

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 88 new fires were reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Northwest, Western Great Basin 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, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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. Short runs, torching and spotting up one-half mile ahead of the fire were observed. The fire has crossed Tribal Highway 9.

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. The Pot Peak and SiSi Ridge, reported creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. The Deep Harbor was observed backing towards the Pyramid fire.

ELMER CITY, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed/Holloway) has been ordered. This fire is one mile southeast of Elmer City, WA in grass, sagebrush and scattered timber. Fire was burning actively in light fuels and brush.

RATTLESNAKE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is 40 miles west of Yakima, WA in timber, litter and understory. Creeping and rolling materials resulted in fire spread. Occasional small group torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LOG SPRINGS	OR	WSA	10,500	35	UNK	812	24	54	4	0	1.3M
POT PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	18,145	50	UNK	625	14	6	9	0	12.3M
ELMER CITY	WA	COA	2,400	0	UNK	100	0	12	2	1	NR
RATTLESNAKE PEAK	WA	OWF	373	0	UNK	10	0	0	0	0	19K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SIMS, Six Rivers National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This fire is seven miles northwest of Hyampon, CA in timber, brush and grass. When the inversion layer lifted, torching and crowning were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SIMS	CA	SRF	2,825	40	8/5	680	17	37	8	2	250K

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
STRAYLOR	CA	LMU	3,422	100	---	1,259	44	51	8	0	10.4M

LMU = Lassen-Modoc Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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. Smoldering in heavy down fuels with little spread was reported.

TROY CANYON, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This fire is 70 miles southwest of Ely, NV in timber. This fire started on 7/26 and is being managed using a confinement strategy. The fire has remained within natural barriers, with some individual tree torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ROBBERS	NV	HTF	290	70	7/30	353	6	20	5	0	911K
TROY CANYON	NV	HTF	270	1	10/7	5	0	0	0	0	35K
PATTERSON - WFU	NV	ELD	170	30	8/3	5	0	1	0	0	16K

ELD = Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) will occur today. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Areas of the fire received scattered rain showers. Minimal fire behavior with isolated areas of torching in hardwood and spruce stands was observed.

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. The Porcupine fire reported isolated areas of heat with some creeping while Billy Creek had several small hot spots.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley), to a Type 3 Incident Management organization occurred yesterday. 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. Minimal fire behavior with isolated 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 with isolated interior torching was reported. No further information was received.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 23 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in tundra and spruce. Portions of the fire are now in limited suppression status and will be monitored. Minimal fire activity with some individual torching was reported. No further information was received.

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. Minimal fire behavior 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 behavior in duff was observed. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	503,362	30	UNK	562	11	7	5	15	14.3M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	865,430	15	UNK	265	5	2	5	6	5.7M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	258,700	0	UNK	139	2	6	1	3	2.4M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	197,067	10	9/30	51	1	0	2	7	3.2M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	150,223	75	8/15	112	4	0	2	3	2.7M
PINGO	AK	UYD	285,885	10	UNK	94	4	0	2	1	NR
AGGIE 2	AK	FAS	2,500	50	7/31	95	5	0	0	0	341K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WESTSIDE COMPLEX, Dixie National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 12 miles southwest of Enterprise, UT in sagebrush, grass, and timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Ten to twenty foot flame lengths and spotting were observed. The General Steam road and Enterprise Reservoir are closed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WESTSIDE COMPLEX – WFU	UT	DIF	5,000	N/A	N/A	121	2	0	1	0	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

MIKES CREEK, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. This fire is 20 miles north of Medora, ND in timber, grass and understory. Evening precipitation aided containment efforts. Isolated hot spots along the perimeter were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MIKES CREEK	ND	DPF	250	85	7/30	61	1	8	0	0	85K

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. The complex reported minimal fire behavior with no appreciable growth. 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	5,176	N/A	N/A	121	2	0	1	0	1.7M

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. 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. Fire behavior was moderated by light precipitation.

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	49	1	0	1	0	25K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

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

KNF = Kaibab National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Low pressure developing off the coast of the northwest coast will push some mid-level moisture into northern California and southern Oregon today. As daytime heating progresses, isolated thunderstorms are possible in the Sierras and Oregon Cascades as this moisture moves onto the coast. The rest of the West will remain under a strengthening high pressure system. In Alaska, low pressure will continue the threat of scattered showers and provide cool temperatures.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA Cloudy along the coastal strip and lowland valleys but otherwise mostly sunny inland. Some cumulus buildups over the higher terrain with a few isolated thundershowers possible south central Oregon.	70s to mid 80s western Washington. 90s southwest Oregon. High 80s to mid 90s eastern Oregon and Washington.	West of the Cascades: 30 to 50% north. 20 to 40% southwest Oregon. East of the Cascades: 10 to 20%.	Northwest to west 10 to 20 mph except north 15 to 25 on the south Oregon coastal sections.
ALASKA AREA Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Interior: Upper 50s to mid 60s.	Interior: Above 40%.	Interior: West 10 to 20 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Night and morning coastal fog and low clouds. Otherwise, mostly clear skies with afternoon cumulus in the mountains with a 10 to 20% chance of thunderstorms in the north.	60s to 70s coast. 80s to 90s elsewhere.	8 to 18% east of the Cascade-Sierra crest. 12 to 28% other inland areas. 50% near the coast.	Southwest 4 to 12 mph with gusts 15 to 24 mph east of the Sierra Cascade Crest.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Mostly sunny and warmer.	West of the Continental Divide:	West of the Continental Divide:	West of the Continental Divide:

	90 to 100. East of the Continental Divide: 80s. 70s North Dakota. 70s mountains.	12 to 22% central Idaho. East of the Continental Divide: 20 to 30%. 35 to 45% North Dakota.	Slope/valley winds 5 to 10 mph. West 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny with light west winds. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny with isolated, dry thunderstorms over the mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 69 to 87 mountains. 88 to 98 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 75 to 89 mountains. 90 to 106 valleys. 106 to 112 Lake Mead.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 15 to 27% mountains. 8 to 20% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 9 to 22% mountains. 5 to 18% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest to northwest 5 to 10 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest 10 to 20 mph in southwest Utah. Variable 5 to 10 mph elsewhere.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas. Isolated thunderstorms over the Sierra, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	25 to 40% valleys. 10 to 25% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny with isolated thunderstorms in the central Sierras and extreme northwestern Nevada.	88 to 98 north valleys. 95 to 105 south valleys. 75 to 91 mountains.	6 to 15% north. 5 to 12% south. 12 to 22% mountains.	North: West at 10 mph with localized gusts 25 mph. South: Southwest to west at 10 mph with gusts to 20 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy and unseasonably dry. Isolated thunderstorms southeast Arizona, New Mexico's central mountains and southwest Texas.	Upper 60s to 80s mountains. 80s to 90s lower elevations. 100 to 110 Arizona deserts.	8 to 20% Arizona and western New Mexico. 20 to 40% eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Westerly 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 20 to 25 mph Arizona and western New Mexico. Variable to southeast 5 to 15 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.



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UNFAMILIAR WITH WEATHER AND LOCAL FACTORS INFLUENCING FIRE BEHAVIOR

- Can you ask questions of local experts? What kinds of questions would you ask?
- Does the operational period plan give you adequate weather and information? What kinds of weather forecasts can you get? What other weather or local information do you look for in the shift plan?
- Can you get information from resources that have been on the fire? What questions will you ask of the crew that you are replacing?
- Is there any other way to obtain information? List common sources of information on weather and local factors.
- To reduce risks:
 - Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior.
 - Post lookouts.
 - Establish escape routes and safety zones.
 - Take extra caution! Discuss a fire where you relied on information from the local unit (perhaps where your fire knowledge and experience was very different from how they did things — Southeast or Alaska).

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		0		0
	ACRES		9,112	9,399		9,151		27,662
Northwest	FIRES	1				8	2	11
	ACRES	400				3	0	403
Northern California	FIRES	0			1		2	3
	ACRES	1,000			0		1	1,001
Southern California	FIRES					15	1	16
	ACRES					131	0	131
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				2	2	6
	ACRES	151				0	150	301
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	7			2	2	13
	ACRES	1	1			50	0	52
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	5	2		1	4	11	23
	ACRES	2	2		0	1	4	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			2	1	7
	ACRES		3			1	0	4
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						6	6
Southern Area	FIRES	1				6		7
	ACRES	0				4		4
TOTAL	FIRES	11	14	0	2	39	22	88
	ACRES	1,554	9,119	9,399	0	9,341	161	29,574

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	57	65	19	359	9	514
	ACRES	6,065	1,077,139	1,042,895	29,341	2,297,375	1	4,452,816
Northwest	FIRES	248	158	25	27	1,059	566	2,083
	ACRES	10,320	1,987	175	56	7,251	16,697	36,486
Northern California	FIRES	83	32	8	22	1,706	649	2,500
	ACRES	1,119	421	17	2	13,656	1,993	17,208
Southern California	FIRES	35	68	18	37	2,018	439	2,615
	ACRES	667	5,069	1,796	28	55,410	5,834	68,804
Northern Rockies	FIRES	833	37	18	12	534	365	1,799
	ACRES	4,423	1,345	1,061	3	10,582	3,772	21,186
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	576	6	28	295	367	1,297
	ACRES	72	26,051	11	34	4,323	3,017	33,508
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	393	2	11	53	72	540
	ACRES	153	15,650	1,056	0	6,040	4,660	27,559
Southwest	FIRES	580	116	3	61	593	1,230	2,583
	ACRES	4,990	4,858	201	513	6,533	284,916	302,011
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	244	342	32	37	311	300	1,266
	ACRES	3,823	3,964	1,168	31	20,392	4,285	33,663
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	28	6,156	422	7,142
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	54,472	5,568	67,578
Southern Area	FIRES	128		55	42	24,284	557	25,066
	ACRES	15,795		7,488	1,067	312,857	73,172	410,379
TOTAL	FIRES	2,679	1,779	279	324	37,368	4,976	47,405
	ACRES	52,521	1,136,484	1,058,203	31,184	2,788,891	403,915	5,471,198

Ten Year Average Fires	52,311
Ten Year Average Acres	2,239,835

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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
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					27		27
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						40	40
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	27	41	68

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	6,134	547	1,102	1,490	16,754	26,176
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	5			5	15
	ACRES		85	541			971	1,597
Southwest	FIRES	14	14	7	10		281	326
	ACRES	2,796	4,824	12,769	7,777		66,157	94,323
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	138	18	12	113	362
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	21,434	13,264	3,947	45,672	101,285
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		365	23	616	180	1,204
	ACRES	14,454		42,424	4,443	59,466	27,991	148,778
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	73	393	1,102	1,758
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	66,152	212,745	993,200	1,339,070
TOTAL	FIRES	217	208	796	158	1,088	2,609	5,076
	ACRES	40,781	33,107	166,960	97,222	282,811	1,280,327	1,901,208

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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				52,266			52,266
Northwest	FIRES		34		2		47	83
	ACRES		0		1		166	167
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						27	27
	ACRES						5,055	5,055
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5		2			7
	ACRES		492		0			492
Southwest	FIRES				5		18	23
	ACRES				163		9,314	9,477
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		19		1	0	4	24
	ACRES		6,786		0	2,271	612	9,669
Eastern Area	FIRES			9	2	1	1	13
	ACRES			436	1,625	1,065	1	3,127
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	58	9	27	1	116	211
	ACRES	0	7,278	436	61,371	3,336	15,387	87,808

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	16	0	1,533	159,785
Yukon Territory	4	94	240	1,368,800
Alberta	1	14,191	1,398	100,937
Northwest Territory	4	33,795	256	150,610
Saskatchewan	0	0	283	155,098
Manitoba	0	23	201	4,075
Ontario	2	1	253	1,453
Quebec	0	1	217	2,129
Newfoundland	0	0	115	8,375
New Brunswick	1	0	225	281
Nova Scotia	0	0	218	227
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	1	33,194	76	169,973
Total	29	81,299	5,033	2,121,758

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	23	12	5	10	13	8			305	276
Northwest	29	40	29	95	13	14			456	268
Northern California	45	49	83	86	19	8			69	182
Southern California	3		2		3				88	2
Northern Rockies	8		13		3				14	3
Eastern Great Basin	10	2	13	3	5				5	
Western Great Basin	9	2	12	19	6				96	53
Southwest	3		2						2	
Rocky Mountain			5						3	2
Eastern Area		1			1				28	4
Southern Area										
Total	130	106	164	213	63	30	0	0	1066	790

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