

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2004 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California Area and light nationally with 250 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Southwest Area and one each in the Southern California and Rocky Mountain Areas. Four large fires were contained, one each in Rocky Mountain, Southwest, Southern California and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) has been ordered. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Active, wind driven, fire behavior was reported. The Steese Highway remains closed until further notice. Evacuations have occurred in all developments southwest and west of Chatanika, AK.

WOLF CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) has been ordered. This fire is 80 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. The remote location, steep terrain, high winds and poor visibility are major concerns. Extreme fire activity was reported. Dozer line is being constructed.

TAYLOR COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Wall Street, Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Big Creek, Anomaly, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Smoke continues to limit mapping, visual confirmation of fire behavior and growth.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Extreme fire behavior with continuous crown runs and long range spotting up to one half mile was observed. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This complex, three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods, consists of the American Summit, Edwards Creek, King Creek, Kandik River, Indian Grave Creek, Deer Creek fires and six additional fires. Steep terrain, high winds and poor visibility due to heavy smoke conditions are major concerns. A large column was reported on the King Creek and Deer Creek fires.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This incident is 57 miles northwest of Fort Yukon, AK in black spruce and tundra. The complex consists of the Pingo, Winter Trail, Sucker River, Black Currant River, Vundik Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires. Hot, dry and windy weather conditions are ongoing concerns. Winter Trail and Pingo fires reported torching and short runs; Winter Trail reported short range spotting. Sucker River, Vundik Lake, Black Currant Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires are being monitored by air.

FORT HAMLIN HILLS, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles west of Stevens Village, AK in grass, black spruce, aspen and birch. Minimal fire behavior was reported. Crews are continuing burnout operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	261,000	15	7/24	387	12	33	0	3	1.0M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	33,500	NR	UNK	23	0	3	0	1	NR
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	396,948	NR	8/1	147	2	11	1	3	806K
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	92,000	NR	8/1	98	5	1	2	0	242K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	441,614	NR	UNK	235	5	0	1	0	NR
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	293,222	5	UNK	379	15	0	6	0	3.9M
FORT HAMLIN HILLS	AK	UYD	44,970	5	7/7	40	2	0	0	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles northeast of Scottsdale, AZ in grass and brush. Rough, rugged terrain, extremely dry fuels and long travel times are impeding containment efforts. Two major columns were observed with intense upslope and downslope runs. Crews are continuing burnout operations and holding existing fireline.

NUTTALL COMPLEX, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, located 15 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in brush and heavy timber, consists of the Nuttall and Gibson fires. Extreme, plume dominated fire behavior was observed on the Nuttall fire. Active fire behavior with upslope runs and spotting were observed on the Gibson fire. Crews will continue burnout operations and fireline construction on the Nuttall fire. The Gibson fire will be monitored by aerial resources, however structure protection is being implemented around a threatened observatory.

GRANNY, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 21 miles north of Silver City, NM in hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with isolated, single tree torching was observed. This fire is being monitored with aerial resources and from lookouts. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

RINCON, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is 25 miles north of Silver City, NM in hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with isolated, single tree torching was reported. This fire is being monitored with aerial resources and from lookouts. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	65,000	8	UNK	951	24	32	6	0	3.2M
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	2,700	5	UNK	581	14	12	10	0	2.1M
GRANNY-WFU	NM	GNF	1,246	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	5K
RINCON-WFU	NM	GNF	200	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	5K
UPSHAW	AZ	SCA	2,000	100	---	91	3	6	1	0	300K

SCA = San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles west of Chelan, WA in timber. Steep, difficult terrain with extremely limited access is impeding control efforts. Some torching was reported. Crews and dozers are constructing fireline in preparation for burnout operations.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Steep, rugged terrain has hampered containment efforts. Minimal fire behavior with occasional single tree torching was reported. No further information was received.

HOPKINS CANYON COMPLEX, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed/Holloway) is assigned. This fire is eight miles west of Nespelem, WA in timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior was reported. Crews are completing fireline construction and performing burnout operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	1,921	0	UNK	461	19	21	10	0	1.8M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	36	0	0	2	0	180K
HOPKINS CANYON COMPLEX	WA	COA	5,036	80	7/4	629	17	31	3	0	800K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VERDI COMPLEX, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) is assigned. This incident is less than one quarter mile northeast of Verdi, NV in grass, brush and timber. Steep, inaccessible terrain and low fuel moisture are ongoing concerns. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

COYOTE SPRINGS, Desert National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas, NV in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. This fire is being managed in a confine/contain strategy with aerial monitoring. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VERDI COMPLEX	NV	HTF	1,080	75	7/3	561	16	26	1	0	966K

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COYOTE SPRINGS	NV	DSR	1,000	65	7/6	0	0	0	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WARNER	CA	MVU	621	100	---	569	19	31	0	0	150K

MVU = Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEST	FL	FLS	3,900	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

FLS = Florida Division of Forestry

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PINE RIDGE	WY	CPX	300	100	---	58	1	6	0	0	NR

CPX = Counties Dispatched by Casper

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system entering the extreme western portions of Alaska will begin to affect Alaska's weather this weekend. Higher humidity will begin to press into east-central sections of the state, leading to scattered showers and thunderstorms. Wind will also shift more to the south and west. Across the Lower 48, conditions will be warm with little chance of rain from the Northwest southward to Arizona. However, lingering moisture will lead to thunderstorms on either side of the Continental Divide. Some of the storms may have isolated dry lightning along the Continental Divide in the Southwest.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Breezy with widely scattered dry thunderstorms Arizona and western New Mexico.	65 to 85 mountains 85 to 95 lower elevations north 95 to 105 lower elevations south	5 to 20% Arizona and NM 20 to 40% west Texas	South to southwest 10 to 15 mph. Gusts to 20 to 25 mph across Arizona and western New Mexico.
ALASKA Central and Eastern Interior: Partly to mostly cloudy and smoky with scattered showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms. South Central: Mostly cloudy with showers in the Copper River Basin and Susitna Valley.	Central and Eastern Interior: 70 to 85 South Central: 60 to 75	Central and Eastern Interior: 25 to 40% South Central: Above 50%	Central and Eastern Interior South to southwest 5 to 15 mph. South Central South to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy and a little cooler with widely scattered thunderstorms in the mountains; isolated thunderstorms in the valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms in northern Utah; isolated thunderstorms south. Some thunderstorms will be dry.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 62 to 75 mountains 75 to 89 valley Utah and Arizona Strip: 70 to 82 mountains 82 to 99 valleys	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 37% mountains 10 to 25% valleys Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 37% mountains 9 to 22% valleys	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Variable 5 to 10 mph except gusty near storms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Variable or southwest 5 to 15 mph except strong gusty winds near storms.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Isolated thunderstorms northwest and west; widely scattered thunderstorms northeast. Sunny south.	North: 82 to 92 South: 90 to 100 Mountains: 70s	North Valleys: 12 to 22% South Valleys: 5 to 15% Mountains: 15 to 30%	South: South-southwest at 10 mph. North: West at 5 to 10 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny. Some afternoon cumulus clouds over the eastern mountains with a 10% chance of afternoon thunderstorms around Lake Tahoe.	Warmest inland areas will be 90s to just over 100.	10 to 20% driest inland valleys	Afternoon winds southwest to north-northwest at 5 to 15 mph; locally gusting to around 24 mph western portion.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog from the coast into the coastal basins. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the Sierra Nevada with a few thunderstorms.	65 to 75 coastal areas 75 to 85 mountains 80s valleys 85 to 91 upper deserts 97 to 104 lower deserts	25 to 40% valleys 12 to 25% mountains 8 to 18% deserts	Southwest to northwest 10 to 15 mph over the mountains. 10 to 20 mph and gusty over the upper deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered afternoon thunderstorms north; isolated dry lightning south.	Highs in the 80's, to mid 90s 70s mountains	13 to 25% over Colorado and southern Wyoming 25 to 40% elsewhere	Variable 5 to 18 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Mostly cloudy on west side with a few sprinkles western Washington. Mostly sunny east side with a slight risk of isolated afternoon showers	Highs mostly in the 60s western Washington Lower 80s in southwest Oregon	50 to 70% west of the Cascades 30 to 40% southwest Oregon	West to northwest winds 5 to 15 mph west of the Cascade crest. East side winds westerly

and thundershowers mainly over eastern Oregon.	70s to lower 80s east of the Cascades 60s higher elevations near the crest of the Cascades	20 to 35% east side near 50% over the higher terrain over the Cascades	and increasing to 10 to 20 mph except 20 to 25 mph and gusty through the Columbia River Gorge and in the gaps on the Cascade east slopes.
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INITIATE ALL ACTIONS BASED ON CURRENT AND EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? What information will you want to get from resources you are replacing?
- Can you observe the area or use scouts? What information are the scouts looking for?
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted? List some ways your crew will scout out an area before you begin working.
- Are escape routes and safety zones marked for night use? How do you adjust marking safety zones and escape routes for night use?
- Have potential dangers been located and can they be dealt with? List some dangerous fire behavior you may encounter and how you would deal with it.
- Do you have access to weather and fire behavior forecasts? What is your unit's procedure for obtaining forecasts?
- To reduce risk, initiate the following:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Check communications.
 - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or if the situation becomes too complex. Discuss fires where you have adjusted your actions based on current and expected fire behavior.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0	1	2		3
	ACRES		19,393	5,431	900	66,423		92,147
Northwest	FIRES		5				16	21
	ACRES		59				3	62
Northern California	FIRES		1			29	23	53
	ACRES		0			396	13	409
Southern California	FIRES	1	1		8	41	12	63
	ACRES	0	0		1	641	1	643
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				9	7	17
	ACRES	1				1	19	21
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			11	8	20
	ACRES		35			64	3	102
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				2	6
	ACRES		1				1	2
Southwest	FIRES	1	4				10	15
	ACRES	2	4				113	119
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			4	3	12
	ACRES		21			32	1	54
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	24	2	27
	ACRES				0	7	1	8
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					254		254
TOTAL	FIRES	3	21	0	10	133	83	250
	ACRES	3	19,513	5,431	901	67,818	155	93,821

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	35	45	18	224	7	332
	ACRES	63	195,364	209,332	15,969	810,776	1	1,231,505
Northwest	FIRES	125	84	19	10	494	287	1,019
	ACRES	4,125	851	75	16	1,259	648	6,974
Northern California	FIRES	53	26	6	15	1,188	454	1,742
	ACRES	62	392	15	2	3,870	1,691	6,032
Southern California	FIRES	26	42	7	28	1,466	284	1,853
	ACRES	655	4,367	313	20	35,417	4,606	45,378
Northern Rockies	FIRES	748	23	14	6	396	204	1,391
	ACRES	4,153	195	485	0	8,681	3,332	16,846
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	253	2	21	141	183	603
	ACRES	3	26,013	1	33	1,172	418	27,640
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	226	1	4	37	40	313
	ACRES	151	10,083	1,000	0	1,155	475	12,864
Southwest	FIRES	516	63	2	38	416	566	1,601
	ACRES	3,905	4,527	1	509	5,616	133,656	148,214
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	165	140	28	8	211	164	716
	ACRES	3,604	273	1,166	4	19,668	4,083	28,798
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	21	5,883	400	6,839
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	106	53,660	5,535	66,730
Southern Area	FIRES	117		47	36	22,123	547	22,870
	ACRES	15,603		4,682	1,054	267,166	73,117	361,622
TOTAL	FIRES	2,250	892	217	205	32,579	3,136	39,279
	ACRES	37,418	242,065	219,405	17,713	1,208,440	227,562	1,952,603

Ten Year Average Fires	43,142
Ten Year Average Acres	1,402,050

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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		0	0
	ACRES				117		1	118
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						28	28
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						62	62
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	117	0	91	208

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
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	10	17		183	263
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	2,690		22,617	39,855
Southern California	FIRES		4	9	10		76	99
	ACRES		28	869	718		6,213	7,828
Northern Rockies	FIRES	36	8	74	3	45	352	518
	ACRES	1,827	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,351	63,423
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	3	18	42	83
	ACRES	149	2,330	547	1,102	1,493	14,008	19,629
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	5			5	14
	ACRES		80	541			971	1,592
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	10		277	321
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	7,777		66,146	92,059
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	110	18	12	113	334
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	19,700	12,964	3,947	45,672	99,251
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	611	178	1,179
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,379	27,876	145,995
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	14,857	1,065	16,180
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	917,735	960,341	2,004,251
TOTAL	FIRES	216	201	747	153	15,548	2,546	19,411
	ACRES	40,723	29,295	160,338	89,972	987,717	1,244,424	2,552,469

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				14,177			14,177
Northwest	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				1			1
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				2		2	4
	ACRES				0		222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		3	5
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		1,451	1,552
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			0	1	6
	ACRES		5,575			2,271	43	7,889
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	9	0	9	0	19	37
	ACRES	0	5,917	0	14,279	2,271	1,716	24,183

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	35	0	1,059	113,218
Yukon Territory	11	4,869	151	376,700
Alberta	49	214	835	3,216
Northwest Territory	0	0	52	11,303
Saskatchewan	6	0	132	4,265
Manitoba	4	4	85	423
Ontario	2	0	162	1,368
Quebec	0	0	187	589
Newfoundland	5	6,407	99	8,331
New Brunswick	0	-64	211	318
Nova Scotia	2	0	191	210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	0	23	12,836
Total	114	11,431	3,203	532,790

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	24	20	1	47	7	3			268	107
Northwest	30	15	23	54	17	6			167	145
Northern California	16	7	68	29	11	2				29
Southern California	4	35	18	70	3	4			11	27
Northern Rockies			8		1	1				
Eastern Great Basin	2		15	2	3				44	
Western Great Basin	10	6	3	23		1			54	43
Southwest	40	3	12	38	18				358	96
Rocky Mountain	3	1	10	6	2				5	15
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	129	87	158	269	62	17	0	0	907	462

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