

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 168 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Utah.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Fire behavior was minimal across most of the incident due to moderating temperatures and higher humidity levels. The Steese Highway will reopen to the public today; evacuations will also be lifted.

WOLF CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. Weather conditions moderated fire behavior. Creeping surface fire was observed.

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. Fire behavior was moderate due to higher humidity and light rain along the Tanana River, with downslope, backing fire activity reported. The smoke ceiling lifted slightly, allowing for visual mapping of some fires on the southern end of the complex. All fires increased in acreage.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) is assigned. This fire is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Fire behavior was moderate due to light rain early in the day.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. 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 and seven additional fires. Fire behavior was minimal due to intermittent showers over the complex.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) has been ordered. 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. Increased winds and lower humidity resulted in increased fire behavior on both the Pingo and Winter Trail fires. Flare ups and short runs in black spruce occurred throughout the night.

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. Demobilization of resources occurred yesterday, with the fire being minimally staffed. Creeping fire activity was observed. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	312,000	27	7/24	535	16	29	5	5	3.3M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	200,000	0	UNK	264	11	7	2	7	510K
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	489,452	NR	8/1	152	2	11	2	3	1.2M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	115,503	0	7/30	195	3	0	3	0	555K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	467,507	NR	UNK	195	5	5	1	0	755K
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	325,447	5	UNK	403	16	0	6	0	5.1M
FORT HAMLIN HILLS	AK	UYD	44,970	5	UNK	3	0	0	0	2	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. Fire behavior on the Nuttall continued to back into desert type fuels. Fire intensity increased in the afternoon. Plume dominated fire behavior was observed on the Gibson fire.

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is six miles southwest of Payson, AZ in timber, grass and chaparral. A major power transmission line southeast of the fire is threatened. Fire behavior was mainly backing with short, intense upslope runs.

JACKET, Coconino National Forest. This previously reported fire, which began on 6/22, is 13 miles southeast of Winona, AZ in grass, juniper and pinyon pine. Unpredictable easterly winds during the day, and southwest evening winds resulted in significant fire growth.

NEGRITO, Gila National Forest. This fire is in timber fourteen miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Active fire behavior in Ponderosa pine and mixed conifer was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	20,700	10	UNK	869	22	32	11	0	5.1M
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	90,500	22	UNK	741	17	34	7	1	6.1M
JACKET	AZ	COF	13,060	23	UNK	96	3	3	1	0	41K
NEGRITO	NM	GNF	140	50	7/7	107	4	2	1	0	45K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Steep terrain and extremely limited access continue to impede control efforts. Fire behavior was moderate, with two to four foot flame lengths observed in burnout areas. Burnout operations continued at the north end of the fire.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

BEEBE, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is four miles east of Chelan, WA in grass and sagebrush. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	7,200	35	UNK	931	26	31	12	0	4.6M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	33	0	0	2	0	319K
BEEBE	WA	SPD	2,000	30	UNK	219	4	25	7	3	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MCGRUADER, Uncompahgre Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is five miles east of Cedaredge, CO in brush and hardwood slash. Fire behavior was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MCGRUADER	CO	UPD	2,960	70	7/7	222	5	9	2	1	509K

OUTLOOK:

RED FLAG WARNING: For Nevada: portions of southern Washoe, Pershing, Churchill, Mineral, Lyon, Storey, and Douglas Counties for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

FIRE WEATHER WATCHES: For Nevada counties of southern Humboldt and Elko and all of Lander, Eureka, and White Pine, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: An upper trough is developing over the Pacific Northwest while the associated cold front moves across the Northern Rockies. The trough will produce strong gusty winds over the Great Basin. In the Southwest, middle level moisture will gradually increase over the area for a few dry thunderstorms over eastern Arizona and western New Mexico becoming wetter in eastern New Mexico. In Alaska, a trough will move through the interior for cooler temperatures, higher humidity and scattered showers.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ALASKA Central and Eastern Interior Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.	Central and Eastern Interior 60 to 75.	Central and Eastern Interior 35 to 50%.	Central and Eastern Interior West 15 to 25 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers.	Cool, 60s and 70s over most of the region. Locally to around 80 extreme south.	Elevated humidity for west of Cascades, at or above 50% except extreme Southern Oregon 35%. Eastside, ranging from 35 to 45% north to near 20% extreme south.	Windy. West to northwest 10 to 20 mph. Gusts to 35 to 40 mph ridge tops and exposed areas east of the Cascades.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Isolated thunderstorms central and northeastern Nevada. Mostly sunny elsewhere.	North: 89 to 100. South: 95 to 103. Mountains: 76 to 90.	North Valleys: 8 to 15%. South Valleys: 3 to 12%. Mountains: 10 to 22%.	North: Southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph. South: South to southwest at 10 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly clear except for night and morning coastal fog and low clouds.	98 to 108 in the warmest inland valleys.	10 to 20% in driest inland areas.	Southwest to northwest 4 to 8 mph with higher afternoon gusts.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 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 and Inyo with a few thunderstorms.	68 to 78 coastal areas. 79 to 89 mountains. 88 to 98 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 102 to 110 lower deserts.	25 to 40% valleys. 10 to 20% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 15 mph over the mountains. 10 to 20 mph over the deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated afternoon thunderstorms far western and northern sections of the RMA. Isolated dry lightning western Colorado and southwest Wyoming.	Highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s, with 70s in the mountains.	10 to 22%, except 30 to 45% eastern plains.	West 15 to 25 mph western Wyoming, with 8 to 18 mph western Colorado. Southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern plains.

SOUTHWEST

Partly to mostly sunny. Dry with gusty afternoon winds Arizona and western New Mexico. Widely scattered thunderstorms eastern New Mexico and west Texas.

70s and 80s mountains and mostly 90s lower elevations, except 100 to 110 southern deserts and lowlands.

5 to 15% Arizona and western New Mexico, 15 to 30% eastern New Mexico and west Texas.

West to southwest 10 mph with gusts to 20 mph Arizona and west Texas. South 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

• The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior and difficulty of control.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Locally significant values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more.

• Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the PocketCard for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions.

References:

NFDRS Pocket Cards, NWCG, famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards

FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		0	2		1		3
	ACRES		1,527	20,330		28,773		50,630
Northwest	FIREs	4	1			5	2	12
	ACRES	1	280			3	0	284
Northern California	FIREs					41	5	46
	ACRES					73	0	73
Southern California	FIREs	1	1	4	1	26	8	41
	ACRES	0	0	40	1	60	16	117
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3				2	1	6
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	2	8			8	4	22
	ACRES	10	183			153	0	346
Western Great Basin	FIREs		2					2
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIREs	2				4	1	7
	ACRES	120				22	5,065	5,207
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	2	2			2	4	10
	ACRES	0	0			20	13	33
Eastern Area	FIREs				1	9		10
	ACRES				1	9		10
Southern Area	FIREs					9		9
	ACRES					52		52
TOTAL	FIREs	14	14	6	2	107	25	168
	ACRES	131	1,991	20,370	2	29,165	5,094	56,753

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	3	35	50	18	240	7	353
	ACRES	63	608,572	240,206	20,413	1,160,750	1	2,030,005
Northwest	FIREs	194	85	19	10	644	283	1,235
	ACRES	5,712	1,835	75	16	1,497	3,289	12,424
Northern California	FIREs	60	28	6	18	1,301	503	1,916
	ACRES	70	417	15	2	4,148	1,781	6,433
Southern California	FIREs	30	43	11	32	1,578	330	2,024
	ACRES	656	4,369	353	24	35,634	4,738	45,774
Northern Rockies	FIREs	776	26	14	6	407	220	1,449
	ACRES	4,160	255	485	0	8,684	3,368	16,952
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	6	277	2	20	160	205	670
	ACRES	13	26,273	1	33	1,331	416	28,067
Western Great Basin	FIREs	5	239	1	4	39	43	331
	ACRES	151	10,108	1,000	0	1,155	476	12,890
Southwest	FIREs	538	66	2	38	447	591	1,682
	ACRES	5,035	4,527	1	509	5,691	227,649	243,412
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	171	167	28	11	222	183	782
	ACRES	3,612	484	1,166	9	19,741	4,101	29,113
Eastern Area	FIREs	489		46	22	5,912	407	6,876
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	107	53,679	5,541	66,756
Southern Area	FIREs	120		47	36	22,141	547	22,891
	ACRES	15,606		4,682	1,054	267,227	73,117	361,686
TOTAL	FIREs	2,392	966	226	215	33,091	3,319	40,209
	ACRES	40,172	656,840	250,319	22,167	1,559,537	324,477	2,853,512

Ten Year Average Fires	44,776
Ten Year Average Acres	1,612,455

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs				1	7	2	10
	ACRES				500	9,600	1,098	11,198
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	1	7	2	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	500	9,600	1,098	11,198

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	37	8	74	3	45	352	519
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,351	63,481
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	69	14,864	1,067	16,190
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,702	927,335	961,439	2,015,449
TOTAL	FIRES	217	201	747	154	15,555	2,548	19,422
	ACRES	40,781	29,295	160,338	90,472	997,317	1,245,522	2,563,725

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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				52,221			52,221
Northwest	FIREs				2	1		3
	ACRES				1	150		151
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					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIREs		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIREs				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		2,505	2,606
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		6			0	1	7
	ACRES		5,580			2,271	43	7,894
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	10	0	9	0	21	40
	ACRES	0	5,922	0	52,323	2,271	2,920	63,436

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	0	1,084	146,602
Yukon Territory	6	56,346	169	565,630
Alberta	16	8	875	3,232
Northwest Territory	0	0	54	14,928
Saskatchewan	3	0	139	17,940
Manitoba	0	0	86	423
Ontario	3	1	176	1,376
Quebec	0	0	189	589
Newfoundland	2	0	104	8,333
New Brunswick	0	0	213	318
Nova Scotia	7	1	198	210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	0	25	13,706
Total	40	56,355	3,328	773,301

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	38	15	1	43	9	10			400	203
Northwest	24	9	9	31	24				266	109
Northern California	8		5		1					
Southern California	6	2	10	1	1				2	
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	2		16	2	4				20	2
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	45	1	15	56	13	7			401	131
Rocky Mountain	7	1	10	9	2				48	29
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	130	28	66	142	54	17	0	0	1137	474

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