structure protection is in place for 1,000 residences and 12 commercial properties. State Highway 20 remains closed for through traffic.

LIGHTNING COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Grouse Creek, Haas Ridge, Butcherknife and Two Corral fires, 31 miles east of Joseph, OR. Heavy timbered draws continue to smolder and no fire spread was observed. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

TOGO MOUNTAIN, Colville National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This fire is in timber, three miles east of Danville, WA. Fire activity was moderate in most divisions. Forest closures are still in effect for the fire area. The evacuation alert has been removed for the 61 residences in Grand Fork, British Columbia.

WILCOX, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, brush and grass, 15 miles northeast of Tonasket, WA. Minimal fire behavior with some torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 23 residences.

JOHNSON LAKE, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber and grass, four miles north of Nespelem, WA. Fast rates of spread were observed in open timber and grass with spotting and torching in heavier timbered areas.

NORTH ZONE COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in heavy timber, six miles southeast of Darrington, WA. The complex is comprised of seven lightning fires which are in patrol status and being managed with a containment strategy. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	38,881	20	UNK	1,602	41	74	9	13	3.7M
LIGHTNING COMPLEX	OR	WWF	15,436	60	8/30	430	11	13	5	0	1.5M
TOGO MOUNTAIN	WA	COF	5,137	60	8/26	879	25	37	7	0	6.1M
WILCOX	WA	OWF	440	90	8/26	358	8	29	2	0	1M
JOHNSON LAKE	WA	COA	300	0	UNK	68	1	9	2	0	NR
NORTH ZONE COMPLEX	WA	MSF	250	95	UNK	54	1	7	2	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKWATER COMPLEX, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Blackwater and Norris fires, 30 miles west of Cody, WY. Fire activity included short crown runs, cross canyon spotting and active burning on the flanks. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping and fire growth. Structure protection is in place for ten residences and two commercial properties.

BOULDER BASIN 2, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hill) is assigned. This fire is in grass, sagebrush and timber, 25 miles southwest of Cody, WY. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and 20 commercial properties.

FOUR RIM, Rock Springs Field Office (Southwest Zone), Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is in timber, grass and brush, 40 miles south of Rock Springs, WY. Smoldering and creeping with one to two foot flame lengths was observed in heavy ground fuels. Road closures and a cabin evacuation remain in effect. Structure protection is in place for one residence and two commercial properties.

SAWTOOTH, Routt National Forest. This fire is in blow-down and bug-killed spruce, 20 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs, CO. No further information was reported.

NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX, Bighorn National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Little Horn 2 and Riley Point fires, is 35 miles northwest of Sheridan, WY. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKWATER COMPLEX	WY	SHF	5,625	10	9/15	195	4	1	2	0	NR
BOULDER BASIN 2	WY	SHF	10,500	50	9/15	207	6	3	3	0	553K
FOUR RIM	WY	RSD	320	95	8/26	130	2	9	1	0	127K
SAWTOOTH	CO	RTF	200	45	UNK	9	0	0	1	0	375K
NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX	WY	BHF	8,250	75	UNK	48	2	5	2	0	3.3M

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. Fire behavior was minimal with smoldering and creeping. 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.

RICHARDSON, Payette National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) will assume command today. Sexton's Type 1 Incident Management Team is also managing the Sapp and Slim's Complex fires. The Richardson fire is in timber ten miles east of Dixie, ID. Moderate fire activity was observed. Structure protection for one residence is in place.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Cougar, Marble, Prospect, Mahoney, Teapot, Falconberry and Trapper fires, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Smoldering and creeping with isolated torching were observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

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 received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	8,219	30	UNK	193	2	5	3	0	5.3M
RICHARDSON	ID	PAF	1,451	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	ID	SCF	22,979	NR	UNK	69	1	0	1	6	840K
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	715	0	9/30	2	0	0	0	0	NR
MOSS RIDGE – WFU	WY	BTF	2,836	N/A	N/A	32	0	0	1	0	50K
CLEAR CREEK – WFU	WY	BTF	266	N/A	N/A	11	0	0	0	0	109K
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	3,389	N/A	N/A	25	1	0	1	0	337K

BTF = Bridger-Teton National Forest

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Stanislaus National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 20 miles east of Twain Harte, CA. This incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. 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
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	1,051	N/A	N/A	26	2	0	1	0	81K
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	575	N/A	N/A	12	0	0	0	0	18K
COONEY – WFU	CA	SQF	1,928	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	77K

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

CAVE, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 27 miles northeast of McNeal, AZ. The fire is being managed under a confinement strategy. Creeping and isolated torching were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAVE	AZ	CNF	200	85	8/29	1	0	0	0	0	1K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LAMBS HEAD RANCH	TX	TXS	500	100	---	32	0	8	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACK HILLS – WFU	AK	AKS	41,600	N/A	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	NR

AKS = Alaska Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A frontal system will be moving across the Northern Rockies today, causing afternoon wind to increase and raising the possibility of thunderstorms. The higher wind is expected to be concentrated from central Idaho through all of Montana later in the afternoon. Elsewhere, scattered thunderstorm activity is again expected in the southern Great Basin, over the Southwest Area, and into southern California. Isolated thunderstorms may also arrive in the evening across northwest Wyoming.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Mainly dry over Wyoming. Scattered thunderstorms over Colorado into extreme southeast Wyoming. Isolated thunderstorms over the Black Hills (some dry).	Highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s (70s to lower 80s mountains), except 90s over the eastern plains.	15 to 20% over lower elevations of Wyoming into northwest Colorado and western South Dakota. Elsewhere 20 to 35%.	Variable 5 to 15 mph, except southeast 8 to 18 mph over northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny with a slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms in Idaho. Utah, Arizona Strip: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly central and south.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 70 to 83 mountains, 84 to 96 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 75 to 85 higher elevations, 84 to 96 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 14 to 24% west, 9 to 22% east. Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 33%	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 5 to 15 mph. Gusty winds near storms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope or south 5 to 15 mph. Gusty winds near storms.
NORTHWEST AREA Chance of a few thunderstorms in eastern Oregon. Otherwise mostly sunny.	West of Cascades: 60s extreme north to near 90 south interior. Eastside: Mostly in the 80s except 70s extreme north.	Westside: At or above 60% extreme north to 25 to 35% south interior. Eastside: Mostly 15 to 25% except 30 to 40% extreme north.	Breezy east of the Cascades: West 8 to 20 mph and gusty. Generally west 5 to 12 mph westside.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains and deserts.	65 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 85 to 95 upper desert. 95 to 105 low desert.	25 to 40% desert. 30 to 45% mountains. 30 to 45% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly cloudy south and mostly clear north. Chance of showers and thunderstorms south and east of a line from Clear Lake to Chico to Canby.	60s and 70s near the coast and mid 80s to near 100 inland.	10 to 20% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 14 to 24% west.	Southwest to northwest 4 to 8 mph gusts 15 mph in the afternoon, with slightly higher speeds along and east of the Sierra Cascade Crest.



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

RETARDANT DROP SAFETY

Having retardant dropped on a fire should be a routine event. However, there are risks associated with retardant drops that can pose serious threats to personnel and equipment. Consider the following for all drops:

- Be aware of the location of lead planes and airtankers during retardant drop operations.
- Be sure you have positive contact with the lead plane or airtanker before the drop.
- Personnel can be injured by the impact of retardant drops. Clear personnel out of the target area when the drop is conducted. If an individual is unable to retreat to a safe place, the best method for minimizing injury from the drop is to:
 - Hold your handtool away from your body.
 - Lie face down with hardhat in place and head toward the oncoming aircraft.
 - Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the retardant.
 - Do not run unless escape is ensured.
 - Get clear of dead snags and tops.
 - Be aware of rolling debris below the drop site in steep terrain.
- Working in an area covered by retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.
- If possible, wash the retardant off your skin to prevent irritation.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	2			0	3	6
	ACRES	300	483			150	4,082	5,015
Northern California	FIRES	1				18	3	22
	ACRES	0				8	0	8
Southern California	FIRES		2			15	4	21
	ACRES		0			4	0	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3		1	0	16	3	23
	ACRES	4		300	1,725	2,300	13,497	17,826
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	4	8
	ACRES		0			1	359	360
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	1			1		15	17
	ACRES	40			0		102	142
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3				6	9
	ACRES		0				11	11
Eastern Area	FIRES				11	23		34
	ACRES				18	20		38
Southern Area	FIRES			1		11	1	13
	ACRES			682		154	26	862
TOTAL	FIRES	6	10	2	12	86	39	155
	ACRES	344	483	982	1,743	2,637	18,077	24,266

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	379	12	437
	ACRES	20	40,271	227,973	3,712	258,503	2	530,481
Northwest	FIRES	204	191	10	37	1,301	961	2,704
	ACRES	18,167	17,891	9	20	44,528	166,085	246,700
Northern California	FIRES	104	66	7	6	1,816	705	2,704
	ACRES	56	11,579	2	6,511	18,275	16,556	52,979
Southern California	FIRES	51	99	10	46	2,092	682	2,980
	ACRES	854	2,525	360	218	32,863	6,962	43,782
Northern Rockies	FIRES	816	59	32	76	880	1,360	3,223
	ACRES	56,120	107,422	23,165	65,560	141,625	223,978	617,870
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	700	4	35	561	861	2,213
	ACRES	18,460	131,682	1,060	2,633	28,818	128,520	311,173
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	373	1	11	109	134	633
	ACRES	1	10,885	0	5	1,938	2,865	15,694
Southwest	FIRES	780	174	5	56	861	1,944	3,820
	ACRES	36,599	5,879	284	3,550	16,154	202,793	265,259
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	175	740	39	44	948	604	2,550
	ACRES	15,564	14,313	1,963	778	16,610	40,651	89,879
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	32	9,185	444	10,632
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	703	109,309	5,549	174,637
Southern Area	FIRES	128		42	11	11,372	327	11,880
	ACRES	21,323		11,049	756	184,423	8,826	226,377
TOTAL	FIRES	3,221	2,416	237	364	29,504	8,034	43,776
	ACRES	219,350	342,447	272,755	84,446	853,046	802,787	2,574,831

Ten Year Average Fires	61,364
Ten Year Average Acres	3,422,695

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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		1					1
	ACRES		6,500					6,500
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	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	6,500	0	0	0	0	6,500

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	18	3		9	24	55
	ACRES	18	10,291	300		910	6,200	17,719
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	232	308
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,300	118,154
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	452	201	1,003
	ACRES	10,562		56,486	1,823	78,537	26,889	174,297
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,199	14,758
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,126	1,886,963
TOTAL	FIRES	172	177	894	133	13,669	2,561	17,606
	ACRES	43,733	53,632	240,296	106,508	848,220	1,073,058	2,365,447

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			41,600				41,600
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						151	151
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				42		21	63
	ACRES				709		2,622	3,331
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		70	73
	ACRES				602		41,276	41,878
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				4		26	30
	ACRES				365		16,461	16,826
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		17	25
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		23		2		3	28
	ACRES		1,545		0		1,869	3,414
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	29	1	68	0	143	241
	ACRES	0	1,547	41,600	7,874	0	221,988	273,009

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	9	352	2,205	178,369
Yukon Territory	0	0	69	32,411
Alberta	4	0	998	48,984
Northwest Territory	0	0	157	105,604
Saskatchewan	3	184	588	125,364
Manitoba	9	982	1,104	429,900
Ontario	4	3	861	299,839
Quebec	6	4	644	69,763
Newfoundland	1	0	159	24,893
New Brunswick	2	1	187	186
Nova Scotia	0	0	244	1,287
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	850	98	132,217
Total	39	2,376	7,314	1,448,818

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		5							5	
Northwest	45	70	46	154	6	28			785	437
Northern California	6		26			1				
Southern California	15		14		8	1			32	2
Northern Rockies	209	149	181	510	47	64			2441	1885
Eastern Great Basin	7	7	14	5	10	4			196	47
Western Great Basin					1					
Southwest									2	
Rocky Mountain	14		17	22	7	5			104	122
Eastern Area			4						8	
Southern Area				8						
Total	296	231	302	699	79	103	0	0	3573	2493

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