

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Northern California, Southern California and Northwest Areas, moderate in the Western Great Basin Area, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 264 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern California, Northern California and Rocky Mountain Areas. One fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

A transfer of command from Mann's Area Command Team to Williams-Rhodes' Area Command Team occurred yesterday. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage Blackfoot Lake Complex, Wedge Canyon, Robert, Middle Fork Complex, Trapper Creek Complex, Crazy Horse, Rampage Complex, and Little Salmon Creek Complex. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Mineral-Primm, Fish Creek Complex, Black Mountain 2, Cooney Ridge and Gold 1.

MYRTLE CREEK, Idaho Panhandle National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is in logging slash and timber, five miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, ID. Active fire behavior with crowning fire runs and spotting was observed. Crews withdrew from suppression activity on the east flank due to safety concerns. Structure protection is in place for two residences and one commercial property.

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Lost Johnny, Ball Creek, Wounded Buck, Doe, Wildcat, Upper Lid, Dead Buck and Blackfoot Lake fires, is in timber, 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT. Rates of spread up to 1.5 mph and flame lengths up to 200 feet were observed. The Mid fire has transitioned back to the Little Salmon Creek Complex. Structure protection is in place for 55 residences.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Belton, Center and Harrison fires, is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. Major crown fire runs were observed as the Center and Harrison fires burned together, spreading upslope toward the Continental Divide. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 14 miles northwest of Polebridge, MT. Active fire behavior, including torching, running, and short-range spotting, was observed. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

RAMPAGE COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Double Mountain 1, Double Mountain 2, Riverview 1, Riverview 2 and Rampage, is in timber, 15 miles southeast of West Glacier, MT. The potential remains high for the fire to cross the Continental Divide. Moderate surface fire with torching and short crown runs was observed. Structure protection is in place for 127 residences.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This complex is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT. The incident is comprised of the Gordon, Molly Creek, Leota Oak, Gyp, Crimson, High and Some Creek fires. The complex has been split into two sections to separate the wildland fires from the WFUs. Plume-dominated fire behavior was observed on Gordon, Gyp and Some Creek fires.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK FIRE USE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This complex is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT. The incident, comprised of the Little Salmon, Pagoda, Independence Park, Lime Creek, Casey Creek, Little Hammer, Salmon Point and South Spud fires, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The complex has been split into two sections to separate the wildland fires from the WFUs. Plume-dominated fire behavior was observed on Little Salmon Creek fire.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Earlier lifting of the inversion caused an increase in fire behavior; moderate surface fire, torching and spotting were observed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned to the Trapper Creek, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires; a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned to the Wolf Gun fire. The complex is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Minimal fire activity with short upslope runs was observed. The inversion continued to hamper air operations and mapping. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A transfer of command from Chrisman's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur on 9/7 at 0600. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, eight miles southwest of Condon, MT. Short ground fire runs and group torching were observed in the Mission Mountains Wilderness. Creeping ground fire with isolated torching was observed outside the wilderness. A contain/confine strategy using natural barriers is being implemented on the west flank in the Mission Mountains Wilderness.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. 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. This incident, 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, is 35 miles west of Missoula, MT. An inversion over the area through mid-afternoon had limited activity to backing surface fire with torching. Structure protection is in place for 195 residences and one commercial property.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cooney Ridge, Gratton Gulch, Gilbert and Strawberry fires, is in timber, 11 miles east of Florence, MT. Creeping surface fire with isolated group torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Mineral-Primm, Stewart Peak, Upper Rattlesnake, and Boles Meadows fires, is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. The McLeod fire expanded to the east connecting with the Mineral-Primm fire. Torching and short runs in the interior were observed on the Mineral-Primm fire. Torching continued to produce spot fires on Mineral-Primm and Boles Meadows fires; a 30 acre spot fire was found on the north side of Boles Canyon.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A transfer of command from Swope's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is in heavy timber, nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A unified command between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) and Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department is in place. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Short crown runs and short-range spotting were observed within the perimeter. Evacuation orders for Tom's Gulch have been lifted.

CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX, Custer National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cathedral Peak, Oliver and Salderbalm fires, is in timber, ten miles south of Nye, MT. Isolated surface fires were observed on steep slopes. Fire continued backing down slope toward the South Fork Stillwater River. Crews began burn out operations on the east flank. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and one commercial property.

RATHBONE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 17 miles northwest of West Yellowstone, MT. Fire activity was minimal. Highway 191 is open through the fire area with a pilot car.

WINSLOW, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. This fire is in timber, three miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Due to wildfire activity on Red Rock Lake National Wildlife Refuge, portions of the refuge will be temporarily closed to all access including hunting. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was observed.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lakes, Bears Oil, Cayuse, Eagle Creek, Eagle Creek East, Fish, Queen Creek, North Howard and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Individual and group torching were observed.

SLIM'S COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Slim's, Stillman and Poet fires, is 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Interior torching was observed on the Poet fire. Fire behavior was minimal on the Slim's fire.

SAPP, Nez Perce National Forest. This incident, comprised of the Sapp and Richardson fires, is in timber and grass, 22 miles south/southeast of Elk City, ID. Increased fire activity was observed on the southwest flank of the Richardson fire due to a thunder cell over the area. Interior smoldering and torching were observed on both fires. Structure protection is in place for two residences.

CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This incident, comprised of 47 fires, is in timber, 41 miles southwest of Lolo, MT. The inversion limited fire activity; fires above 5500 feet experienced individual and group torching. All fires in this complex are suppression fires under a confinement strategy.

BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A transfer of command from Larsen's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur over the next few days. This complex, comprised of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park, Sheep Camp and Pioneer Ridge fires, is 12 miles southeast of Neihart, MT. Fire behavior was minimal.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2, Elbow, Walbrun and Hawley fires, is five miles southeast of Livingston, MT. Fire activity was minimal. Decrease in acreage is due to Brundage leaving the complex.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. This incident, comprised of the East and Grizzly fires, is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Minimal fire behavior with individual torching was observed.

BRUNDAGE, Gallatin National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) will assume command today. This fire, previously reported under the Rough Draw Complex, is in mixed conifer, ten miles northeast of Gardiner, MT. Slow backing ground fire and isolated torching were observed.

MOLLMAN, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Ronan, MT. Minimal fire behavior with individual torching was observed.

UNION, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 35 miles east of Ashton, ID. Fire behavior was minimal. The fire is in monitor status.

CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. 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. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MYRTLE CREEK	ID	IPF	1,200	5	UNK	276	11	5	6	0	600K
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	25,966	4	9/30	1,416	50	18	6	0	9.3M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	9,640	5	10/1	6	0	1	0	0	191K
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	51,435	81	9/15	696	15	29	9	36	31.3M
RAMPAGE COMPLEX	MT	GNP	20,526	0	10/1	27	0	3	3	0	107K
LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	18,095	0	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	382K
LITTLE SALMON CREEK FIRE USE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	32,307	N/A	N/A	NR	0	0	1	1	1.7M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	52,648	60	10/1	553	8	17	2	3	26.1M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	19,107	45	10/1	29	1	1	0	1	3.5M
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	11,200	80	9/15	180	1	6	3	0	12M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	35,700	50	9/28	1,090	21	83	11	0	17.4M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	25,020	70	10/15	864	24	40	6	0	14.8M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	24,409	70	9/20	614	19	13	6	0	17.9M
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	8,296	85	9/10	302	7	3	4	0	9.7M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,604	77	10/1	695	15	18	7	1	12.2M
CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX	MT	CNF	2,778	40	10/1	152	3	4	5	0	5.4M
RATHBONE	MT	GNF	3,010	95	9/15	428	14	4	7	0	4.7M
WINSLOW	MT	CES	13,438	65	9/15	106	2	5	2	0	6.4M
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	24,495	60	UNK	498	11	30	4	0	16.6M
SLIM'S COMPLEX	ID	NPF	14,473	75	UNK	65	2	2	0	0	2.1M
SAPP	ID	NPF	11,515	65	UNK	12	0	0	3	0	2M
CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	14,559	NR	UNK	34	0	0	1	0	155K
BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX	MT	LCF	2,930	95	9/6	219	4	8	1	0	6.4M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	2,148	95	9/6	43	1	2	1	0	6.5M
EAST COMPLEX	WY	YNP	23,500	90	9/15	64	2	2	6	0	6.9M
BRUNDAGE	MT	GNF	1,500	0	UNK	36	2	0	3	0	90K
MOLLMAN	MT	FHA	260	70	UNK	26	1	0	2	0	NR
UNION	WY	YNP	768	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	12K
CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	4,088	85	9/29	92	2	2	1	0	9M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX – WFU	ID	CWF	10,880	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	336K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) has been ordered. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires (now managed as one contiguous fire), is in timber with heavy ground fuels, 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. An inversion persisted in the Metolius River drainage, retarding fire spread until mid afternoon. The west side of the Metolius River Drainage from Cabot Creek south to Hwy 20 remains closed. The closure has been expanded to include Green Ridge on the east side of the Metolius River. Also closed is the Warm Springs Reservation from Racing Spike Camp south to Cabot Creek and west to the Metolius River. Structure protection is in place for 120 residences and 13 commercial properties.

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 22 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The fire is burning in very steep and rugged terrain with little or no access. All hiking trails in the area have been closed. Structure protection is in place for 125 residences.

SQUARE LAKE FIRE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in continuous old growth forest, mixed conifer, heavy dead and downed fuels, and mixed conifer regeneration, 20 miles west of Leavenworth, WA. Slow backing fire with isolated single tree and group torching was observed.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in timber, brush and heavy downed fuels, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. Moderate fire behavior was observed, with backing and short runs.

MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX, Mount Rainer National Park. This complex, comprised of the Panther, Redstone and Chenuis fires, is in heavy timber with heavy down fuels, 13 miles northeast of Packwood, WA. Minimal fire behavior was observed. A portion of the northern loop trail was closed for visitor safety.

MINERAL PARK, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is in heavy timber, brush and deep duff, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. It was split out from the Glacier Peak fire due to its size. Moderate fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	82,888	40	UNK	2,200	37	86	13	13	18.5M
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	4,893	0	UNK	308	4	50	2	0	250K
SQUARE LAKE FIRE	WA	OWF	1,001	40	9/30	79	2	0	3	0	1.6M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	440	35	10/31	7	0	0	1	0	139K
MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX	WA	MRP	291	19	10/31	27	0	2	1	0	1.4M
MINERAL PARK	WA	MSF	2,257	25	10/31	3	0	0	1	0	71K
NOCA COMPLEX - WFU	WA	NCP	1,404	N/A	N/A	16	0	0	4	0	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

COD COMPLEX, Tahoe National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Codfish fire and approximately 25 additional lightning fires, is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, six miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Backing and flanking surface fire with occasional torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences and one commercial property.

GRINDSTONE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This complex of approximately 55 fires is in chaparral and mixed conifer, 30 miles west of Willows, CA. Increased fire behavior was observed on all fires in the complex. Structure protection is in place for 11 residences.

SMOKEHOUSE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This complex is in brush with scattered timber and grass, 15 miles northeast of Potter Valley, CA. Increased fire activity was observed on all fires in the complex. Structure protection is in place for 114 residences.

STORM COMPLEX, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit. This complex of over 90 lightning fires, in timber, brush and slash, is spread over Mendocino County. The majority of the fires have difficult access. Several fires are burning on steep side slopes in dense timber.

LNU NORTH COMPLEX, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit. This fire is in grassy oak woodland, brush and timber. The fires in the complex are spread over Lake, Colusa, and Yolo counties.

TGU LIGHTNING, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Tehama-Glenn Unit. This complex, in brush and rolling oak woodland, is spread over Tehama and Glenn Counties, CA. No new information was reported.

HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit. This fire is in timber and logging slash, near Fortuna, CA. No significant events were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COD COMPLEX	CA	TNF	625	15	UNK	739	16	28	7	0	3M
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	650	NR	UNK	305	9	18	0	0	NR
SMOKEHOUSE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	425	5	9/10	539	19	18	3	0	480k
STORM COMPLEX	CA	MEU	250	NR	9/7	759	20	86	5	0	1M
LNU NORTH COMPLEX	CA	LNU	3,850	75	UNK	1,307	50	82	7	0	600K
TGU LIGHTNING	CA	TGU	750	90	UNK	295	16	22	0	0	163K
HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES	CA	HUU	300	20	9/10	461	15	53	2	0	500K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BRIDGE, San Bernardino National Forest. A unified command between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Domanski), Running Springs Fire District and San Bernardino County Fire Department is in place. The fire is in grass and brush, with a timber component in the upper reaches of the watershed. The fire is threatening areas with medium to high timber and vegetation mortality, many of which have high structure density in the urban interface. Highway 18 is closed between Sky Forest and Big Bear dam, and only residents are being allowed through at this time. Highway 330 is closed from Live Oak at the tip to Highland at the bottom. There are mandatory evacuations in the communities of Smiley Park, Oak Knob, Running Springs, Arrowbear, Nob Hill, Enchanted Forest, and Fredalba. Structure protection is in place for 1,500 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BRIDGE	CA	BDF	1400	0	UNK	941	26	125	5	0	NR
WEST KERN - WFU	CA	KNP	250	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	NR	3K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	1,325	N/A	N/A	29	2	0	0	NR	113K
SUMMIT-WFU	CA	INF	550	N/A	N/A	32	1	0	1	NR	NR
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	865	N/A	N/A	16	0	0	0	NR	NR

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

INF = Inyo National Forest

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORRIS, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is in timber, 35 miles west of Cody, WY. Minimal ground fire was observed. No new information was reported.

BLACKWATER, Shoshone National Forest. This fire, in timber with a large component of downed beetle killed spruce and fir, is 30 miles west of Cody, WY. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORRIS	WY	SHF	5,425	70	10/15	5	0	0	1	0	140K
BLACKWATER	WY	SHF	1,462	95	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	1.2M
PINE RIDGE	SD	PRA	1,050	100	--	26	0	6	1	0	NR

PRA = Pine Ridge Reservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure continues over the west with moisture over portions of the interior west. A cold front will bring rain to the Pacific Northwest coast Saturday night. Drier air is spreading into California and Nevada.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy. In the east, showers and thunderstorms mainly over southern Idaho, southwest and south-central Montana	West of the Divide: 75 to 95. East of the Divide: 70 to 90, except 90 to 100 in eastern Montana.	West of the Divide: 10 to 20% East of the Divide: 15 to 25% except 10 to 18% in eastern Montana.	West of the Divide: Variable less than 10 mph. East of the Divide: west to south 5 to 15 mph
NORTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny inland, but mostly cloudy coast. Increasing clouds west side in afternoon. Slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms over Cascades and far east areas.	Mostly in the 80s west of Cascades (except 60s on coast). East of Cascades 85 to 95.	Mostly 10 to 20% east of Cascades and 25-35% west of the Cascades. Coast areas 45 to 60%.	Light wind, becoming west to southwest 5 to 15 mph by afternoon. Gusts 15 to 25 mph possible late in day over the Cascades.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning fog and low clouds coastal areas, otherwise, sunny.	Warmest inland valleys: 90 to 95, otherwise mostly mid 70s to upper 80s.	Driest in the inland areas: mostly 17 to 28% except for areas of 12 to 22% in far eastern areas.	South to northwest at 5 to 12 mph, except gusts of 16 to 25 mph along and east of the Cascade-Sierra crest in the afternoon.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning coastal low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys mainly north of Point Conception, otherwise mostly sunny except partly cloudy over the southern California mountains and deserts east of Cajon Pass with a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	70 to 85 in the coastal areas. 80 to 95 in the mountains. 90 to 105 in the valleys. 90 to 105 in the upper desert. 100 to 115 in the low desert.	15 to 25% in the desert. 15 to 25% in the mountains. 15 to 30% in the valleys. 50 to 65% on the coast.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Becoming partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms Colorado and Wyoming. A few storms could be dry.	85 to 95 at lower elevations, 65 to 75 in the mountains.	13 to 21% in western Colorado, northeast Wyoming, and western South Dakota. 21 to 31% elsewhere.	Variable 5 to 15 mph
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in eastern Idaho and the Bridger-Teton. A slight chance of showers over the central Idaho mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms west, scattered east.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 66 to 76 in the mountains, 76 to 90 in the valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 63 to 80 at higher elevations. 80 to 97 in the valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 35% in the east, 12 to 25% in the west. Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 35% in the west; 25 to 50% in the east.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Upslope/up valley 3 to 6 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/up valley 3 to 8 mph.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

● Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.

- Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
- Net control, frequencies
- Line-of-sight restrictions
- Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
- Minimizing noise interference

● How can you mitigate potential problems?

- Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, clear, concise, and to-the-point.
- Give a good comprehensive briefing (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.).
- Confirm that relayed information is received, acknowledged, and understood.
- Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
- Establish emergency check-in procedures.
- Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.

● The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters

- Brief others
- Debrief your actions
- Communicate hazards to others
- Acknowledge messages
- Ask if you don't know

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northwest	FIRES		7				29	36
	ACRES		22				12,303	12,325
Northern California	FIRES	3			2	33	103	141
	ACRES	0			1	66	59	126
Southern California	FIRES				1	14	10	25
	ACRES				2	107	101	210
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1		0	5	2	9
	ACRES	5	3		2,358	29	14,099	16,494
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					70		70
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8				5	13
	ACRES		63				4	67
Southwest	FIRES		5			1	11	17
	ACRES		5			1	0	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	3				1	5
	ACRES	0	0				1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				9		10
	ACRES	1				3		4
Southern Area	FIRES	1				3		4
	ACRES	1				2		3
TOTAL	FIRES	7	24	0	3	68	162	264
	ACRES	7	93	0	2,361	278	26,567	29,306

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	384	13	443
	ACRES	20	40,271	227,975	3,712	258,505	2	530,485
Northwest	FIRES	277	206	10	39	1,457	1,049	3,038
	ACRES	20,244	17,913	9	1,856	45,760	232,487	318,269
Northern California	FIRES	132	69	7	17	2,210	1,056	3,491
	ACRES	216	11,583	2	6,532	44,504	17,397	80,234
Southern California	FIRES	64	127	10	72	2,306	778	3,357
	ACRES	854	2,585	360	233	35,612	7,196	46,840
Northern Rockies	FIRES	928	60	33	82	911	1,416	3,430
	ACRES	76,692	107,425	23,265	143,048	155,802	301,940	808,172
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	55	774	4	43	592	910	2,378
	ACRES	17,537	131,456	1,060	2,633	29,972	136,976	319,634
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	418	1	11	110	159	704
	ACRES	1	11,133	79	6	1,938	2,872	16,029
Southwest	FIRES	791	185	5	56	869	2,047	3,953
	ACRES	36,594	5,892	284	3,550	16,167	202,765	265,252
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	755	39	46	953	640	2,615
	ACRES	17,414	14,344	1,963	783	16,925	46,642	98,071
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	32	9,293	451	10,750
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	703	109,558	5,565	174,904
Southern Area	FIRES	144		45	11	11,494	329	12,023
	ACRES	21,701		12,129	756	185,798	8,832	229,216
TOTAL	FIRES	3,487	2,608	241	419	30,579	8,848	46,182
	ACRES	243,461	342,602	274,016	163,812	900,541	962,674	2,887,106

Ten Year Average Fires	64,239
Ten Year Average Acres	3,766,744

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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			1		1
	ACRES		6			600		606
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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	6	0	0	600	0	606

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	22	3		10	24	60
	ACRES	18	12,644	300		1,510	6,200	20,672
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	43,500	118,354
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	15	90	9	10	75	227
	ACRES	1,730	2,386	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	32,451
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		314	16	455	201	1,009
	ACRES	10,562		56,649	1,823	78,664	26,889	174,587
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,200	14,759
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,147	1,886,984
TOTAL	FIRES	172	182	897	133	13,673	2,563	17,620
	ACRES	43,733	57,035	240,459	106,508	848,947	1,073,279	2,369,961

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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						3	3
	ACRES						152	152
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			49		35	86
	ACRES	0			1,584		3,976	5,560
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		71	74
	ACRES				602		42,064	42,666
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		31	37
	ACRES				435		14,571	15,006
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24		2		3	29
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	2	30	1	77	0	166	276
	ACRES	0	1,648	41,600	8,819	0	222,241	274,308

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,312	229,002
Yukon Territory			69	32,411
Alberta			1,036	55,511
Northwest Territory			158	125,760
Saskatchewan			612	127,746
Manitoba			1,121	429,959
Ontario			861	300,128
Quebec			650	81,889
Newfoundland			161	24,893
New Brunswick			200	187
Nova Scotia			247	1,287
Prince Edward Island			0	0
National Parks			102	136,140
Total			7,529	1,544,913

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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	42	36	58	148	3	24			564	440
Northern California	47	138	132	289	10	26			232	439
Southern California	28	28	94	100	17	5	3		72	16
Northern Rockies	146	75	58	273	45	67			1678	1002
Eastern Great Basin	2	6	19	3	3	1			20	1
Western Great Basin			3							
Southwest		1							1	
Rocky Mountain	3		12	3	3				11	
Eastern Area									9	
Southern Area										
Total	268	284	376	816	81	123	3	0	2587	1898

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