

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 141 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Southern California Area and one each in the Northern California and Eastern Great Basin Areas. One large fire was contained in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, 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. Extreme fire behavior was observed with spotting, rapid development of multiple convection columns and crown fire. Firefighters successfully held the left flank of the fire.

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. Weather conditions resulted in increased fire activities. Torching and short runs were observed in black spruce on the southern perimeter of the fire compromising a section of dozer line.

WOLF CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A transfer of command will occur from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) to a Type 3 organization today. This fire is 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. Short range spotting and active fire behavior 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 increased due to gusty winds and higher temperatures. Torching and crowning runs were observed in areas of continuous black spruce and exposed slopes.

LOWER MOUTH, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is located 12 miles northwest of the village of Birch Creek, AK in white spruce, black spruce, birch and aspen. Fire activity was moderate.

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. Surface fire along the fire perimeter resulted in some group tree torching.

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. Active interior burning, torching and short uphill runs were observed. Crews completed work on the Deer Creek fire and made significant progress on structure protection operations on the Woodchopper fire.

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. Crown runs and backing fire were observed.

WALDRON CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles east of Stevens Village, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire activity was low.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	17,000	10	UNK	130	5	0	2	0	NR
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	339,400	20	UNK	598	18	19	7	11	4.8M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	187,000	10	UNK	125	4	1	1	7	1.2M
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	595,693	NR	8/1	118	1	8	2	3	1.5M
LOWER MOUTH	AK	UYD	1,000	NR	UNK	10	0	0	0	0	NR
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	132,422	67	7/31	153	3	1	3	3	925K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	471,898	NR	UNK	151	4	1	1	0	1.2M
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	396,711	5	UNK	344	13	0	6	1	6.9M
WALDRON CREEK	AK	UYD	350	0	UNK	46	1	0	0	0	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 Clark, Nuttall and Gibson fires. Precipitation moderated fire behavior.

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A transfer of command will occur from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) at 1800 MST. This fire is six miles southwest of Payson, AZ in timber, grass and chaparral. Crews continued to rehabilitate fireline.

JACKET, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 13 miles southeast of Winona, AZ in grass, juniper and pinyon pine. Interior flare ups were reported. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

PONDEROSA, Tonto National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Payson, AZ in ponderosa pine. Minimal fire behavior was reported. 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
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	29,200	65	UNK	683	14	20	7	1	8.5M
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	119,500	90	7/12	603	12	38	7	2	9.6M
JACKET	AZ	COF	17,043	75	7/21	70	2	1	0	1	301K
PONDEROSA	AZ	TNF	140	95	UNK	73	3	2	0	1	200K

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. Interior islands of fuel continued to burn.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Cool temperatures resulted in minimal fire behavior; however remote access is impeding line construction efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	9,000	65	UNK	496	7	16	6	0	7.5M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	21	0	0	1	0	396K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SADDLE MOUNTAIN, Delta County. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is five miles east of Crawford, CO in Douglas fir, oak brush, aspen and pinyon pine. Fire behavior was moderate, with individual tree torching observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

WEST FORK CREEK, Campbell County. This fire is 30 miles southeast of Wright, WY in ponderosa pine, juniper and sagebrush. Extreme fire behavior with torching, running, and short range spotting was reported.

OIL SPRINGS, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. 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. Minimal fire activity due to precipitation was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SADDLE MOUNTAIN	CO	DTX	301	40	7/14	218	4	3	7	0	694K
WEST FORK CREEK	WY	CPX	350	50	7/12	42	2	7	1	0	NR
OIL SPRINGS – WFU	CO	WRD	1,500	N/A	N/A	34	1	2	1	0	25K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

VERBENIA, Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Palm Springs, CA in grass and chaparral. Inaccessible terrain and low fuel moistures facilitated spread.

GATOS, Fresno-Kings Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Coalinga, CA in chaparral. Extreme fire behavior, caused by high temperatures and low relative humidity levels, was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VERBENIA	CA	RRU	600	10	NR	229	13	16	6	0	NR
GATOS	CA	FKU	400	0	7/12	303	8	41	2	0	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHROME, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is 45 miles northwest of Ely, NV in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Fire behavior was minimal. Firefighters made good progress on mopup. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHROME	NV	ELD	4,500	80	7/13	329	11	1	3	0	400K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TABLE, Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire and State Land. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Grantsville, Utah in short grass, pinyon pine and juniper. Significant uphill runs due to high winds were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TABLE	UT	NWS	100	10	7/12	NR	0	8	3	0	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CORRAL	CA	SCU	500	100	---	85	1	14	1	0	NR

SCU = Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Much warmer temperatures for the West as strong high pressure takes hold over the area. Monsoon moisture over Arizona and New Mexico will spread northward into Utah and Colorado. High pressure will bring warm and dry weather to most of Alaska.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ALASKA AREA Central and Eastern Interior: Partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon.	Central and Eastern Interior: 68 to 85.	Central and Eastern Interior: 20 to 35%.	Central and Eastern Interior: Southwest 10 to 15 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA East Side: Chance of isolated thunderstorms mainly over the Cascades West Side: Mostly sunny.	80s and 90s.	West of Cascades: 20 to 35%. East of Cascades: 10 to 20%.	Variable 5 to 12 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREASD. Isolated afternoon dry thunderstorms over central mountains and Front Range of Colorado. Isolated wet thunderstorms over northern South Dakota.	Highs in the 90s. 70s and 80s mountains.	25 to 45% eastern plains and higher elevations. 10 to 22% elsewhere.	Southern winds 8 to 18 mph in eastern plains. 5 to 18 mph elsewhere.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny skies with gusty afternoon winds	North: 85 to 99. South: 92 to 103. Mountains: 75 to 90.	Valleys: 7 to 18%. Mountains: 15 to 26%.	North: Southwest at 10 to 20 mph with localized gusts 25 to 30 mph. South: South to southwest at 10 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly clear except for night and morning coastal low clouds and fog.	60s to low 70s coast. Upper 90s inland valleys.	10 to 20% drier inland areas.	Southwest to northwest 4 to 12 mph.



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EXTENDED ATTACK

After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transfer of command from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in fire conditions.

- Do you have a current fire weather forecast for the fire location?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Have you established a new organizational structure and communicated it to the other forces associated with the fire?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (either on the incident or soon to be on the incident) under expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire?
 - Direct or indirect
 - Anchor points
 - Escape routes
 - Head or flank attack
 - Priority areas
- Have you communicated this to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes established?
 - If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
- Will you contain the fire before the next operational period?
- Have you reported the status of the fire to dispatch?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0		5		5
	ACRES	250	4,565	11,730		9,061		25,606
Northwest	FIRES	3				4	1	8
	ACRES	2				1	1	4
Northern California	FIRES				1	25	3	29
	ACRES				0	565	0	565
Southern California	FIRES					17	6	23
	ACRES					69	8	77
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	1	2		2	4	17
	ACRES	28	3	1		0	3	35
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	4	7
	ACRES		107			18	0	125
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES	4				2	37	43
	ACRES	2				1	56	59
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	5	6
	ACRES					0	60	60
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	25						25
TOTAL	FIRES	16	2	2	1	58	62	141
	ACRES	307	4,675	11,731	0	9,715	128	26,556

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	36	54	17	265	7	384
	ACRES	415	701,063	278,235	19,204	1,329,896	1	2,328,814
Northwest	FIRES	204	94	19	11	719	305	1,352
	ACRES	5,716	1,982	75	16	6,583	8,908	23,280
Northern California	FIRES	60	28	6	19	1,390	546	2,049
	ACRES	70	417	15	2	4,974	1,786	7,264
Southern California	FIRES	33	52	16	32	1,651	350	2,134
	ACRES	663	4,379	395	24	36,253	4,773	46,487
Northern Rockies	FIRES	786	27	16	11	425	229	1,494
	ACRES	4,163	258	486	3	8,691	3,371	16,972
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	12	291	2	20	191	219	735
	ACRES	33	23,778	1	33	2,631	588	27,064
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	246	1	4	39	45	340
	ACRES	151	14,689	1,054	0	1,155	496	17,545
Southwest	FIRES	546	68	2	39	518	654	1,827
	ACRES	5,148	4,527	1	509	6,068	271,567	287,820
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	173	181	30	11	238	202	835
	ACRES	3,613	3,480	1,167	9	20,030	4,171	32,470
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	23	6,064	409	7,031
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	108	54,136	5,543	67,216
Southern Area	FIRES	121		48	36	22,318	547	23,070
	ACRES	15,631		4,683	1,054	278,949	73,117	373,434
TOTAL	FIRES	2,434	1,023	240	223	33,818	3,513	41,251
	ACRES	40,697	754,573	288,447	20,962	1,749,366	374,321	3,228,366

Ten Year Average Fires	46,237
Ten Year Average Acres	1,750,467

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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		1
	ACRES					2,300		2,300
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,300	0	2,300

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	42,382	63,512
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	3	17	43	83
	ACRES	149	2,335	547	1,102	1,490	14,008	19,631
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	12,769	7,777		66,146	94,309
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		351	23	612	178	1,184
	ACRES	14,454		39,938	4,443	59,439	27,876	146,150
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	69	392	1,074	1,725
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,702	212,675	967,221	1,306,571
TOTAL	FIRES	217	201	765	154	1,083	2,556	4,976
	ACRES	40,781	29,300	163,891	90,472	282,714	1,251,335	1,858,493

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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				54,222			54,222
Northwest	FIRES				2		1	3
	ACRES				1		150	151
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				4		2	6
	ACRES				1		222	223
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		18	24
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
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		6,715			2,271	354	9,340
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	10	0	16	0	37	63
	ACRES	0	7,057	0	54,325	2,271	7,957	71,610

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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	144,056
Yukon Territory	0	44,140	184	843,585
Alberta	24	18	916	3,266
Northwest Territory	13	1,686	98	20,934
Saskatchewan	2	0	146	39,586
Manitoba	2	1	94	425
Ontario	2	2	184	1,379
Quebec	2	1	196	589
Newfoundland	0	0	104	8,333
New Brunswick	0	0	215	318
Nova Scotia	0	0	200	211
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	3	12	30	44,289
Total	48	45,860	3,454	1,106,984

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	37	12	4	26	10	12			455	240
Northwest	11	2	1	17	15				196	86
Northern California	10		16		2				8	
Southern California	2	23		57	5	4			1	33
Northern Rockies	1		16		1					
Eastern Great Basin			9	3	5	1			23	3
Western Great Basin	8	3	2	1	3				55	21
Southwest	30	1	12	47	6	8			354	157
Rocky Mountain	6	1	13	8	6	3			85	31
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	105	42	73	159	53	28	0	0	1177	571

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