

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 138 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest and Western Great Basin Areas. One large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

EVANSVILLE, Tanana Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is one half mile southeast of Bettles, AK in black spruce. Fire behavior was limited to creeping due to weather conditions. Firefighters concentrated on securing the north flank near the town of Bettles.

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. Torching and short crown runs were observed near the perimeter south of the Steese Highway. Firefighters made good progress constructing line on the southwest flank.

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. Active fire behavior moderated due to afternoon precipitation.

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 activity was moderate. The Chicken fire continued to back down drainages toward the Taylor Highway.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles northwest of Delta Junction, AK in tundra and spruce. Fire behavior was minimal.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the American Summit, Edwards Creek, King Creek, Kandik River, Indian Grave Creek, Deer Creek and seven additional fires is located three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Fire behavior was minimal with smoldering and interior burning observed.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) 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. Higher relative humidity decreased fire intensity. Wind driven torching and short runs were reported in drier areas.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	2,000	10	UNK	111	5	0	2	0	NR
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	334,700	27	7/24	521	15	19	7	5	3.4M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	200,000	0	UNK	263	11	6	2	7	820K
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	535,766	NR	8/1	102	0	9	2	3	1.3M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	134,422	0	7/31	184	5	0	3	3	700K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	465,799	NR	UNK	186	5	1	1	0	990K
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	359,590	5	UNK	388	17	0	6	0	6.0M

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 was moderate on the Nuttall fire with some individual tree torching observed. Fire activity on the Gibson fire moderated; surface spread with some individual tree and group tree torching was observed. Portions of both fires received some light precipitation.

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. The fire was very active as a result of fire movement and burnout execution. Sustained upslope runs through grass and brush with 80 foot fire whirls were observed on steep slopes above Highway 87. Highway 87 remains closed in both directions.

JACKET, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 13 miles southeast of Winona, AZ in grass, juniper and pinyon pine. Strong gusty winds caused very active fire behavior, including one quarter mile spotting, torching and significant runs.

MILITARY. San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles east of San Carlos, AZ in timber, scrub oak brush and grass. Active burning was observed inside the fire perimeter.

PONDEROSA, Tonto National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Payson, AZ in ponderosa pine. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	26,850	35	UNK	913	22	32	11	0	6.6M
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	118,300	40	UNK	776	16	40	7	1	7.3M
JACKET	AZ	COF	17,181	60	7/21	115	2	5	2	1	238K
MILITARY	AZ	SCA	231	80	7/10	310	11	10	3	0	277K
PONDEROSA	AZ	TNF	140	90	UNK	NR	5	5	1	1	100K
GRANNY-- WFU	NM	GNF	4,842	N/A	N/A	10	0	0	0	0	10K
RINCON -- WFU	NM	GNF	2,384	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	15K
NEGRITO	NM	GNF	145	100	---	98	4	3	0	0	90K

GNF = Gila National Forest

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. Active interior burning continued. Several small spot fires were located and contained outside the fireline in the Slide Ridge area.

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, hazardous terrain is impeding containment efforts. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Structure protection is in place for one threatened cabin.

BEEBE, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is four miles east of Chelan, WA in grass. Fire behavior was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	7,700	40	UNK	892	24	29	11	0	5.9M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	23	0	0	1	0	354K
BEEBE	WA	SPD	4,200	90	7/9	221	3	31	3	3	900K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHROME, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 45 miles northwest of Ely, NV in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Fire behavior was extreme due to high winds which gusted up to 54 mph.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHROME	NV	ELD	1,500	20	UNK	166	8	0	0	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

OIL SPRINGS, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) has been ordered. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 27 miles south of Rangely, CO in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Major slope driven runs were observed with spotting and crowning.

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OIL SPRINGS – WFU	CO	WRD	1,050	N/A	N/A	13	0	2	0	0	8K
SPRING CREEK – WFU	CO	SJF	311	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	16K

SJF = San Juan National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: A fire weather watch has been issued Saturday afternoon for the Sierra Front of western Nevada due to gusty winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: South to southwest flow will continue over most of the West as an upper trough remains locked over the Pacific Northwest and a high pressure ridge remains over the Southwest. Some moisture is filtering into the southern Sierra, Great Basin and Southwest. In Alaska, a weak front will be brushing the north while high pressure remains over the south.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA Chance of rain western Washington and mostly cloudy for the remainder of the west side. Sunny east side.	60s western Washington mid 80s southwest Oregon. East side 70s and 80s. 60s higher elevations in northern Washington.	West of Cascades: generally 40 to 70%; near 30% southwest Oregon. Eastside: ranging from 15 to 25%; as low as 10% south central and southeast Oregon.	West to northwest at 5 to 15 mph ridgetops and exposed areas east of the Cascades. West side winds generally west at 5 to 10 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny northwest corner, elsewhere becoming partly sunny with widely scattered to scattered showers and thunderstorms.	North: 85 to 95. South: 90 to 99. Mountains: 72 to 84.	North Valleys: 10 to 18%. South Valleys: 10 to 18%. Mountains: 14 to 28%.	North: Southwest at 10 to 15 mph with localized gusts 25 to 30 mph. South: South to southwest at 10 to 20 mph with localized gusts to 25 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Mostly clear except for night and morning coastal low clouds and fog.	60s coast. 70s higher elevations. 80s to low 90s inland valleys.	15 to 25% East Side of the area. 20 to 35% remainder of inland valleys.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph with strongest afternoon gusts to 33 mph east of the Sierra-Cascade crest.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the mountains with isolated thunderstorms.	68 to 78 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 80s valleys. 90s upper deserts. 100 to 108 lower deserts.	30 to 45% valleys. 15 to 25% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph over the mountains. 15 to 25 mph over the deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated afternoon dry thunderstorms over southern Wyoming and western Colorado.	Upper 80s to mid 90s. 70s mountains.	10 to 22%. 25 to 45% northern Front Range of Colorado, eastern plains and higher elevations.	Southern winds 15 to 30 mph in Kansas. 5 to 18 mph elsewhere.
SOUTHWEST Partly to mostly cloudy. Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms; some possibly dry in far northern Arizona and New Mexico.	Upper 60s to 80s mountains. 90s lower elevations. 100 to 106 southern deserts and lowlands.	10 to 30% Arizona and New Mexico. 20 to 40% west Texas.	Southwest to west at 10 to 15 mph with higher gusts Arizona and western New Mexico. South to southeast at 10 to 20 eastern New Mexico and west Texas.



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DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	0	1		7		9
	ACRES	2	3,276	9,049		37,320		49,647
Northwest	FIRES	3				10	10	23
	ACRES	1				2	17	20
Northern California	FIRES					17	8	25
	ACRES					53	0	53
Southern California	FIRES		3			14	2	19
	ACRES		0			8	22	30
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				1	1	5
	ACRES	2				0	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	4			2	4	11
	ACRES	1	24			6	1	32
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		1,500				20	1,520
Southwest	FIRES				1	1	3	5
	ACRES				0	0	16,802	16,802
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	3			3	2	9
	ACRES	0	61			30	0	91
Eastern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					78		78
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					2		2
TOTAL	FIRES	9	12	1	1	84	31	138
	ACRES	6	4,861	9,049	0	37,499	16,862	68,277

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	36	53	18	252	7	370
	ACRES	65	642,155	253,550	21,204	1,203,988	1	2,120,963
Northwest	FIRES	198	85	19	10	669	294	1,275
	ACRES	5,713	1,835	75	16	1,526	3,306	12,471
Northern California	FIRES	60	28	6	18	1,343	537	1,992
	ACRES	70	417	15	2	4,227	1,786	6,517
Southern California	FIRES	32	48	14	32	1,608	336	2,070
	ACRES	657	4,369	394	24	36,118	4,761	46,323
Northern Rockies	FIRES	785	26	14	6	418	221	1,470
	ACRES	4,162	255	485	0	8,690	3,368	16,960
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	281	2	20	179	212	704
	ACRES	32	23,381	1	33	2,598	586	26,631
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	246	1	4	39	44	339
	ACRES	151	11,732	1,054	0	1,155	496	14,588
Southwest	FIRES	540	66	2	39	451	595	1,693
	ACRES	5,146	4,527	1	509	5,695	271,506	287,384
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	172	172	30	11	229	185	799
	ACRES	3,612	546	1,167	9	19,772	4,101	29,207
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	22	6,057	407	7,021
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	107	54,132	5,541	67,209
Southern Area	FIRES	120		47	36	22,163	547	22,913
	ACRES	15,606		4,682	1,054	267,265	73,117	361,724
TOTAL	FIRES	2,415	988	234	216	33,408	3,385	40,646
	ACRES	40,308	689,217	263,759	22,958	1,605,166	368,569	2,989,977

Ten Year Average Fires	45,394
Ten Year Average Acres	1,664,566

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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			1				1
	ACRES			53				53
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						30	30
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						4	4
	ACRES						4,209	4,209
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	53	0	0	4,239	4,292

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	10	10		76	100
	ACRES		28	922	718		6,213	7,881
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	352	519
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,381	63,511
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	123	18	12	113	347
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	20,855	12,964	3,947	45,672	100,406
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	14,866	1,071	16,196
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,702	930,505	965,648	2,022,828
TOTAL	FIRES	217	201	761	154	15,557	2,552	19,442
	ACRES	40,781	29,295	161,546	90,472	1,000,487	1,249,761	2,572,342

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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				52,222			52,222
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		1				3	4
	ACRES		98				0	98
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		7,231	7,332
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6			0	1	7
	ACRES		6,680			2,271	354	9,305
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	11	0	9	0	21	41
	ACRES	0	7,120	0	52,324	2,271	7,957	69,672

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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	1,071	150,203
Yukon Territory	7	1,475	176	567,105
Alberta	4	8	879	3,239
Northwest Territory	6	208	60	15,136
Saskatchewan	3	0	142	31,859
Manitoba	1	0	87	423
Ontario	1	0	177	1,376
Quebec	4	0	193	589
Newfoundland	0	0	104	8,333
New Brunswick	2	0	215	318
Nova Scotia	2	0	200	211
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	1,565	25	15,271
Total	30	3,257	3,345	794,077

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	41	17	3	36	11	12			385	223
Northwest	22	11	6	56	20	3			256	190
Northern California	7		6							
Southern California	3		9		1					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			15		3				20	2
Western Great Basin	6	2	2			1				
Southwest	63	1	26	69	16	8			512	155
Rocky Mountain	2		9	3	3	1			19	4
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	144	31	76	164	54	25	0	0	1192	574

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