

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 204 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern California and Southern California Areas. Five large fires were contained, two in the Northern Rockies Area and one each in the Northern California, Southern California and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. Fire behavior was moderate. Some spotting and torching along the perimeter resulted in short runs. Evacuation orders are in effect for residents in Derby and Williams Canyons.

MUD LAKE, Southeast, Washington Department of Natural Resources. This fire is seven miles northwest of Naches, WA in grass, brush and timber. Fire activity was moderate with some single tree torching reported.

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. Increased fire behavior was observed on the northern portion of the Deep Harbor fire.

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. Increased fire behavior was observed.

RATTLESNAKE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) to a Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) will occur today. 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 was low. 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
FISCHER	WA	OWF	375	0	UNK	404	11	12	7	0	700K
MUD LAKE	WA	SES	1,300	75	UNK	80	1	6	6	0	NR
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	46,970	85	UNK	451	9	12	6	3	19.8M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	596	17	UNK	98	0	0	4	0	1.3M
RATTLESNAKE PEAK – WFU	WA	OWF	576	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 (Morcom) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek and Wolf Creek fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. No new information was reported.

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. The Gardiner Creek fire made runs toward the Alaska Highway and the village of Northway. Fire activity also increased on the Porcupine and Chicken 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 was observed.

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	959,158	15	UNK	189	8	4	4	6	7.3M
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	508,922	35	UNK	80	2	3	1	30	17.0M

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STEVENS, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is two miles west of Colfax, CA in timber and brush. Fire behavior was moderate. Evacuations were lifted for residences in the incident area.

CREEK, Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is 12 miles southeast of Laytonville, CA in grass, brush and timber. Fire behavior was moderate.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
STEVENS	CA	NEU	950	80	8/11	1,304	43	52	5	4	1.9M
CREEK	CA	MEU	328	90	8/11	335	9	14	1	0	797K
KINCAID	CA	SCU	1,246	100	---	556	17	37	5	0	1.2M

SCU = Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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. Fire behavior decreased significantly. Hot spots remain along the north flank of the incident.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SALT CREEK	UT	RID	1,500	20	8/14	259	8	8	4	0	NR
MC CONKIE RANCH	UT	VLD	368	100	---	150	6	2	0	0	NR

VLD = Vernal Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

EARLY, Stanislaus National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This fire is located 15 miles northeast of Groveland, CA in brush and timber. Moderate fire behavior was observed with some torching and spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EARLY	CA	STF	1,250	75	8/15	776	22	15	8	0	350K
CALAVERAS COMPLEX	CA	TCU	4,411	100	---	458	10	43	1	11	5.5M

TCU - Tuolumne -Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) 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 was minimal due to cloudy, damp weather.

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	360K

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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PITCHFORK	NM	GNF	406	NR	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	7K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAPRI LAKE	MT	BRF	155	100	---	179	5	0	9	0	943K
NORTH MILLER	MT	EAS	109	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

BRF - Bitterroot National Forest

EAS - Eastern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A strong ridge of high pressure will continue to bring hot and dry weather conditions to most of the West. However, as moisture increases on the south edge of the high, a few thundershowers are possible in the southern Great Basin and along the southern Sierra Mountains. Warm and mainly dry weather is expected for the central and eastern interior of Alaska, with a few isolated thunderstorms. In the Gulf of Mexico, tropical storm Bonnie may reach minimal hurricane status this afternoon before it moves onshore early on Thursday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA Sunny.	Hot. West of the Cascades: 80s north to low 100s south. East of Cascades: Upper 80s to low 100s.	Very dry. West of Cascades: mostly 15 to 25%. East of Cascades: mostly 5 to 15%.	Mostly northeast to east 5 to 12 mph except northwest 5 to 15 mph along the coastal strip. Wind will be quite gusty in the afternoon.
ALASKA AREA Eastern Interior Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms.	Eastern Interior 70s to mid 80s.	Eastern Interior 25 to 35%.	Eastern Interior Southwest 5 to 10 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny, except coastal fog and low clouds.	Mid 90s to 110, warmest in inland areas.	Eastern areas: 5 to 15%. Elsewhere 10 to 20% (except the foggy coast).	South to Southwest 3 to 8 mph, afternoon gusts 14 to 20 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy with isolated dry thunderstorms southern Utah mountains late.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 77 to 86. W. Wyoming mountains: 58 to 76. Valleys: 88 to 100. Utah and Arizona Strip: Mountains: 78 to 94. Lower elevations: 92 to 110. Lake Mead: 112 to 117.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains 15 to 32%. Valleys 7 to 20%. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mountains 10 to 18%. Valleys 4 to 12%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest 5 to 10 mph, except upslope/upvalley Idaho mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Gusty near thunderstorms.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny; becoming partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms over the Sierra and over the mountains and deserts of Southern California in the afternoon.	Coastal areas: 75 to 85. Mountains: 85 to 100. Valley: 95 to 105. Upper desert: 95 to 105. Lower desert: 105 to 115.	Valley: 15 to 25%. Mountain: 10 to 25%. Desert: 10 to 20%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny. Just a very slight chance for a dry lightning strike across east-central parts of Nevada.	North Valleys: 92 to 104. South Valleys: 98 to 110. Mountains: 76 to 92.	Valleys: 6 to 14%. Mountains: 12 to 24%.	Northwest to west 5 to 15 mph with local afternoon gusts to 20 to 25 mph.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA East North Dakota: isolated rain showers. Elsewhere: mostly sunny.	Idaho: 90 to 99. West of Divide: 85 to 95. East of Divide: 75 to 83. North Dakota: 62 to 72. Mountains: 60s.	Idaho: 12 to 22%. West of divide: 18 to 28%. East of Divide: 25 to 35%. North Dakota: 40 to 50%.	Idaho: Slope/Valley 5 to 10 mph. Slope/Valley 5 to 10 mph. East of divide: NW 5 to 15 mph. North Dakota: NW 10 to 15 mph.



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HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

● Step 1—Situational Awareness:

- Obtain information.
- Scout the fire.
- Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
- Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
- Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
- Recognize the need for action.
- Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
- Note deviations.
- Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

● Step 2—Hazard Assessment:

- Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
- Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
- Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

● Step 3—Hazard Control:

- Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
- Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
- As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		7		7
	ACRES		500	29,081		2,419		32,000
Northwest	FIRES	1	2			10	7	20
	ACRES	0	8			4	400	412
Northern California	FIRES					9	6	15
	ACRES					307	2	309
Southern California	FIRES		1			18	5	24
	ACRES		367			207	27	601
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4				5	6	15
	ACRES	1				1	2	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9		1		3	13
	ACRES		17		0		0	17
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		100					100
Southwest	FIRES	1	1		1		26	29
	ACRES	6	0		0		82	88
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			1	7	10
	ACRES		0			0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	6		7
	ACRES				0	1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					62		62
	ACRES					364		364
TOTAL	FIRES	6	17	0	3	118	60	204
	ACRES	7	992	29,081	0	3,303	514	33,897

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	57	67	18	386	9	542
	ACRES	6,065	1,097,861	1,092,024	29,337	2,292,201	1	4,517,489
Northwest	FIRES	284	203	27	31	1,302	809	2,656
	ACRES	21,644	2,478	447	70	9,068	49,766	83,473
Northern California	FIRES	89	32	9	24	1,866	752	2,772
	ACRES	120	421	2	2	14,743	5,837	21,125
Southern California	FIRES	35	72	19	39	2,210	488	2,863
	ACRES	667	5,490	1,866	29	60,514	6,151	74,717
Northern Rockies	FIRES	884	69	19	13	650	561	2,196
	ACRES	5,138	1,449	1,062	3	15,047	4,681	27,380
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	35	690	6	34	353	502	1,620
	ACRES	96	30,658	11	34	6,365	45,024	82,188
Western Great Basin	FIRES	12	427	5	12	61	88	605
	ACRES	153	15,867	2,660	0	6,043	6,653	31,376
Southwest	FIRES	587	120	4	66	623	1,331	2,731
	ACRES	5,027	4,861	201	513	6,887	280,285	297,774
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	303	403	32	37	355	340	1,470
	ACRES	4,018	4,619	1,168	31	20,646	4,376	34,858
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	29	7,230	440	8,235
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,709	5,608	69,855
Southern Area	FIRES	129		57	42	24,491	565	25,284
	ACRES	15,802		7,574	1,067	313,702	73,192	411,337
TOTAL	FIRES	2,852	2,073	292	345	39,527	5,885	50,974
	ACRES	63,824	1,163,704	1,109,350	31,195	2,801,925	481,574	5,651,572

Ten Year Average Fires	56,628
Ten Year Average Acres	2,876,365

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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					5		5
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5

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		8	10
	ACRES				1		606	607
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		35	36
	ACRES				0		4,959	4,959
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10		2			12
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				5		24	29
	ACRES				244		9,767	10,011
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	105	168
	ACRES	0	7,488	0	63,932	2,271	16,211	89,902

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	9	5	1739	179,114
Yukon Territory	1	14,387	250	1,381,566
Alberta	2	1,473	1457	134,579
Northwest Territory	2	16	269	243,789
Saskatchewan	1	3,603	302	199,397
Manitoba	1	91	213	4,710
Ontario	8	2	319	1,473
Quebec	1	0	234	2,332
Newfoundland	1	0	123	8,377
New Brunswick	0	0	231	289
Nova Scotia	1	0	221	227
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	0	83	179,873
Total	27	19,576	5,459	2,335,741

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	10		12	3	5			35	70
Northwest	23	17	8	39	16	23			399	214
Northern California	26	59	27	128	5	10			9	200
Southern California	31	18	20	54	15	1			51	193
Northern Rockies	9		1		9	3			34	30
Eastern Great Basin	7	8	4	7	4	1			22	4
Western Great Basin	2	3	4		2					
Southwest									6	
Rocky Mountain	3	2	8	3	2	1			1	
Eastern Area									37	6
Southern Area										
Total	106	117	72	243	56	44	0	0	594	717

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