

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2004 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 98 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southern and one in Northern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Hurricane Charley, Florida. Ferguson's Type 1 Incident Management Team was released yesterday. This will be the last report unless significant information is received.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was reported.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A transfer of command from Jandt's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Kurth's Type 2 Incident Management Team occurred yesterday. 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. Intermittent torching and creeping were reported for all fires in the complex. Active surface fire with isolated torching continued within interior islands.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. 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. Activity surface fire and isolated torching increased in areas that were exposed to winds.

BOUNDARY, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Increased fire activity with isolated torching was reported.

TORS, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 30 miles east of Fairbanks, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

EVANSVILLE, Tanana Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is one half mile southeast of Bettles, AK in black spruce. Smoldering was reported. Smokey conditions hindered further monitoring of the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	173,940	40	9/30	270	8	5	5	3	4.5M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,275,566	NR	UNK	407	13	15	6	6	12.7M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	558,900	25	UNK	66	1	5	2	15	9.2M
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	536,430	75	UNK	47	2	0	0	30	17.6M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	8,800	0	9/30	51	4	0	0	0	NR
TORS	AK	FAS	30,001	50	UNK	16	0	2	1	0	84K
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	88,705	NR	UNK	18	0	0	1	0	1.4M

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte, Crescent Lake, Freezeout, and Freezeout 2, fires and the Devil's Creek and Jacks Wildland Fire Use Incidents is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. Creeping and smoldering fire behavior was observed.

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. The fire continued to smolder within the fireline.

FISCHER, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Berndt/Andring) is assigned. This fire is four miles southeast of Leavenworth, WA in grass, brush and timber. Minimal fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	2,095	90	UNK	121	3	0	2	0	6M
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	90	UNK	214	3	11	4	3	26.8M
FISCHER	WA	OWF	16,439	95	UNK	291	6	6	4	1	15M

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COOPERTOWN, Everglades National Park. This fire is 20 miles west of Miami, FL in tall grass. Shifting winds and thunderstorms have hampered control efforts. Twenty five foot flame lengths with rapid rates of spread were observed.

WEST COVE 04-3W, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 10 miles south of Hackberry, LA in tall grass. Lightning and erratic winds have hampered control efforts. Rapid fire spread was observed.

KING, Fish and Wildlife Service, Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 27 miles northeast of Edinburg, TX in grass and brush. 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
COOPERTOWN	FL	EVP	1200	40	9/4	8	0	2	1	0	5K
WEST COVE 04-3W	LA	SBR	354	50	UNK	14	0	3	1	0	10K
KING	TX	RGR	300	NR	UNK	49	0	11	0	0	3K

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. This fire is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. Extreme fire behavior was observed during burn out operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	3,500	5	UNK	14	0	1	2	0	150K

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUFF, Lassen Volcanic National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This incident is 10 miles northwest of Chester, CA in timber. Active fire behavior with occasional torching and spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUFF - WFU	CA	LNP	135	N/A	N/A	17	2	0	1	0	250K

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMP 36, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located nine miles southwest of Desert View, AZ in ponderosa pine and oak, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue to build into the western states, allowing hot and dry conditions to persist through the day. In Alaska, mostly cloudy sky conditions will prevail as a front moves in from the north. This will result in rain showers over east and central sections of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> Partly cloudy with a chance of rain northern interior. Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain rest of interior and west. Partly to mostly cloudy rest of Alaska. Areas of morning fog and afternoon smoke in the interior and south.	Mid 40s to mid 50s west and northern half of the interior. 50 to 60 southern interior. Mid 50s to mid 60s southwest and southern Alaska.	27 to 37% Copper River Basin. 35 to 45% interior. Greater than 40% rest of Alaska.	North wind around 10 mph becoming light Copper River Basin. Southwest to west wind 5 to 15 mph interior and west. West to northwest 10 to 15 mph southwest and

			southern Alaska towards the Alaskan Range.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Mostly sunny and warmer. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Mostly sunny and warmer.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 63 to 73 western Wyoming. 74 to 84 mountains. 85 to 96 valleys. <b>Utah and Arizona Strip:</b> 72 to 87 mountains. 88 to 105 valleys. 105 to 110 Lake Mead area.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 17 to 30% mountains. 10 to 22% valleys. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 13 to 30% mountains. 3 to 20% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Southwest to west or upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. <b>Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Upslope/upvalley 2 to 10 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning fog lower coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 90 to 104 valleys. 95 to 100 upper deserts. 105 to 112 lower deserts.	10 to 20% valleys. 8 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Sunny, except low clouds and fog near the coast.	60s to low 70s along the coast. 80s to low 90s upper elevations. 90s to 103 inland valleys.	10 to 25% driest inland areas.	Southwest to northwest 4 to 8 mph gusts 14 to 20 mph in the afternoon.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Morning clouds west side valleys. Sunny and hot east side.	<b>West of Cascades:</b> Mostly 70s and 80s northwest Oregon and western Washington. 90s in southwest Oregon interior. <b>East of Cascades:</b> 80s and 90s.	<b>West of Cascades:</b> Mostly 25 to 45% except teens southwest Oregon interior. <b>East of Cascades:</b> Generally 15 to 25% except near 10% southeast Oregon.	Mostly light westerly 5 to 10 mph. Northerly 10 to 15 mph along the southern Oregon coast. Westerly 10 to 15 mph in the Columbia River Gorge.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny with light winds. Very slight chance for a dry lightning strike over mountains of central Nevada.	84 to 98 north valleys. 94 to 108 south valleys. 74 to 84 mountains.	8 to 14% north valleys. 6 to 12% south valleys. 10 to 20% mountains.	Light and Variable becoming south to west at 6 to 12 mph.



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

### **INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR**

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
  - Task
  - Location
  - Communications
  - Hazards
  - Who, when, etc.
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
  - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
  - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
  - What is to be done.
  - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
  - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
  - Hazards.
  - Communication plan frequencies.
  - Weather and fire behavior.
  - Status of adjoining forces.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		1	1	2
	ACRES			118,996		30,243	0	149,239
Northwest	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					2		2
Northern California	FIRES	1	1			33	1	36
	ACRES	0	0			116	0	116
Southern California	FIRES		1			19	2	22
	ACRES		0			25	28	53
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			0	0	1
	ACRES		1,201			40	2	1,243
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	7				8		15
	ACRES	1				4		5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		1			3	0	4
Eastern Area	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					2	1	3
Southern Area	FIRES			3	1			4
	ACRES			378	1,200			1,578
TOTAL	FIRES	8	4	3	1	67	15	98
	ACRES	1	1,202	119,374	1,200	30,431	35	152,243

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	74	18	464	25	645
	ACRES	6,065	1,160,442	1,697,266	29,121	3,012,715	5	5,905,614
Northwest	FIRES	327	292	40	61	1,567	1,219	3,506
	ACRES	22,653	4,368	881	258	14,061	57,672	99,893
Northern California	FIRES	107	87	10	19	2,164	857	3,244
	ACRES	142	8,894	7	481	38,198	9,619	57,341
Southern California	FIRES	36	98	19	45	2,471	663	3,332
	ACRES	668	5,925	1,866	29	61,831	10,201	80,520
Northern Rockies	FIRES	923	70	19	13	750	813	2,588
	ACRES	5,162	1,450	1,062	4	15,461	7,265	30,404
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	749	6	44	456	656	1,963
	ACRES	455	35,422	11	57	6,986	47,239	90,170
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	594	11	17	95	140	873
	ACRES	340	21,976	2,665	51	7,856	8,111	40,999
Southwest	FIRES	686	138	5	74	646	1,556	3,105
	ACRES	5,184	5,626	201	514	6,997	281,914	300,436
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	324	448	34	45	413	417	1,681
	ACRES	4,029	4,388	1,272	37	22,548	8,026	40,300
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	29	7,362	453	8,386
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	109	56,856	5,624	70,033
Southern Area	FIRES	131		60	43	24,687	581	25,502
	ACRES	15,821		14,066	2,267	314,620	73,416	420,190
TOTAL	FIRES	3,103	2,534	325	408	41,075	7,380	54,825
	ACRES	65,628	1,248,491	1,721,632	32,928	3,558,129	509,092	7,135,900

Ten Year Average Fires	62,672
Ten Year Average Acres	3,546,440

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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					0
	ACRES		1,200					1,200
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		40					40
Southwest	FIRES				1		2	3
	ACRES				200		340	540
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	1,240	0	200	0	340	1,780

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			17,027		50,027
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	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	2,690		22,617	40,453
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	369	536
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,545	63,675
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	23	3	3	18	48	96
	ACRES	149	9,052	547	1,102	1,490	18,115	30,455
Western Great Basin	FIREs		8	5			5	18
	ACRES		1,288	541			971	2,800
Southwest	FIREs	14	15	7	12		316	364
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	8,179		76,105	105,768
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	42	41	147	18	12	114	374
	ACRES	5,117	11,881	22,280	13,264	3,947	45,684	102,173
Eastern Area	FIREs	27		371	23	1,066	196	1,683
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,607	28,353	164,740
Southern Area	FIREs	51		204	78	393	1,125	1,851
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,516	1,386,767
TOTAL	FIREs	224	217	972	166	1,539	2,694	5,812
	ACRES	42,204	70,279	203,944	105,624	311,882	1,298,448	2,032,381

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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				10		3	13
	ACRES				100		0	100
Southern California	FIREs				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,387		222	4,609
Northern Rockies	FIREs				15		62	77
	ACRES				0		2,409	2,409
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				1	0	92	93
	ACRES				0	10	8,482	8,492
Western Great Basin	FIREs		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIREs				9		25	34
	ACRES				360		12,104	12,464
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		24	3	2	0	5	34
	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	36	3	62	0	197	298
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	61,756	2,281	25,375	97,196

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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	2,319	214,243
Yukon Territory	3	1,728	273	1,454,909
Alberta	1	0	1,517	234,421
Northwest Territory	0	0	284	346,506
Saskatchewan	0	0	317	236,112
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	0	0	358	1,492
Quebec	4	40	251	2,970
Newfoundland	0	0	142	8,432
New Brunswick	0	0	236	289
Nova Scotia	0	0	242	243
Prince Edward Island	0	0	20	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197,904
Total	7	1,768	6,268	2,702,431

### 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	17	11	7	20	5	11			152	131
Northwest	12	37		41		13			173	324
Northern California	2	4	2	11	1	1			8	32
Southern California	1		7		3					
Northern Rockies					1					
Eastern Great Basin	1	2		1	8				3	
Western Great Basin				6						
Southwest				1					2	
Rocky Mountain			4	6	1				4	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				2		1				
Total	33	54	29	79	20	25	0	0	342	487

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