

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY AUGUST 24, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 105 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota 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 2 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.

**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 activity was minimal due to a heavy inversion, light wind and higher relative humidity levels.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. 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. Fire activity was characterized by ground fire and torching on all fires in the complex. Erratic winds continued on Gardiner Creek which resulted in increased fire activity.

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) has been ordered. This previously reported fire, which began on 6/23, is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Backing fire behavior with intermittent torching and short runs was observed.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Continuing wind-driven fire behavior resulted in spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	445,000	20	UNK	618	16	10	6	15	8.2M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,216,868	2	UNK	333	9	9	7	6	10.9M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	161,253	40	9/30	42	2	1	2	3	3.4M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	2,300	NR	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	NR

## NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLAND MOUNTAIN #2, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Mair) is assigned. This fire is located ten miles east of Canyonville, OR in timber and grass. Precipitation on the fire area limited fire spread.

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. Smoldering, creeping and intermittent flare-ups in the interior were observed. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. All evacuation orders have been lifted.

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 Lake fires, is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. Minimal fire activity with isolated single tree torching was reported. Lohrey's Incident Management Team will also manage the Freezeout Complex.

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was observed. Voluntary evacuation notifications were lifted.

DIRTY FACE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Leavenworth, WA in timber. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

FREEZEOUT COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) 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 and Jack Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fires. A recorded 1.98 inches of precipitation fell on the fire area and resulted in minimal fire activity.

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, Jim White Ridge and Hazel Mountain 2 fires, located ten miles east of Cove, OR in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLAND MOUNTAIN #2	OR	ORS	4,431	60	UNK	1,654	69	53	10	5	2.2M
FISCHER	WA	OWF	16,439	90	UNK	1,215	21	80	9	1	12.5M
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	1,250	85	UNK	514	15	0	5	0	2.6M
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	85	UNK	403	7	14	6	3	25.3M
DIRTY FACE PEAK	WA	OWF	295	90	UNK	30	1	0	0	0	790K
FREEZEOUT COMPLEX	WA	OWF	838	17	UNK	19	0	0	0	0	2.5M
EAGLE CAP COMPLEX- WFU	OR	WWF	872	N/A	N/A	30	1	0	1	0	103K

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

ROCK HOUSE, Bureau of Land Management, Cedar City Field Office. This fire is located 17 miles west of St. George, UT in grass, brush, juniper and pinyon pine. Higher relative humidity levels and cooler temperatures have moderated fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROCK HOUSE	UT	CCD	500	50	8/24	146	7	1	2	0	NR

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

BIG HORN, Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Glendale, NV in grass, brush, juniper and pinyon pine. Creeping fire behavior with short runs on interior islands was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG HORN	NV	ELD	1,552	30	8/25	95	3	0	1	0	75K

## OUTLOOK:

**Red flag Warning:** For strong northeast winds tonight through Wednesday in portions of the northern, central, and eastern interior of Alaska.

**Weather Discussion:** A broad trough of low pressure covers the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. The trough will bring gusty winds from the Sierra across the Great Basin and into Colorado. In Alaska, gusty winds are on tap for the interior as a dry cold front moves through the area.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Cascades eastward: Partly cloudy with isolated showers. West of Cascades: Increasing clouds and areas of rain by evening.	50s mountains. 60s elsewhere. 70 to 75 Columbia Basin.	35 to 50% east of Cascades. 55 to 70% Westside.	South to southwest 5 to 15 mph, but west to southwest 20 to 30 mph over the Cascades and across southeast Oregon.
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> <b>Northern, Central and Eastern Interior</b> Partly cloudy with areas of smoke over the central and eastern interior.	<b>Northern, Central and Eastern Interior</b> 50 to 62 north. 58 to 71 central and east.	<b>Northern, Central and Eastern Interior</b> 35 to 45%.	<b>Northern, Central and Eastern Interior</b> Northeast 15 to 25 mph. Gusts to 40 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny skies with a few showers and isolated thunderstorms in the far northeast.	70 to 85 valleys. 60 to 75 mountains.	20 to 28% north valleys. 14 to 20% south valleys. 25 to 45% mountains.	Southwest to west 10 to 20 mph with 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 coastal areas. 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> Increasing clouds in the afternoon.	Upper 50s and 60s higher elevations. 70s to mid 80s lower elevations.	28 to 40% driest areas.	Southwest to west 8 to 14 mph with gusts 25 to 35 mph over the higher elevations.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Isolated afternoon thunderstorms across Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska.	70s to 80s. 90s southern plains and southern Front Range. 60s to 70s mountains.	Less than 20% over eastern Wyoming, western South Dakota, western and eastern Colorado.	South 10 to 22 mph over eastern plains. West wind over western portions of the Rocky Mountain Area.
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> <b>West of Continental Divide:</b> Rain showers likely. <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> Scattered thunderstorms.	<b>West of Continental Divide:</b> 60s Idaho. 55 to 65 elsewhere. <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> 60s north. 70s south. 70s western North Dakota. 75 to 85 eastern North Dakota.	<b>West of Continental Divide:</b> 45 to 60% Idaho. 45 to 55% elsewhere. <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> 40 to 50% north. 30 to 40% south. 40 to 55% North Dakota.	<b>West of Continental Divide:</b> Southwest 10 to 15 mph <b>East of Continental Divide:</b> Southwest 15 to 25 mph in the north. West 5 to 15 mph in the South. Southwest 10 to 15 mph in North Dakota.



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

### **WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS**

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- Are other aircraft in the area?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Will terrain and obstructions allow the helicopter to attain the proper drop height?
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		0	0		3		3
	ACRES		351	76,251		50,516		127,118
Northwest	FIREs	1	1				1	3
	ACRES	1	5				1	7
Northern California	FIREs	1				10	1	12
	ACRES	5				7	0	12
Southern California	FIREs					11	8	19
	ACRES					25	2	27
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9					6	15
	ACRES	11					14	25
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1			2	6	9
	ACRES		0			1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIREs		2					2
	ACRES		1,352					1,352
Southwest	FIREs				1		5	6
	ACRES				0		10	10
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1				6	11	18
	ACRES	0				30	5	35
Eastern Area	FIREs					6	2	8
	ACRES					30	1	31
Southern Area	FIREs					10		10
	ACRES					11		11
TOTAL	FIREs	12	4	0	1	48	40	105
	ACRES	17	1,708	76,251	0	50,620	33	128,629

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	6	58	71	18	451	21	625
	ACRES	6,065	1,115,249	1,429,908	29,121	2,845,459	5	5,425,807
Northwest	FIREs	322	290	40	60	1,468	1,212	3,392
	ACRES	22,645	2,735	881	258	9,680	57,664	93,863
Northern California	FIREs	104	85	10	31	2,076	859	3,165
	ACRES	141	1,741	7	472	37,662	9,612	49,635
Southern California	FIREs	36	89	19	44	2,398	646	3,232
	ACRES	668	5,889	1,866	29	61,734	6,345	76,531
Northern Rockies	FIREs	921	69	19	13	743	781	2,546
	ACRES	5,162	1,449	1,062	3	15,151	7,261	30,088
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	51	733	6	44	430	730	1,994
	ACRES	455	32,958	11	57	7,248	47,283	88,012
Western Great Basin	FIREs	15	588	10	17	94	139	863
	ACRES	315	19,216	2,664	50	7,856	8,109	38,210
Southwest	FIREs	650	135	5	73	641	1,503	3,007
	ACRES	5,154	4,975	201	513	6,925	281,747	299,515
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	318	445	34	43	391	403	1,634
	ACRES	4,027	9,065	1,272	37	21,403	4,474	40,278
Eastern Area	FIREs	489		47	29	7,328	451	8,344
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,847	5,622	70,007
Southern Area	FIREs	130		59	42	24,657	576	25,464
	ACRES	15,806		13,712	1,067	314,574	73,312	418,471
TOTAL	FIREs	3,042	2,492	320	414	40,677	7,321	54,266
	ACRES	65,532	1,193,277	1,453,919	31,716	3,384,539	501,434	6,630,417

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,980</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,387,295</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			400				400
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						11	11
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	400	0	0	11	411

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		1			5		6
	ACRES		32,000			15,899		47,899
Northwest	FIREs	38	78	44	1		262	423
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	4,071	30		58,329	76,879
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		369	23	1,066	192	1,670
	ACRES	14,454		43,499	4,443	73,607	28,298	164,301
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	75	393	1,122	1,845
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	70,652	212,745	999,456	1,383,207
TOTAL	FIREs	217	216	969	161	1,539	2,658	5,760
	ACRES	40,781	68,019	203,884	101,724	310,754	1,288,111	2,013,273

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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				4,312		222	4,534
Northern Rockies	FIREs				14		62	76
	ACRES				0		2,406	2,406
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				1		42	43
	ACRES				0		8,433	8,433
Western Great Basin	FIREs		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIREs				9		25	34
	ACRES				320		10,341	10,661
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	22	3		2	0	5	32
	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	147	232
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	61,556	2,271	23,560	95,171

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	2,312	208,198
Yukon Territory	1	0	267	1,453,101
Alberta	2	0	1,508	211,248
Northwest Territory	0	0	282	284,773
Saskatchewan	1	0	317	224,026
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	1	0	350	1,488
Quebec	1	0	244	2,829
Newfoundland	0	0	140	8,382
New Brunswick	0	0	235	289
Nova Scotia	0	0	241	241
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	0	88	184,674
Total	6	0	6,223	2,584,158

**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	6	8	12	2	13			241	156
Northwest	26	100	7	163	12	29			552	558
Northern California	6	7	7	37		2			21	158
Southern California	2		1		4					
Northern Rockies			6		1				3	2
Eastern Great Basin	15	2	3	1	8	1			165	83
Western Great Basin	1	2			2				16	
Southwest										16
Rocky Mountain			1						4	2
Eastern Area										5
Southern Area										
Total	72	117	33	213	29	45	0	0	1023	959

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