

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY JULY 8, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southwest and Southern California Areas and light elsewhere with 183 new fires reported. Eight new large fires were reported, three in the Southwest, one in Southern California and two each in the Eastern Great Basin and Northwest Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Increased relative humidity decreased fire behavior in most fuel types today. Smoldering and creeping with isolated flare-ups and torching were observed; except in Montrose Canyon where extreme fire behavior was observed during late afternoon. Crews are holding and patrolling established fireline. Residents in the Tucson foothills and the Ventana Resort were allowed to return to their homes.

ENCEBADO, Taos Northern Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This fire is in timber and brush, one mile south of Taos Pueblo, NM. Extreme fire behavior with torching, sustained crown fire and spotting up to one quarter of a mile ahead of the front was observed. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline on the south perimeter. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

DRY LAKE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Duncan) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry Lake, Sycamore, Moonshine and Granny fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. The Dry Lake fire exhibited active fire behavior on the north flank in pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass. Crews are holding fireline along the northeast and northwest side of the Dry Lake fire in order to protect endangered species habitat.

MOLINA COMPLEX, Santa Fe National Forest. This fire is eight miles east of Cundiyo, NM. Strong, gusty winds are hampering containment efforts.

MAPLE, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is in grass and timber, 15 miles east of Clifton, AZ. Active fire behavior with short uphill runs was observed. Crews are conducting burn out operations from existing barriers and monitoring.

MAVRICK, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is in grass, brush and juniper. Active fire spread was observed; the fire doubled in size yesterday. Crews are conducting burn out operations from natural barriers and monitoring.

GOAT, Gila National Forest, This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper, oak and grass, seven miles southwest of Glenwood, NM. Minimal fire behavior was observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

POWELL, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hiatt) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in ponderosa pine, grass, gambel oak and manzanita, 23 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	82,000	70	UNK	893	11	74	7	333	12.2M
ENCEBADO	NM	TAA	2,500	5	UNK	592	19	49	6	0	671K
DRY LAKE COMPLEX	NM	GNF	62,000	0	UNK	77	4	0	4	0	2.2M
MOLINA COMPLEX	NM	SNF	1,000	15	7/15	75	3	0	2	0	100K
MAPLE	AZ	ASF	120	5	7/18	14	1	1	0	0	25K
MAVRICK	AZ	ASF	500	20	7/11	7	0	0	0	0	6K
GOAT	NM	GNF	991	0	UNK	NR	0	2	1	0	5K
POWELL	AZ	GCP	3,500	0	UNK	17	0	0	0	0	381K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

FAWN PEAK/SWEET GRASS, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. The complex, comprised of the Fawn Peak, Sweetgrass and Farewell fires, is 13 miles north of Winthrop, WA. The Sweetgrass and Fawn Peak fires have been contained. Moderate fire behavior was observed in sub-alpine fir and heavy timber on the Farewell fire. Crews are constructing indirect attack fireline with support from aerial resources. Very remote access and dangerous terrain are hampering suppression efforts. Precautionary evacuations of the Andrews Creek drainage and the Camp Four Campground remain in place.

RATTLESNAKE CANYON, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in timber and brush, 23 miles southeast of Keller, WA. Extreme fire behavior with torching and spotting was observed. Crews are constructing fireline and conducting burn out operations. Seven structures are threatened on the east side of the fire; structure protection is in place.

PADDLE, Spokane Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber and grass, 18 miles west of Wellpinit, WA. Short runs, torching and short range spotting were observed. Crews are strengthening control lines and mopping up.

POWELL CREEK, Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is in timber, brush and slash, 13 miles south of Grants Pass, OR. Extreme fire behavior due to wind was observed. Several structures are threatened near the community of Williams, OR and some evacuations have taken place.

LINK, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Torching, running and spotting were observed in mixed conifer. Crews are constructing fireline and patrolling for spots outside the control lines. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

WILLOW, Umatilla National Forest. This fire is in timber with heavy ground fuels, 25 miles north of Pomeroy, WA. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Crews continue to mop up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FAWN PEAK/ SWEET GRASS	WA	OWF	1,628	5	UNK	807	34	7	11	0	3.1M
RATTLESNAKE CANYON	WA	COA	4,500	0	UNK	347	11	25	1	0	443K
PADDLE	WA	SPA	1,125	45	7/8	238	6	8	3	0	129K
POWELL CREEK	OR	71S	125	0	UNK	NR	7	38	4	0	NR
LINK	OR	DEF	636	50	7/12	468	15	10	3	0	NR
WILLOW	OR	UMF	120	50	7/12	37	2	2	0	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

DIAMOND BREAKS, Vernal Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in pinyon pine and juniper, 35 miles northeast of Vernal, UT. Active fire behavior with short runs and isolated torching was observed. Crews are constructing fireline and holding existing fireline.

SOUTH MARVINE, Fishlake National Forest. This fire is in mixed conifer with dead and downed material, 15 miles north of Loa, UT. Creeping fire spread, isolated torching and spotting were observed. Crews are constructing fireline on the west flank with support from aerial resources.

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, 25 miles west of Blanding, UT. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Occasional torching, short uphill runs and long range spotting were observed in mixed conifer and brush. Crews are strengthening control lines, conducting burn out operations and mopping up. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DIAMOND BREAKS	UT	VLD	165	50	7/9	125	5	1	2	0	NR
SOUTH MARVINE	UT	FIF	135	20	7/11	93	2	1	3	0	75K
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	2,710	50	7/9	160	4	8	3	0	568K
HI CROW	ID	BOD	864	100	---	58	1	11	0	0	NR

BOD = Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BAKERS HOLE, Gallatin National Forest. This fire is in lodgepole pine, sagebrush and grass, six miles north of West Yellowstone, MT. Crews are using Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques where possible.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BAKERS HOLE	MT	GNF	250	60	7/10	113	3	5	2	0	NR
BLUE PULASKI	MT	CMR	1,920	100	---	31	0	5	1	0	350K

CMR = Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Fish and Wildlife Service

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BEAVER, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest. This fire is in timber, nine miles south-southwest of Placerville, CO. Minimal fire activity was observed in the interior. Personnel are improving natural fuel breaks to confine the fire.

YANKEE GULCH, Western Slope Center, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush, 35 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. The fire is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Personnel are improving existing fireline, conducting burn out operations in the Black Sulpher drainage, and monitoring fire behavior. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BEAVER	CO	GMF	165	65	7/8	40	1	2	1	0	NR
YANKEE GULCH	CO	CRD	895	0	UNK	14	0	2	1	0	30K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PUMP, Kern County FD. This fire is in tall grass, eight miles north of Lebec, CA. Active fire behavior with extreme rates of spread was observed. Crews are improving and patrolling containment lines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PUMP	CA	KRN	650	80	UNK	NR	5	10	2	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OCHOA	OK	ANA	320	100	---	32	0	10	0	1	3K

ANA = Anadarko Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: Tuesday morning for Payette National Forest for dry lightning and strong winds.

Fire Weather Watches: Low humidity, gusty winds and isolated dry thunderstorms for southwest Montana and the Bitterroot National Forest in Idaho for Tuesday. For the Bridger-Teton National Forest Tuesday afternoon for Haines Index 6 and strong winds. For southwest-central Wyoming in the afternoon for winds, dry relative humidity and high Haines indices. For southwest-central Wyoming in the afternoon for winds, dry relative humidity, and high Haines indices.

Weather Discussion: A disturbance will be moving across the Northern Rockies today with high pressure building in its wake over the Pacific Northwest. High pressure covers the rest of the west. In the east, a frontal system and associated showers will stretch from New England back across the mid west and into the central plains. Showers will also be found over portions of the southeast. In Alaska, high pressure will build over the interior for a little warmer and drier weather.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: widely scattered dry thunderstorms north of Snake River Plain in the morning. Otherwise, partly cloudy and windy. Utah, Arizona Strip: hot, dry and breezy.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton 60 to 76 mountains, 76 to 88 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip 71 to 90 higher elevations, 90 to 107 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton 20 to 32% mountains, 8 to 20% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip 2 to 18%.	West to southwest winds 15 to 25 except 10 to 15 southern Utah, Arizona Strip.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear except for night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and in the coastal valleys.	60 near the coast. Inland mid 70s and 80s higher elevations and 80s and 90s lower elevations.	7 to 15% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 12 to 24% west of the crest.	Southwest to northwest 6 to 12 mph gusts to 18 mph east of the Sierra Cascade Crest.
SOUTHWEST AREA Sunny and hot Arizona and western New Mexico. Partly cloudy eastern New Mexico and west Texas, with slight chance of thunderstorms southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas.	80s mountains, 98 to near 115 lower elevations.	5 to 15% Arizona and western New Mexico, 20 to 40% eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph with local afternoon gusts to 20 to 25 mph Arizona and western New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated thunderstorms north and northeast. Dry Elsewhere.	Highs in the 80s to mid 90s (70s to mid 80s mountains).	8 to 18% western sections, 25 to 40% eastern sections.	West winds 15 to 25 mph southern-central Wyoming, west 8 to 16 mph in western Colorado, easterly flow of 10 to 20 mph over northeast sections, and a southerly flow of 10 to 20 mph over the southeast.

NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy east of the Cascades. Mostly cloudy with a few light showers possible in northwest Oregon and western Washington.	Mostly 60s and 70s west of the Cascades except 80s southwest Oregon. 70s to lower 80s eastside.	West of Cascades mostly above 50% except locally as low as 25% in southwest Oregon. Eastside 15 to 30% except as high as 50% near the Columbia River Gorge.	Generally 10 mph or less, west of the Cascades. East of the Cascades 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph in the wind prone spots and to 30 mph near the Columbia River Gorge.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny skies statewide and hot, with localized gusty late afternoon winds.	Upper 80s to low 100s valleys, 70s and 80s mountains, and Sierras, with a maximum of 110 in the southern deserts.	2 to 12% at lower elevations, 5 to 20% in upper elevations and 14 to 24% in the Sierras.	West or southwest at 10 to 15 mph with localized gusts to 20 to 30 mph.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and dry thunderstorms.	Idaho and Montana 75-90	Idaho and Montana 15 to 25%	Idaho and Montana west 5 to 15 mph



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COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or air tankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and air tankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			30,000				30,000
Northwest	FIRES	1		1		13	24	39
	ACRES	3,001		0		3	2	3,006
Northern California	FIRES	1				19	4	24
	ACRES	1				88	0	89
Southern California	FIRES	2	1		1	22	5	31
	ACRES	0	0		1	19	177	197
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	0			7	2	15
	ACRES	1	13			0	166	180
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	5			8	1	15
	ACRES	1	664			24	274	963
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	8				2	6	16
	ACRES	2,503				1	25	2,529
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			6	7	15
	ACRES		8			13	0	21
Eastern Area	FIRES					19	2	21
	ACRES					6	2	8
Southern Area	FIRES	2				4	1	7
	ACRES	330				1	0	331
TOTAL	FIRES	21	8	1	1	100	52	183
	ACRES	5,837	685	30,000	1	155	646	37,324

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	14	16	10	321	7	370
	ACRES	20	1,418	93,144	3,517	206,199	0	304,298
Northwest	FIRES	99	53	6	12	479	204	853
	ACRES	7,437	677	2	11	2,846	22,019	32,992
Northern California	FIRES	67	7	1	5	844	177	1,101
	ACRES	31	0	1	6,510	11,093	624	18,259
Southern California	FIRES	41	36	6	8	1,078	231	1,400
	ACRES	802	1,912	356	4	10,877	985	14,936
Northern Rockies	FIRES	580	17	20	2	268	150	1,037
	ACRES	4,667	68	2,971	0	16,536	1,770	26,012
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	16	213	1	5	191	189	615
	ACRES	15,272	33,150	100	0	3,845	3,057	55,424
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	149	1	5	27	29	214
	ACRES	0	1,623	0	5	508	625	2,761
Southwest	FIRES	417	95	14	9	576	715	1,826
	ACRES	5,124	3,460	1,298	3,391	12,213	137,940	163,426
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	54	276	23	17	457	153	980
	ACRES	387	158	1,659	202	3,400	755	6,561
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	16	8,251	408	9,646
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	107,890	5,509	173,160
Southern Area	FIRES	108		16	11	10,359	314	10,808
	ACRES	20,848		3,720	756	151,547	8,778	185,649
TOTAL	FIRES	2,292	860	170	100	22,851	2,577	28,850
	ACRES	106,774	42,466	110,141	15,081	526,954	182,062	983,478

Ten Year Average Fires	45,028
Ten Year Average Acres	1,638,238

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,572	2,572
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	2,572	2,573

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	28	90	146	3		217	484
	ACRES	5,351	10,896	4,675	123		28,180	49,225
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	102	16		127	258
	ACRES	31	273	16,201	2,193		9,712	28,410
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	2,962		13,641	17,251
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	314	432
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	15,011	31,020
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	32	19	4	3	226	297
	ACRES	3,333	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,044
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	84	9	10	74	217
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,654	9,542	132	5,883	31,265
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	443	194	986
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,470	26,708	173,627
Southern Area	FIRES	53		259	65	11,457	1,145	12,979
	ACRES	19,379		91,600	81,990	715,304	883,670	1,791,943
TOTAL	FIRES	158	178	994	124	11,951	2,411	15,816
	ACRES	40,894	45,552	230,677	104,590	798,133	1,032,363	2,252,209

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1		0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		10	11
	ACRES				750		83,764	84,514
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		2	19
	ACRES		942		0		9	951
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	8	0	21	44
	ACRES	0	942	0	1,581	0	83,774	86,297

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	15	46	550	4,097
Yukon Territory	0	0	50	3,850
Alberta	3	0	506	2,459
Northwest Territory	1	308	57	8,664
Saskatchewan	0	0	255	38,851
Manitoba	0	0	680	210,154
Ontario	1	1	631	296,553
Quebec	1	0	490	49,721
Newfoundland	0	0	101	1,148
New Brunswick	1	1	150	178
Nova Scotia	7	0	209	1,267
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	22	364
Total	29	335	3,701	617,308

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	1								
Northwest	44	66	23	117	9	19			374	341
Northern California	7	7	10	13	6	3			25	3
Southern California	6	6	16	24	3	4			23	618
Northern Rockies	5	2	33	7	4	4			24	2
Eastern Great Basin	10	7	56	5	14	4	1		77	
Western Great Basin	2				1					
Southwest	40		48	79	11	9			327	164
Rocky Mountain	1	1	8			2			11	1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			2	8					1	1
Total	116	90	196	253	48	45	1	0	862	1130

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