

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SUNDAY AUGUST 22, 2004 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Western Great Basin and Southern California Areas and light elsewhere. Nationally 254 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported in the Northwest Area. One large fire was contained in the Northern Rockies Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

Hurricane Charley, Florida. A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/13. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical and resource support. The team will work jointly with the GSA, FEMA, the U.S. Army and Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida State Emergency Response Team, Florida National Guard, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Lakeland Airport Authority, the Salvation Army and state and local law enforcement agencies. Four Florida State Type II Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp, Jones, Crow and Koehler) are assigned in Charlotte, Hardee and DeSoto Counties, and the city of Lakeland. The Teams are managing supply distribution centers, disaster recovery and two 300 person camps.

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

FISCHER, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This fire is four miles southeast of Leavenworth, WA in grass, brush and timber. Active burning in interior pockets of fuel, and spotting were reported. Mandatory evacuations remain in effect for Olalla, Hay, Nahahum, Jude and Spring Canyons.

BLAND MOUNTAIN #2, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is located ten miles north of Canyonville, OR in timber and grass. Active fire behavior was reported after an inversion lifted.

HIGHLANDS COMPLEX, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Northeast. A Washington Interagency Management Team (Holloway/Ripley) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Eagle Rock, Whitestone, Branch Creek, Bluehoo and High Country fires, is 20 miles southeast of Tonasket, WA in timber and grass. Fire activity was limited to interior pockets on the Eagle Rock, Branch Creek and Bluehoo fires. Whitestone and High Country had minimal fire activity and are in patrol status.

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte and Crescent fires, is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. Low to moderate fire activity with isolated single tree torching was observed. Crews have implemented burnout operations on the southern flank.

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) to a Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) occurred at 0600 PDT. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Fire activity throughout the complex consisted of occasional torching, short crown runs, creeping and backing. Voluntary evacuation notifications remain in effect.

FREEZEOUT COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This complex, located 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber, is comprised of the Freezeout and Freezeout 2 suppression fires, and the Devil's Creek Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fire. The joint U.S. Forest Service/British Columbia Forest Service helibase in Manning Park, Canada has been demobilized. Smoldering in heavy dead and down fuels was reported.

EAGLE CAP COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, comprised of the Goat Mountain and previously reported Jim White Ridge and Hazel Mountain 2 fires, located ten miles east of Cove, OR in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Activity was limited to smoldering surface fire.

DOWNEY CREEK, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is 16 miles north of Darrington, WA in timber. Precipitation limited fire behavior to creeping and smoldering.

SWIFT CREEK, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is ten miles north of Concrete, WA in timber. Light precipitation was received which limited fire behavior to creeping.

DIRTY FACE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Leavenworth, WA in timber. No new information was reported.

SURVEY POINT, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Concrete, WA in timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering was reported. Precipitation was reported.

BYBEE COMPLEX, Crater Lake National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (West) is assigned. This complex, comprised of ten fires, is 16 miles northeast of Prospect, OR in timber. Fire activity was limited to creeping and smoldering.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FISCHER	WA	OWF	16,379	65	UNK	1,801	42	119	9	1	10.3M
BLAND MOUNTAIN #2	OR	ORS	4,000	25	UNK	435	16	6	5	1	299K
HIGHLANDS COMPLEX	WA	NES	444	95	8/23	562	19	49	3	0	965K
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	1,250	45	UNK	611	21	0	10	0	1.6M
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	85	UNK	488	10	14	6	3	24.6M
FREEZEOUT COMPLEX	WA	OWF	838	17	UNK	32	0	0	1	0	2.5M
EAGLE CAP COMPLEX- WFU	OR	WWF	872	N/A	N/A	30	1	0	1	0	103K
DOWNEY CREEK	WA	MSF	193	NR	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
SWIFT CREEK	WA	MSF	170	NR	UNK	NR	0	1	1	0	NR
DIRTY FACE PEAK	WA	OWF	295	90	8/22	125	3	0	3	0	765K
SURVEY POINT	WA	MSF	100	NR	UNK	NR	0	0	1	0	NR

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BYBEE COMPLEX	OR	CLP	82	90	8/22	268	4	5	4	0	1.5M
RATTLESNAKE PEAK WFU	WA	OWF	775	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	820K

#### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Rock Creek, Preacher Creek, Middle Birch, Big Bluff and Takoma Bluff fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Fire behavior was moderate and consisted of group tree torching, short crown runs and short range spotting in areas of heavier fuels.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area 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 Porcupine reported active fire behavior with torching. Torching, crowning and small runs were observed on the Chicken. Fire activity was moderate on Gardiner Creek.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Fire activity was low to moderate.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	417,000	20	UNK	653	16	11	6	15	7.9M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,203,220	2	UNK	369	11	8	6	6	9.8M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	1,500	NR	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	NR

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH STAR BUTTE, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles northwest of New Meadows, ID in subalpine fir. Smoldering and creeping were observed.

BEAR SPRING, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) to a Type 3 organization will occur at 1800 MDT. This fire is 11 miles northwest of North Fork, ID in timber. Fire activity was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH STAR BUTTE	ID	PAF	1,030	90	8/22	398	11	1	8	0	2.5M
BEAR SPRING	ID	SCF	1,005	95	8/22	312	7	1	4	0	2.0M

## NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PROMONTORY WFU	WY	YNP	159	N/A	N/A	8	0	0	1	0	23K
WHITETAIL	ND	DPF	600	100	---	78	1	13	1	0	150K

YNP = Yellowstone National Park

DPF = Dakota Prairie National Grasslands

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A strong low pressure system will usher in cooler weather with scattered showers and thunderstorms over the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. High pressure will prevail elsewhere across the West. In Alaska, high pressure will gradually weaken over the next few days.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> <b>Eastern Interior:</b> Mostly sunny and very smoky.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> 70s to low 80s.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> 28 to 38%.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> East to southeast 5 to 15 mph.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Breezy with a cool front moving through the region. Mostly cloudy in central Idaho with showers and thunderstorms likely. Partly cloudy elsewhere with scattered showers and thunderstorms. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms south and widely scattered north. Breezy over the western valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 59 to 69 mountains. 70 to 81 valleys. <b>Utah and Arizona Strip:</b> 68 to 83 mountains. 84 to 99 valleys. 96 to 104 Lake Mead.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 26 to 51% mountains. 17 to 39% valleys. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 25 to 50% mountains. 13 to 35% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Northwest 15 to 23 mph western portions; southwest 10 to 20 mph east. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Southwest 15 to 25 mph western valleys and ridges; upslope or southwest 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> <b>West of Continental Divide:</b> Rain showers likely. Windy most areas and much cooler. <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> Isolated/scattered thunderstorms. Partly cloudy in North Dakota.	<b>West of Continental Divide:</b> 70 to 80 Idaho. 60 to 70 elsewhere. <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> 65 to 75 north. 75 to 85 south. 65 to 75 North Dakota.	<b>West of Continental Divide:</b> 35 to 50% Idaho. 45 to 55% elsewhere. <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> 40 to 55% North Dakota. 30 to 45% elsewhere.	<b>West of Continental Divide:</b> South-west 10 to 15 mph. <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> Southwest 5 to 15 mph in the south; east 10 to 15 mph in the north. Northeast 10 to 15 mph in North Dakota.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny west; partly cloudy east with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	78 to 90 north valleys. 82 to 95 south valleys. 70 to 82 mountains.	15 to 24% valleys. 20 to 33% mountains.	Southwest to west at 5 to 15 mph with afternoon gusts to 35+ mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise partly cloudy.	65 to 75 coast. 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 85 to 95 upper deserts. 95 to 105 lower deserts.	30 to 45% valleys. 15 to 30% mountains. 10 to 20% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.

<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Isolated afternoon thunderstorms east of the Cascade/Sierra crest. Otherwise, fog near the coast and increasing mid and high clouds, mainly in the north. A slight chance of light rain late in far northwest California.	60s coast. 70s to near 90 mountains. 90s to near 100 inland valleys.	15 to 25% from the Cascade-Sierra crest eastward. 20 to 35% inland areas.	South to southwest 7 to 15 mph with afternoon gusts 20 to 30 mph. Mainly coastal areas and east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Isolated dry lightning north.	80s. 90s southeast. 65 to 75 mountains.	Less than 20% over eastern Wyoming, higher readings elsewhere.	Variable 5 to 18 mph.



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TOPIC OF CHOICE

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs			0		3		3
	ACRES			109,604		34,966		144,570
Northwest	FIREs	2	2			58	73	135
	ACRES	1	0			495	20	516
Northern California	FIREs	2				17	1	20
	ACRES	2				119	0	121
Southern California	FIREs					17	4	21
	ACRES					6	3	9
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3				5	18	26
	ACRES	1				39	23	63
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	2			6	2	11
	ACRES	0	3			9	0	12
Western Great Basin	FIREs		13				2	15
	ACRES		2				3	5
Southwest	FIREs	1					20	21
	ACRES	0					2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	9	17	0	0	106	122	254
	ACRES	4	5	109,604	0	35,634	54	145,301

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	58	71	18	439	16	608
	ACRES	6,065	1,114,898	1,280,636	29,121	2,761,739	5	5,192,464
Northwest	FIREs	320	281	31	60	1,469	1,182	3,343
	ACRES	22,645	2,709	448	258	9,538	58,143	93,741
Northern California	FIREs	103	85	10	31	2,048	855	3,132
	ACRES	136	1,741	7	472	37,649	9,612	49,617
Southern California	FIREs	36	85	19	44	2,379	634	3,197
	ACRES	668	5,889	1,866	29	61,708	6,343	76,503
Northern Rockies	FIREs	911	69	19	12	737	769	2,517
	ACRES	5,151	1,449	1,062	3	15,149	7,308	30,122
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	51	724	6	44	421	619	1,865
	ACRES	455	32,312	11	57	7,217	47,289	87,341
Western Great Basin	FIREs	15	562	10	17	85	137	826
	ACRES	315	17,744	2,664	50	7,925	8,010	36,708
Southwest	FIREs	648	135	5	71	640	1,490	2,989
	ACRES	5,151	4,975	201	513	6,921	281,740	299,501
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	317	442	34	43	385	391	1,612
	ACRES	4,027	9,065	1,272	37	21,373	4,469	40,243
Eastern Area	FIREs	489		47	29	7,311	446	8,322
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,811	5,618	69,967
Southern Area	FIREs	130		59	42	24,623	576	25,430
	ACRES	15,806		13,712	1,067	314,525	73,312	418,422
TOTAL	FIREs	3,026	2,441	311	411	40,537	7,115	53,841
	ACRES	65,513	1,190,782	1,304,214	31,716	3,300,555	501,849	6,394,629

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,257</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,338,402</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					5,451		5,451
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		0
	ACRES					20		20
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					15		15
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5,451	35	5,486

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		1			5		6
	ACRES		32,000			15,497		47,497
Northwest	FIREs	38	78	43	1		262	422
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,329	76,589
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	18	46	94
	ACRES	149	7,852	547	1,102	1,490	17,715	28,855
Western Great Basin	FIREs		7	5			5	17
	ACRES		1,248	541			971	2,760
Southwest	FIREs	14	15	7	10		292	338
	ACRES	2,796	4,846	12,769	7,779		66,305	94,495
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	42	41	147	18	12	113	373
	ACRES	5,117	11,861	22,280	13,264	3,947	45,672	102,141
Eastern Area	FIREs	20		367	23	1,066	192	1,668
	ACRES	14,454		42,699	4,443	73,607	28,298	163,501
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	75	393	1,121	1,844
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	70,652	212,745	999,445	1,383,196
TOTAL	FIREs	217	216	966	161	1,539	2,657	5,756
	ACRES	40,781	68,019	202,794	101,724	310,352	1,288,100	2,011,770

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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				5		7	12
	ACRES				200		1,545	1,745
Northern California	FIREs				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIREs				7		2	9
	ACRES				4,311		222	4,533
Northern Rockies	FIREs				14		56	70
	ACRES				0		1,417	1,417
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				1		39	40
	ACRES				0		8,433	8,433
Western Great Basin	FIREs		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIREs				9		24	33
	ACRES				320		10,324	10,644
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	22	3		2	0	4	31
	ACRES	6,996	295		0	2,271	612	10,174
Eastern Area	FIREs				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIREs	0	34	3	48	0	136	221
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	61,555	2,271	22,554	94,164

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	49	0	2,297	201,339
Yukon Territory	1	7	262	1,453,101
Alberta	4	0	1,504	211,247
Northwest Territory	1	11,962	282	284,773
Saskatchewan	3	0	316	224,026
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	0	1	348	1,488
Quebec	0	0	242	2,829
Newfoundland	0	0	140	8,382
New Brunswick	0	0	235	289
Nova Scotia	1	0	241	241
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	0	87	184,674
Total	59	11,971	6,193	2,577,299

### 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	22	5	6	13	1	11			247	161
Northwest	53	70	9	196	14	43			798	641
Northern California	13	25	26	79	3	5			32	212
Southern California	7	3	7	6	6				19	4
Northern Rockies	2		9	5	6	1			24	5
Eastern Great Basin	15	3	5	1	12	1			169	82
Western Great Basin			3		1	1				
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			3						3	2
Eastern Area										5
Southern Area										
Total	119	106	78	383	53	63	0	0	1,352	1,127

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