

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. 79 new fires were reported. No new large fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Utah.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

LOMA, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 21 miles west of Weaverville, CA. Active ground fire with isolated torching was reported. Highway 299 is intermittently closed due to burn out operations and rolling material. Structure protection is in place for 12 residences and one commercial property.

GRINDSTONE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This complex, comprised of 39 fires, is in chaparral and mixed conifer, 30 miles west of Willows, CA. The Deafy fire is the only active fire in the complex. There was active fire spread and spotting in unburned islands of fuel.

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) is assigned. This fire was previously reported as the Humboldt Lightning Series. The fire, located 16 miles north of Garberville, CA, is burning in timber, brush and logging slash. Moderate fire spread was observed on the Honeydew fire; active fire behavior with a slow rate of spread was observed on the Canoe fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LOMA	CA	SHF	2,260	30	9/21	1,111	37	30	7	0	1.9M
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	7,926	66	9/24	937	20	50	6	0	14.2M
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	3,500	30	9/28	711	19	7	7	0	7.9M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Creeping and single tree torching was observed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A transfer of command from both Martin's Type 1 Incident Management Team and Gardner's Type 2 Incident Management Team (which is assigned to the portion of the Booth fire that is west of the Cascade Divide) to Hoff's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur on 9/20. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels, and is 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Fires within the complex continued to creep and smolder.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. Burn out operations on the fire generated the most activity; the rest of the fire was quite.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. The fire exhibited very little activity; it continued to smolder with some burning in patches of heavy fuels within the perimeter.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in timber, brush and heavy downed fuels, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

MINERAL PARK, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is in heavy timber, brush and deep duff, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX, Mount Rainer National Park. This complex, comprised of the Panther, Redstone and Chenuis fires, is in heavy timber with heavy downed fuels, 13 miles northeast of Packwood, WA. The Panther fire is in monitor status. No significant fire activity was observed on the Panther.

SQUARE LAKE FIRE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber and brush, 20 miles west of Leavenworth, WA. Closures of the trail and the area of the Upper Icicle Creek Drainage remain in effect. The fire is in monitor status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	17,300	73	UNK	372	5	0	4	1	6M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	94	9/19	909	12	24	6	13	34.7M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	870	NR	UNK	184	5	1	2	0	1.3M
MAPLE	WA	OWF	1,633	70	10/1	75	2	1	1	0	2.2M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	704	50	10/31	2	0	0	0	0	192K
MINERAL PARK	WA	MSF	3,651	50	10/31	1	0	0	0	0	81K
MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX	WA	MRP	374	15	10/31	5	0	0	0	0	1.7M
SQUARE LAKE FIRE	WA	OWF	1,097	40	9/30	2	0	0	0	0	1.7M
FAWN PEAK	WA	OWF	81,343	100	---	36	19	0	0	0	39.7M

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Ball Creek, Wounded Buck, Doe, Wildcat, Upper Lid, Dead Buck and Blackfoot Lake fires, is in timber, 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT. There was occasional smoke over the fire area. Demobilization will begin today.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. 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. No fire behavior was observed.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Larsen) 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. No fire behavior was observed.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This complex, which includes the Middle Fork, Rampage and Trapper Creek Complexes, is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and downed fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The fires continued to creep and smolder.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	29,836	85	9/30	399	8	6	0	0	19.5M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	39,956	75	9/28	33	1	3	0	0	25.5M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	25,202	78	9/20	171	1	0	1	0	22.7M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	19	0	0	0	1	16.4M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	70,406	40	10/1	0	0	0	0	1	4.1M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	57,570	70	10/1	401	4	14	2	3	30.7M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

SOUTH SAGE, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire, burning in timber and hardwood slash, is 10 miles east of Ely, NV. Fire spread was minimal and isolated torching occurred. Structure protection is in place for ten residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOUTH SAGE	NV	ELD	330	75	9/19	NR	5	7	3	4	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEXTER – WFU	CA	INF	2,000	N/A	N/A	105	3	5	4	0	NR
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	3,766	N/A	N/A	88	2	0	2	0	58K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	2,290	N/A	N/A	17	1	0	0	0	152K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	2,746	N/A	N/A	54	0	0	0	0	110K

INF = Inyo National Forest

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: As a weak cold front moves across the Northern Rockies Area today, temperatures will begin to warm across the west. This will be the result of high pressure building into the west from off the California coast. In the east, heavy rains and wind will move through Pennsylvania and New York from the remnants of hurricane Isabel.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern Rockies West of the Divide: Partly cloudy. Isolated showers in the north. East of the Divide: Mostly sunny.	West of the Divide: 55 to 75. East of the Divide: 60 to 80.	West of the Divide: 25 to 35%. East of the Divide: 15 to 25%.	West of the Divide: southwest 5 to 15 mph. East of the Divide: southwest 15 to 25 mph increasing along the front range, otherwise west to southwest 10 to 20 mph.
Southern California Areas of morning low clouds and fog along coastal areas south of Point Conception, otherwise sunny.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 95 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 90 to 100 upper desert. 100 to 110 low desert.	8 to 15% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. 30 to 50% coast.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.



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Scenarios:

[Scenario 1](#)

[Scenario 2](#)

BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES	1					3	4
	ACRES	0					1	1
Northern California	FIRES	3				22	2	27
	ACRES	7				410	761	1,178
Southern California	FIRES		1			10		11
	ACRES		0			44		44
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2					1	3
	ACRES	3					0	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						30	30
Southwest	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					1	20	21
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					15		15
Southern Area	FIRES					34		34
	ACRES					155		155
TOTAL	FIRES	6	1	0	0	78	8	93
	ACRES	10	0	0	0	626	814	1,450

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	391	14	451
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,056	3,712	248,107	2	575,168
Northwest	FIRES	290	234	11	55	1,717	1,209	3,516
	ACRES	20,246	17,923	12	3,081	48,813	292,943	383,018
Northern California	FIRES	140	69	7	17	2,529	1,155	3,917
	ACRES	225	11,583	2	6,562	49,373	25,174	92,919
Southern California	FIRES	64	132	10	73	2,441	816	3,536
	ACRES	854	2,875	360	326	35,990	7,217	47,622
Northern Rockies	FIRES	954	61	33	84	928	1,478	3,538
	ACRES	77,838	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,072	362,241	893,520
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	805	5	45	631	942	2,486
	ACRES	19,423	133,642	1,383	2,634	47,216	137,094	341,392
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	428	1	11	112	167	726
	ACRES	1	11,096	79	6	1,941	3,206	16,329
Southwest	FIRES	792	186	5	70	878	2,059	3,990
	ACRES	36,582	5,893	284	3,553	16,172	202,997	265,481
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	775	39	47	966	694	2,703
	ACRES	17,414	16,917	1,963	783	16,928	53,057	107,062
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,797	465	11,271
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,367	5,576	175,727
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,627	330	12,162
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	186,092	8,832	229,557
TOTAL	FIRES	3,543	2,704	244	459	32,017	9,329	48,296
	ACRES	246,530	347,635	329,424	188,796	917,071	1,098,339	3,127,795

Ten Year Average Fires	66,938
Ten Year Average Acres	3,888,744

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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		1					1
	ACRES		3,000					3,000
Western Great Basin	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				53			53
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						355	355
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		70					70
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						37	37
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	6	8
	ACRES	0	3,070	0	53	0	392	3,515

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	92	17	3		217	357
	ACRES	5,351	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	49,873
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,146	2,193		9,712	33,349
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	70	4	23	316	434
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,574	760	1,750	15,035	31,429
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	26	3		10	24	64
	ACRES	18	18,250	300		1,510	8,000	28,078
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		420		2,084		230	2,734
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	8	3	251	328
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	7,383	12	45,214	122,211
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	20	90	9	11	75	233
	ACRES	1,730	3,199	12,778	9,542	164	5,883	33,296
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	493	204	1,051
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,648	26,936	176,638
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	71	14,130	1,210	15,734
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,789	779,616	933,454	1,912,083
TOTAL	FIRES	160	196	900	137	14,676	2,595	18,664
	ACRES	40,906	63,774	240,790	110,972	865,255	1,087,147	2,408,844

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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			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		46	100
	ACRES	0			4,393		9,071	13,464
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		70	73
	ACRES				602		54,652	55,254
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		29	35
	ACRES				435		14,787	15,222
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1	81	0	174	290
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	11,700	0	240,239	296,387

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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	40	10	22	24	10	8			500	240
Northern California	51	53	86	21	8	17			242	385
Southern California	17	1	9	32	11	5			124	8
Northern Rockies	10	1	3	27		1			199	130
Eastern Great Basin	4	1	13		1					
Western Great Basin	3	2	3	4	3	1			42	
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			1	1					5	3
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	125	68	137	109	33	32	0	0	1112	766

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