

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northwest Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 156 new fires were reported. Six new large fires were reported, two in Northwest Area and one each in Eastern Great Basin, Northern California, Northern Rockies, and Southwest Areas. Four large fires were contained, two in Eastern Great Basin Area and one each in Southern California and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gromley) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs and spotting was reported on the Deep Harbor fire. Evacuation notification continues for Domke Lake, Lucerne, and Holden Village.

FISCHER, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed/Holloway) is assigned. This fire is four miles southeast of Leavenworth, WA in grass, brush and timber. Wind-driven fire behavior with running and group torching was reported.

MUD LAKE, Southeast, Department of Natural Resources. This fire is seven miles northwest of Naches, WA in grass, brush and timber. Plume-driven fire behavior was observed resulting in large acreage growth.

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. The location and terrain of this fire are a major concern. Fire behavior was minimal.

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. Fire activity increased due to lower relative humidity levels and higher temperatures.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	46,970	85	UNK	402	9	12	5	3	19.4M
FISCHER	WA	OWF	250	0	UNK	261	7	27	6	0	50K
MUD LAKE	WA	SES	1,000	NR	UNK	80	1	6	6	0	NR
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	586	17	UNK	102	0	0	4	0	1.4M
RATTLESNAKE PEAK – WFU	WA	OWF	738	N/A	N/A	82	0	0	3	0	478K

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcum) has been ordered. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek and Wolf Creek fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Significant fire growth towards Central was observed with flame lengths up to 150 feet. Residents living along the Steese Highway one to five miles north of Central were evacuated.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. 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. Clear skies, low relative humidity levels and high temperatures resulted in fire growth with creeping and occasional torching. Some plume dominated activity was observed on the Porcupine and Billy Creek fires.

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Moderate fire behavior continued in the headwaters of the Little Chena River.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	260,000	NR	UNK	109	4	5	2	3	NR
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	842,402	15	UNK	155	6	1	2	6	7.1M
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	508,622	35	UNK	84	2	3	1	29	16.9M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SALT CREEK, Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is nine miles south of Levan, UT in pinyon pine, sagebrush and grass. Extreme fire behavior with 40 to 50 foot flame lengths was observed. Local road closures are in effect.

MC CONKIE RANCH, Vernal Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Vernal, UT in logging slash and juniper. Minimal fire behavior was reported. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SALT CREEK	UT	RID	1,500	0	8/14	35	0	9	1	0	NR
MC CONKIE RANCH	UT	VLD	368	80	8/10	194	8	5	0	0	NR
HOME	UT	SLD	264	100	---	98	2	11	2	0	50K
GUN RANGE	ID	IFD	620	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management

SLD = Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

KINCAID, Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is 14 miles east-southeast of Milpitas, CA in heavy brush and oak woodlands. Steep terrain hampered suppression efforts. Fire behavior was moderate to extreme.

STEVENS, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is two miles west of Colfax, CA in timber, and brush. Active fire behavior with significant runs was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KINCAID	CA	SCU	1,000	35	8/10	385	13	31	5	0	NR
STEVENS	CA	NEU	900	50	UNK	833	32	52	12	4	851K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAPRI LAKE, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. This fire is 14 miles south of Conner, MT in timber. Smoldering and burnout in heavy fuels were observed.

NORTH MILLER, Eastern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. This fire is 12 miles southeast of Miles City, MT in ponderosa pine. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAPRI LAKE	MT	BRF	155	95	8/11	257	14	1	5	0	774K
NORTH MILLER	MT	EAS	109	90	UNK	63	0	14	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CALAVERAS COMPLEX, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Heil) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Mineral and Armstrong fires as well as the contained Copper fire, is four miles southwest of Copperopolis, CA in brush. Minimal fire activity with smoldering was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CALAVERAS COMPLEX	CA	TCU	4,411	95	8/10	836	23	157	6	11	4.6M
TRINITY	CA	BDF	400	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

BDF = San Bernardino National Forest

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Hall) to a Fire Use Management Team (Bird) is in progress. 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 was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECTION 33 - WFU	MN	VOP	1,435	N/A	N/A	40	0	0	0	0	339K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

PITCHFORK, Gila National Forest. This fire is 21 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber, logging slash and grass. Active fire behavior with occasional torching was reported. Crews performed successful burn out operations at the Elk Springs subdivision.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PITCHFORK	NM	GNF	406	NR	UNK	15	0	3	0	0	5K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GRAVEL PIT	WY	RSD	438	100	---	30	1	2	0	0	NR

RSD = Rock Springs Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A strong ridge of high pressure will bring hot and dry weather conditions to most of the West. A few thundershowers can be expected over Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico once again. Warm and dry weather is also on tap for the central and eastern interior of Alaska. In the Gulf of Mexico, tropical storm Bonnie is expected to strengthen slightly but stay offshore until Wednesday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas. Otherwise mostly sunny, except becoming partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms over the mountains and deserts of Southern California east of Cajon Pass.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 85 to 100 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper deserts. 105 to 115 lower deserts.	10 to 20% valleys. 8 to 20% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Low clouds on the coast. Otherwise mostly sunny with a few afternoon buildups over the mountains.	West of the Cascades: 80s to low 90s southwest Oregon. East of the Cascades: 90s to 100.	West of the Cascades: 25 to 35% north. 15 to 25% south. East of the Cascades: 5 to 15%.	Generally, northwest to north winds 5 to 12 mph but gusty in the afternoon.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Sunny. Utah, Arizona Strip: Sunny. Partly cloudy afternoon with isolated dry thunderstorms possible over mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 66 to 88 mountains. 88 to 98 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 76 to 98 mountains. 88 to 112 lower elevations. 112 to 117 Lake Mead.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 15 to 28% mountains. 8 to 15% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 10 to 20% mountains. 2 to 12% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest to west 5 to 15. Late afternoon gusts to 35 mph on the Bridger-Teton. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph. Otherwise, northwest to west 10 to 15 mph.
ALASKA AREA Eastern Interior: Mostly sunny with isolated thunderstorms in the northern interior.	Eastern Interior: 70s to mid 80s.	Eastern Interior: 20 to 35%.	Eastern Interior: Northeast to southeast 5 to 10 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered thunderstorms over Front Range of Colorado and eastern plains.	Upper 70s to 80s. 70s mountains.	Less than 20% across western Colorado and southwestern Wyoming.	Variable 10 to 25 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny except for coastal fog and low clouds.	70s coast. 80s to mid 90s higher elevations. Mid 90s to 110 lower slopes and valleys.	5 to 15% east side. 10 to 20% remaining inland valleys.	South to southwest 3 to 8 mph with gusts 14 to 18 mph in the afternoon.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny. Very slight chance for a dry lightning strike across east-central parts of Nevada.	90 to 102 north valleys. 96 to 109 south valleys. 76 to 92 mountains.	4 to 12% valleys. 8 to 18% mountains.	Southwest to west 5 to 15 mph with local afternoon gusts to 25 mph.



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POWER LINE SAFETY

Operating near or under power lines poses unique hazards and the following precautions should be followed to reduce potential equipment damage or injury:

- If possible the power company should deactivate lines in the fire area.
- Don't operate heavy equipment under power lines.
- Don't use right-of-ways as a jump or cargo drop spot.
- Don't drive with long antennas under power lines.
- Don't stand near power lines during retardant drops.
- Don't park under power lines. The magnetic field around energized power lines can induce an electrical charge in ungrounded vehicles or equipment. This charge can shock anyone who touches the vehicle.
- Don't apply straight stream to power lines.
- All personnel should be cautioned that smoke may become charged and conduct the electrical current. Deactivated transmission and distribution lines may continue to pose a hazard due to induction.
- If power lines fall on your vehicle, DON'T leave the vehicle until the power company arrives. If the vehicle is on fire or fire is near, jump clear, don't hang on, keep feet together and bunny hop away.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		6		6
	ACRES		1,500	7,993		378		9,871
Northwest	FIRES	1	6			15	14	36
	ACRES	0	0			1,064	1,001	2,065
Northern California	FIRES	1				11	8	20
	ACRES	0				660	1	661
Southern California	FIRES				1	15	4	20
	ACRES				0	0	4	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1			7	4	15
	ACRES	5	1			0	2	8
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			2	3	10
	ACRES		1,535			30	1	1,566
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	0					12	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		0			100	0	100
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		33	3	37
	ACRES			30		167	8	205
TOTAL	FIRES	6	14	1	1	91	43	156
	ACRES	5	3,037	8,023	0	2,399	1,029	14,493

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	57	67	18	379	9	535
	ACRES	6,065	1,097,361	1,062,943	29,337	2,289,782	1	4,485,489
Northwest	FIRES	283	201	27	31	1,292	802	2,636
	ACRES	21,644	2,470	447	70	9,114	49,366	83,111
Northern California	FIRES	89	32	9	24	1,857	746	2,757
	ACRES	120	421	2	2	14,436	5,823	20,804
Southern California	FIRES	35	71	19	39	2,192	481	2,837
	ACRES	667	5,123	1,866	29	60,307	6,124	74,116
Northern Rockies	FIRES	880	69	19	13	645	553	2,179
	ACRES	5,137	1,449	1,062	3	15,046	4,667	27,364
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	35	681	6	33	352	499	1,606
	ACRES	93	30,780	11	34	5,805	45,024	81,747
Western Great Basin	FIRES	12	425	5	12	61	88	603
	ACRES	153	15,767	2,660	0	6,043	6,653	31,276
Southwest	FIRES	586	119	4	65	619	1,303	2,696
	ACRES	5,021	4,861	201	513	6,881	286,543	304,020
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	300	402	32	37	354	333	1,458
	ACRES	4,011	4,618	1,168	31	20,646	4,375	34,849
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	28	7,230	440	8,234
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,709	5,608	69,855
Southern Area	FIRES	129		57	42	24,440	565	25,233
	ACRES	15,802		7,574	1,067	313,521	73,192	411,156
TOTAL	FIRES	2,843	2,057	292	342	39,421	5,819	50,774
	ACRES	63,807	1,162,850	1,080,269	31,195	2,798,290	487,376	5,623,787

Ten Year Average Fires	56,270
Ten Year Average Acres	2,827,002

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					10,000		10,000
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						5	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						27	27
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10,000	32	10,032

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					12,097		12,097
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		285	331
	ACRES	2,796	4,844	12,769	7,779		66,246	94,434
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	40	138	18	12	113	363
	ACRES	5,117	11,861	21,434	13,264	3,947	45,672	101,295
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		367	23	1,065	187	1,662
	ACRES	14,454		42,699	4,443	73,597	28,182	163,375
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	75	393	1,112	1,835
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	70,652	212,745	996,678	1,380,429
TOTAL	FIRES	217	212	957	161	1,537	2,629	5,713
	ACRES	40,781	34,354	201,948	101,724	306,942	1,285,058	1,970,807

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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				2		6	8
	ACRES				1		506	507
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				9		28	37
	ACRES				0		44	44
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		34	35
	ACRES				0		4,959	4,959
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	29	0	34	0	97	160
	ACRES	0	7,488	0	63,932	2,271	16,011	89,702

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	0	1,730	179,109
Yukon Territory	4	290	249	1,367,179
Alberta	6	211	1,455	133,107
Northwest Territory	0	0	267	243,773
Saskatchewan	0	0	301	195,794
Manitoba	1	10	212	4,619
Ontario	7	4	311	1,471
Quebec	1	1	233	2,332
Newfoundland	1	0	122	8,377
New Brunswick	0	0	231	289
Nova Scotia	0	0	220	227
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	8,000	83	179,873
Total	23	8,516	5,432	2,316,164

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	8		9	3	3			37	65
Northwest	23	6	12	46	23	19	2		387	180
Northern California	24	31	8	134	7	13			5	158
Southern California	25	23	46	155	8	6			37	64
Northern Rockies	19		7	20	6	5			49	9
Eastern Great Basin	9	4	19	5	3	1			73	6
Western Great Basin	2	3	4		2					
Southwest			3							
Rocky Mountain	1	2	5	1	1	1			4	
Eastern Area									37	6
Southern Area										
Total	108	77	104	370	53	48	2	0	629	488

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