

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Rocky Mountain Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 224 new fires were reported. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire behavior was characterized as minimal, though some areas experienced torching and active burning in hardwood and spruce stands.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. 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. Creeping, smoldering and scattered individual tree torching were reported, primarily on the Billy Creek fire.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Middle Birch Creek, Preacher Creek, Rock Creek, Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Big Bluff, Takoma Bluff and a portion of the Wolf Creek fires, is 15 miles southwest of Circle, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Creeping with occasional torching was observed.

WOLF CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. Minimal fire activity was reported.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in tundra and spruce. Smoldering, creeping and individual torching were reported.

PINGO, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is five miles north of the village of Venetie, AK in black spruce, hardwoods and tundra. Low to moderate fire behavior with occasional torching was observed.

AGGIE 2, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 25 miles north of Fox, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	498,075	25	UNK	701	16	16	7	15	13.7M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	865,430	15	UNK	418	11	13	5	6	5.1M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	252,700	0	UNK	191	3	7	2	3	2.2M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	197,067	NR	9/30	108	4	0	2	7	3.2M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	150,223	75	8/15	115	4	0	2	3	2.6M
PINGO	AK	UYD	285,885	10	UNK	141	7	0	2	1	NR
AGGIE 2	AK	FAS	2,500	45	7/31	111	6	0	0	0	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LOG SPRINGS, Warm Springs Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (West) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR in timber and heavy downed fuels. The fire was active with torching, spotting, short runs and six to eight foot flame lengths. Tribal Highway 9 remains closed.

LAUDERDALE, Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Southeast. A Washington Interagency Management Team (Berndt/Andring) is assigned. This fire is five miles southeast of Cle Elum, WA in ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grass. Fire behavior was minimal. Evacuations in the communities of Elk Springs and Green Canyon have been lifted.

POT PEAK COMPLEX, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Interagency Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, Deep Harbor, Pyramid and the SiSi Ridge fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber, litter and understory. The Pot Peak fire reported moderate fire behavior with islands continuing to burn within the perimeter. The SiSi Ridge fire continues to back slowly towards Cabin Creek. The Deep Harbor fire reported active behavior with occasional torching and short runs.

DOWNEY CREEK, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is 16 miles northeast of Darrington, WA in timber and brush. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LOG SPRINGS	OR	WSA	4,575	25	UNK	432	16	18	4	0	495K
LAUDERDALE	WA	SES	250	90	7/28	413	19	27	0	3	537K
POT PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	15,386	50	UNK	435	16	8	8	0	11.3M
DOWNEY CREEK	WA	MSF	200	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROBBERS, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire is 26 miles northwest of Las Vegas, NV in timber and brush. Fire behavior was moderate. State Highways 156, 157 and 158 remain closed.

PATTERSON, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFO) incident, located 44 miles south of Ely, NV in pinyon, juniper, sage and grass, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. 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
ROBBERS	NV	HTF	1,500	20	UNK	449	8	33	3	0	NR
PATTERSON - WFU	NV	ELD	150	N/A	N/A	8	0	2	0	0	NR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STRAYLOR, Lassen-Modoc Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is 20 miles southeast of Fall River Mills, CA in timber, litter and understory. The fire burned actively through the night. Spotting continues to be a problem.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
STRAYLOR	CA	LMU	3,420	85	7/29	2,003	74	117	12	0	7.4M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JONES, Dixie National Forest. This fire is five miles northwest of Toquerville, UT in timber and brush. Wet thunderstorms resulted in minimal fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JONES	UT	DIF	710	80	7/28	236	8	0	4	0	254K
DOG VALLEY HILL	UT	SCS	150	100	---	92	2	9	1	0	52K

SCS = South Central State, Utah State Division of Forestry

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

MEADOW COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located four miles southeast of Yosemite Valley, CA in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives and consists of the Meadow, Jay, River, and several other small fires. The Meadow fire reported torching and short range spotting. Other fires in the complex reported minimal fire behavior. Trail closures remain in effect.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MEADOW COMPLEX – WFU	CA	YNP	4,815	N/A	N/A	134	2	0	2	0	1.6M

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman/Hall) has been ordered. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 25 miles southeast of International Falls, MN in balsam, spruce and pine, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire remained active with torching and spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECTION 33-WFU	MN	VOP	675	N/A	N/A	30	1	0	1	0	25K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VASTAR, McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 17 miles southwest of Sabine Pass, TX in tall grass. Erratic winds prevented burnout operations and caused continued spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VASTAR	TX	MCR	1,212	0	7/30	17	0	4	0	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

TRANSFER WFU, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located five miles east of Tusayan, AZ in timber and grass, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. 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
TRANSFER - WFU	AZ	KNF	230	N/A	N/A	6	0	2	0	0	5K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MIDDLE BEALL	ID	CMS	533	100	---	38	1	6	0	0	NR

CMS = Craig Mountain Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A departing cold front moving through the Great Lakes states will keep breezy and cool conditions in place over the northern Rockies. The front will also bring showers to northern Minnesota. South and east of the front, conditions will continue to be warm and dry with slightly cooler temperatures for southern California. In Alaska, low pressure will bring welcome showers and cooler temperatures to the east-central portions of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ALASKA AREA Mostly cloudy.	Central & Eastern Interior 60s to mid 70s.	Central & Eastern Interior 35 to 50%.	Central & Eastern Interior Southwest to west 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Sunny. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms northeast Oregon.	West of Cascades: 60 to 70 Coast. 80s North Interior. 90s South Interior. East of Cascades: 80s and 90s.	West of Cascades: 25 to 35% North 15 to 25% South. East of Cascades: 10 to 20%.	Northwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Night and morning coastal fog and low clouds. Otherwise mostly clear skies.	60s and 70s near the coast. 80s and 90s inland. The warmest valleys near 100.	8 to 16% east of the Cascade-Sierra crest. 12 to 23% other inland areas. 55% + near the coast.	Southwest to northwest 4 to 10 mph, with afternoon gusts 14 to 20 mph Cascade/ Sierra eastward.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny with light west winds. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 63 to 85 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 69 to 85 mountains. 85 to 103 valleys, except 103 to 110 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 35% mountains. 11 to 26% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 29% mountains. 10 to 22% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West to northwest 5 to 12 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Variable or upslope 5 to 10 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper deserts. 105 to 115 lower deserts.	10 to 20% valleys. 8 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA West of Divide: Mostly sunny. East of Divide: Cooler with isolated thunderstorms.	West of Divide: 80s. East of Divide: 70s.	West of Divide: 20 to 30%. East of Divide: 30 to 45%.	West of Divide: Slope winds 5 to 10 mph. East of Divide: Northerly 5 to 15 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny skies.	North valleys: 90 to 100. South valleys: 92 to 103. Mountains: 75 to 91.	North: 6 to 15%. South: 5 to 12%. Mountains: 12 to 26%.	North: West to northwest at 10 mph with gusts to 20 mph. South: Southwest to west at 10 mph with gusts to 20 mph.



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REFUSING RISK ("TURNDOWN" PROTOCOL)

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A "turndown" is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A "turndown" must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a "turndown" if:
 - There is a violation of safe work practices.
 - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
 - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
 - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
 - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
 - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
 - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
 - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		6		6
	ACRES		4,980	101,540		165,251		271,771
Northwest	FIRES	2	1			10	4	17
	ACRES	3,003	6			5	1	3,015
Northern California	FIRES	1				22	3	26
	ACRES	0				383	0	383
Southern California	FIRES		3			13	2	18
	ACRES		0			164	0	164
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2			6	6	14
	ACRES		1			107	81	189
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	10			5	6	22
	ACRES	0	193			18	37	248
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10		4			14
	ACRES		3		0			3
Southwest	FIRES	4	3			3	34	44
	ACRES	1	1			1	69	72
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	12		3	3	5	33
	ACRES	1	1		1	1	1	5
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					4	1	5
Southern Area	FIRES					27		27
	ACRES					49		49
TOTAL	FIRES	18	41	0	7	97	61	224
	ACRES	3,005	5,185	101,540	1	165,983	190	275,904

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	57	65	20	354	8	509
	ACRES	6,065	1,067,902	1,028,362	29,386	2,272,423	1	4,404,139
Northwest	FIRES	245	158	25	26	1,027	545	2,026
	ACRES	9,915	1,977	175	45	7,233	16,678	36,023
Northern California	FIRES	82	32	8	21	1,693	633	2,469
	ACRES	119	421	17	2	13,397	1,830	15,786
Southern California	FIRES	35	67	18	37	1,978	432	2,567
	ACRES	667	5,057	1,796	28	55,249	5,824	68,621
Northern Rockies	FIRES	829	37	18	12	522	355	1,773
	ACRES	4,271	1,345	1,061	3	10,452	3,558	20,690
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	22	483	6	28	291	373	1,203
	ACRES	70	25,542	11	34	4,301	2,929	32,887
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	383	2	10	51	72	525
	ACRES	152	15,495	1,056	0	6,039	5,870	28,612
Southwest	FIRES	559	113	2	60	589	1,198	2,521
	ACRES	4,961	4,855	1	513	6,378	277,433	294,141
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	242	332	32	37	308	298	1,249
	ACRES	3,650	3,872	1,168	31	20,391	4,281	33,393
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	28	6,154	421	7,139
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	54,472	5,562	67,572
Southern Area	FIRES	127		55	42	24,270	557	25,051
	ACRES	15,795		7,488	1,067	312,817	73,172	410,339
TOTAL	FIRES	2,642	1,662	278	321	37,237	4,892	47,032
	ACRES	50,759	1,126,466	1,043,470	31,218	2,763,152	397,138	5,412,203

Ten Year Average Fires	51,656
Ten Year Average Acres	2,195,077

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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		1				1	2
	ACRES		3				3	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			600				600
Southern Area	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				300		100	400
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	1	0	2	5
	ACRES	0	3	600	300	0	103	1,006

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	12	17		183	265
	ACRES	251	731	13,570	2,690		22,617	39,859
Southern California	FIRES		4	10	10		76	100
	ACRES		28	922	718		6,213	7,881
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	366	533
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,523	63,653
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	3	3	17	48	93
	ACRES	149	4,568	547	1,102	1,490	16,754	24,610
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	5			5	15
	ACRES		85	541			971	1,597
Southwest	FIRES	14	14	7	10		279	324
	ACRES	2,796	4,824	12,769	7,777		66,155	94,321
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	137	18	12	113	361
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	21,434	13,264	3,947	45,672	101,285
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		363	23	612	180	1,198
	ACRES	14,454		41,594	4,443	59,439	27,991	147,921
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	73	393	1,099	1,755
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	66,152	212,745	992,883	1,338,753
TOTAL	FIRES	217	208	793	158	1,084	2,604	5,064
	ACRES	40,781	31,541	166,130	97,222	282,784	1,280,008	1,898,466

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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		5	7
	ACRES				1		156	157
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				5		2	7
	ACRES				4,309		222	4,531
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		14	20
	ACRES				0		17	17
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						20	20
	ACRES						6	6
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5		2			7
	ACRES		492		0			492
Southwest	FIRES				5		18	23
	ACRES				155		9,067	9,222
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		19		1	0	4	24
	ACRES		6,786		0	2,271	612	9,669
Eastern Area	FIRES			9	1		1	11
	ACRES			436	675		1	1,112
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	24	9	25	0	67	125
	ACRES	0	7,278	436	60,368	2,271	10,081	80,434

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	71	0	1,467	149,079
Yukon Territory	4	9,400	229	1,332,110
Alberta	22	19,838	1,393	65,972
Northwest Territory	4	8,241	234	104,684
Saskatchewan	14	0	277	108,445
Manitoba	3	3	182	3,628
Ontario	3	0	237	1,429
Quebec	2	0	218	2,129
Newfoundland	1	0	115	8,375
New Brunswick	2	1	223	281
Nova Scotia	1	0	215	226
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	2	28,859	75	136,779
Total	129	66,343	4,883	1,913,152

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	19	11	25	13	11			345	304
Northwest	35	35	20	70	21	16			309	177
Northern California	33	68	56	114	6	12			26	249
Southern California	7		5		2				90	4
Northern Rockies	7	1	16	3	3					3
Eastern Great Basin	10	2	12	6	3	4			57	17
Western Great Basin	9	3	11	23	4				10	100
Southwest	3									
Rocky Mountain			9		2				4	2
Eastern Area		1			1				13	1
Southern Area			4						3	6
Total	141	129	144	241	55	43	0	0	857	863

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