

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northwest and Northern Rockies Areas and light elsewhere. Nationally, 237 new fires were reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern Rockies and Northwest Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northwest and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Interagency Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Evacuation plans remain in place for several communities near the Deep Harbor fire. SiSi Ridge is now in patrol status, while the Pot Peak reported minimal fire behavior.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Fire behavior was moderate.

REDWOOD HIGHWAY, Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is one mile southwest of Cave Junction, OR in timber. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

RATTLESNAKE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 40 miles west of Yakima, WA in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	45,970	65	UNK	804	20	38	13	3	17.6M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	482	17	UNK	123	1	0	4	0	814K
REDWOOD HWY	OR	71S	200	80	UNK	29	0	5	2	11	250K
RATTLESNAKE PEAK WFU	WA	OWF	738	N/A	N/A	67	0	0	3	0	198K
MILL CANYON	WA	NES	1,191	100	---	360	9	50	2	4	971K

NES = Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Northeast

**EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

HAWKINS, Dixie National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned; the Team is also managing the Westside Complex. This fire is ten miles southwest of Enterprise, UT in pinyon pine, juniper, oak, sagebrush and grass. Fire behavior was minimal with some open flame observed on Flat Top Mountain.

CORN, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is located 37 miles northwest of Salmon, ID in heavy dead and down timber. Increased wind speeds and lower relative humidity levels produced active fire behavior in the interior. Short runs with isolated torching and spotting was observed.

WESTSIDE COMPLEX, Dixie National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 12 miles southwest of Enterprise, UT in sagebrush, grass and timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HAWKINS	UT	DIF	35,232	95	8/6	403	14	10	3	0	2.3M
CORN	ID	SCF	197	60	8/8	266	7	1	4	0	450K
WESTSIDE COMPLEX WFU	UT	DIF	4,800	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	320K

#### **NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CAPRI LAKE, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) has been ordered. This fire is 14 miles south of Conner, MT in timber. High winds resulted in torching and spotting which caused five spot fires on the east flank.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAPRI LAKE	MT	BRF	200	5	UNK	85	4	0	4	0	176K

#### **WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

TROY CANYON, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This fire is 70 miles southwest of Ely, NV in timber. This fire is being managed using a confine/contain strategy. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TROY CANYON	NV	HTF	1,800	NR	10/7	58	1	1	1	0	129K

#### **ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) to a Type 3 organization will occur at 0800 ADT. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire behavior was minimal.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Short crown runs and frequent group torching were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	503,362	35	UNK	238	1	3	1	30	16.4M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	842,402	15	UNK	116	3	2	2	6	6.4M

### EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 25 miles southeast of International Falls, MN in balsam, spruce and pine, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fire behavior increased due to warmer and drier conditions.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECTION 33 - WFU	MN	VOP	1,409	N/A	N/A	58	2	0	0	0	245K

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BEEFSTEAK, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 12 miles west of Meeker, CO in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BEEFSTEAK-WFU	CO	WRD	273	N/A	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	70K

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROMAN COMPLEX	TX	RGR	1200	100	---	20	0	4	0	0	20K

RGR = Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** Western and central Idaho for winds and low relative humidity.

Northern counties of Nevada, except for the far northwest counties, for gusty winds and low relative humidity levels.

**Weather Discussion:** The low pressure trough off the Washington coast will finally move inland today bringing showers and thunderstorms to the Northwest and Northern Rockies. Dry weather with gusty winds will continue from the Sierra into the Great Basin. Monsoon moisture will bring scattered thunderstorms to Southwest, Utah and Colorado. High pressure will remain parked over the interior of Alaska for warm, dry weather.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Scattered showers and wet thunderstorms except dry and windy southeastern Oregon.	<b>East of the Cascades:</b> 70s to lower 80s. <b>West of the Cascades:</b> 60s coast. Mid 60s to 70s inland.	<b>East of the Cascades:</b> 10 to 15% southeastern Oregon. 25 to 45% elsewhere. <b>West of Cascades:</b> 40 to 70%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph. Gusts to 35 mph southeastern Oregon and 40 mph Columbia Basin.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy with isolated dry thunderstorms in the mountains. Breezy to windy over Idaho. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly cloudy with isolated to scattered thunderstorms, mainly over southern and eastern Utah.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 70 to 80 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. <b>Utah and Arizona Strip:</b> 70 to 90 mountains. 90 to 102 valleys. 102 to 108 Lake Mead.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 17 to 27% mountains. 6 to 22% valleys. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 25 to 50% mountains. 14 to 30% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Southwest 10 to 20 mph western portions. Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph east Utah.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Sunny skies. Windy in the north; scattered thunderstorms in the far south.	80 to 93 north valleys. 84 to 98 south valleys. 66 to 82 mountains.	6 to 14% valleys. 12 to 22% mountains. 15 to 30% far south.	North: Southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph. South: Southwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.	60s to 70s mountains. 80s to 90s lower elevations. 100 to 110 Arizona deserts.	15 to 30% lower elevations. 20 to 40% mountains.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph Arizona and western New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Isolated to scattered thunderstorms.	<b>West of the Continental Divide:</b> 75 to 85. <b>East of the Continental Divide:</b> 85 to 95 Montana. 80s North Dakota. 70s mountains	40 to 50% in North Dakota. 20 to 35% elsewhere.	<b>West of the Continental Divide:</b> Northwest at 5 to 15 mph. <b>East of the Continental Divide:</b> Southeast at 10 to 15 mph, becoming northwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> <b>Eastern Interior:</b> Mostly sunny.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> 70s to low 80s.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> 25 to 35%.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> Northeast 10 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas; otherwise sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	25 to 40% valleys. 8 to 20% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Partly to mostly cloudy. Chance of some light rain or showers in the far northwestern portion.	70s to mid 90s.	15 to 35% inland areas.	West to southwest to northwest mostly 5 to 15 mph. Areas in the east afternoon wind west 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 32 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

### • Hazardous Materials

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

### • Illicit Activities

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

### • Propane tanks

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

### • Utility lines

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

### • Septic tanks and fields

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

### • New construction materials

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

### • Pets and livestock

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

### • Evacuation occurring

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

### • Limited access

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	1		1		2
	ACRES		7	2,588		3,175		5,770
Northwest	FIRES	9	2			14	57	82
	ACRES	2	18			214	89	323
Northern California	FIRES					9	3	12
	ACRES					16	0	16
Southern California	FIRES			1		10		11
	ACRES			1		4		5
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	2			13	34	54
	ACRES	14	5			8	188	215
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	6		1	3	8	20
	ACRES	6	2		0	4	2	14
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		1				88	89
Southwest	FIRES	1	0		4		12	17
	ACRES	0	2		0		2	4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		0			0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES					6	5	11
	ACRES					2	24	26
Southern Area	FIRES					23		23
	ACRES					50		50
TOTAL	FIRES	17	14	2	5	80	119	237
	ACRES	22	35	2,589	0	3,473	393	6,512

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	5	57	66	19	366	9	522
	ACRES	6,065	1,081,061	1,051,945	29,341	2,284,322	1	4,452,735
Northwest	FIREs	275	185	28	31	1,207	771	2,497
	ACRES	17,925	2,193	488	57	7,911	41,136	69,710
Northern California	FIREs	86	32	8	24	1,813	725	2,688
	ACRES	120	421	2	2	13,720	5,790	20,055
Southern California	FIREs	35	69	19	38	2,127	461	2,749
	ACRES	667	5,072	1,866	29	55,691	5,842	69,167
Northern Rockies	FIREs	863	46	18	10	608	508	2,053
	ACRES	4,816	1,404	1,061	3	14,593	4,609	26,486
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	32	647	6	32	328	467	1,512
	ACRES	78	28,233	11	34	5,054	45,000	78,410
Western Great Basin	FIREs	11	424	5	11	61	89	601
	ACRES	153	15,700	2,726	0	6,043	6,577	31,199
Southwest	FIREs	584	119	4	65	616	1,258	2,646
	ACRES	5,021	4,861	201	513	6,881	286,508	303,985
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	297	376	32	37	328	322	1,392
	ACRES	4,003	4,118	1,168	31	20,501	4,360	34,181
Eastern Area	FIREs	489		47	28	7,206	438	8,208
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,722	5,599	69,859
Southern Area	FIREs	129		56	42	24,338	560	25,125
	ACRES	15,802		7,544	1,067	312,975	73,183	410,571
TOTAL	FIREs	2,806	1,955	289	337	38,998	5,608	49,993
	ACRES	59,744	1,143,063	1,069,347	31,186	2,784,413	478,605	5,566,358

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>54,783</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>2,582,892</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					40		40
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					106		106
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	146	146

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	96	18		183	350
	ACRES	251	731	14,138	2,690		22,617	40,427
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	367	534
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,535	63,665
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	17	46	93
	ACRES	149	7,352	547	1,102	1,490	17,715	28,355
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	5			5	15
	ACRES		85	541			971	1,597
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	10		281	327
	ACRES	2,796	4,844	12,769	7,779		66,197	94,385
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	138	18	12	113	362
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	21,434	13,264	3,947	45,672	101,285
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		366	23	852	186	1,447
	ACRES	14,454		42,524	4,443	89,572	28,171	179,164
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	74	393	1,109	1,831
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	67,652	212,745	995,551	1,376,302
TOTAL	FIRES	217	211	956	160	1,324	2,621	5,489
	ACRES	40,781	34,344	201,773	98,724	312,917	1,283,871	1,972,410

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				52,266			52,266
Northwest	FIRES		34		2		48	84
	ACRES			0	1		516	517
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIRES				5		2	7
	ACRES				4,309		222	4,531
Northern Rockies	FIRES				8		26	34
	ACRES				0		42	42
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		31	32
	ACRES				0		4,929	4,929
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10		2			12
	ACRES			493	0			493
Southwest	FIRES				5		19	24
	ACRES				244		9,667	9,911
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		19		1	0	4	24
	ACRES			6,995	0	2,271	612	9,878
Eastern Area	FIRES				4		1	5
	ACRES				4,090		1	4,091
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	63	0	33	0	134	230
	ACRES	0	7,488	0	63,932	2,271	15,989	89,680

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	68	0	1,704	178,585
Yukon Territory	2	0	244	1,366,789
Alberta	6	12,356	1,433	124,941
Northwest Territory	1	150	264	225,925
Saskatchewan	4	0	296	182,860
Manitoba	0	0	202	4,137
Ontario	9	5	285	1,462
Quebec	1	0	231	2,227
Newfoundland	1	0	121	8,375
New Brunswick	0	0	228	289
Nova Scotia	1	0	220	227
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	180	81	171,872
Total	93	12,691	5,327	2,267,705

### 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	3	3		5	2	3			93	122
Northwest	28	20	7	107	11	24	1		351	261
Northern California	19		12		5					
Southern California	3		2		3					
Northern Rockies	13	4	29	10	18		1		5	
Eastern Great Basin	19	5	16	7	9	3			200	35
Western Great Basin	1		1		2					
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	2		2			3			7	
Eastern Area	2								42	6
Southern Area			2	2					5	3
Total	90	32	71	131	50	33	2	0	703	427

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