

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 89 fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern Rockies, Northwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Rocky Mountain, Northwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR RED COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Upper Meadow, Meadow II, and several smaller fires is 12 miles southeast of Elk City, ID in timber. Private residences, commercial property, cultural and historic sites are threatened. Steep terrain and lack of road access are hampering containment efforts. Some group torching was observed on southwest facing slopes. Torching and spotting across the fireline continued in one Division. The remainder of the fire experienced creeping and occasional torching.

CHINA TEN, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Thomas) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles east of Grangeville, ID in beetle killed lodgepole pine and subalpine fir. The fire is adjacent to a significant Native American cultural area. Fire behavior continues to be moderate with isolated torching observed. Area closure remains in effect.

PROSPECT, Lolo National Forest. A transfer of command from Cowin's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Carlson's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today. This fire is 12 miles south of Superior, MT in timber. Poor access and heavy fuels continue to hinder containment efforts. Group and single tree torching along with backing fire were observed.

SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the El Capitan, Wapiti, Beaverjack, Elk Lake and numerous other fires, is 26 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT in timber. This complex, burning on both the Salmon-Challis and Bitterroot National Forests, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Deep Creek Campground, Hells Half Acre Lookout, Coopers Flat Ranger Station, Magruder Work Center, and Spot Mountain Lookout remain potentially threatened; structure protection is in place. Magruder Corridor Road is closed to through traffic. Recreation trail closures are in effect. Three foot flame lengths and limited torching were observed.

SIGNAL ROCK, Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. The fire is 17 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT in timber. Burn out operations were successful on the north and east flanks. Warmer and drier conditions caused an increase in fire activity with single and group tree torching. The reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

CEDAR, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is 18 miles northwest of Kooskia, ID in timber. Structure protection is in place. Smoldering and isolated torching were observed.

DEVIL, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is 13 miles west of Lochsa, ID in timber and brush. Steep terrain is impeding containment efforts. The fire continues to smolder. No further information was received.

LONG BLACK COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Long Creek and Black Canyon fires, is 38 miles northeast of Pierce, ID in timber. Steep terrain and limited access continue to hamper containment efforts. Isolated single and group torching, and a crown fire were observed on the Black Canyon fire. The Long Creek fire is being monitored by air.

ROCKIN, Bitterroot National Forest. A transfer of command from Benes Type 2 Incident Management Team to the local district will occur today. This fire is 10 miles northwest of Darby, MT in timber. Narrow canyons, steep and rocky terrain continue to hamper containment efforts. Warmer temperatures and windy conditions caused the fire to become more active.

BURNT, Nez Perce National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 20 miles southeast of Elk City, ID in timber. Structure protection is in place for Burnt Knob Lookout. Creeping fire behavior was observed along with group torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CLEAR RED COMPLEX	ID	NPF	4,101	65	8/23	610	18	8	6	0	1.9M	FS
CHINA TEN	ID	NPF	1,859	90	8/24	696	23	10	6	0	2.3M	FS
PROSPECT	MT	LNF	3,210	40	8/30	558	17	12	5	0	4.2M	FS
SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX - WFU	MT	BRF	4,760	N/A	N/A	50	0	0	1	0	231K	FS
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BDF	1,370	0	UNK	231	4	3	4	0	597K	FS
CEDAR	ID	CWF	195	85	8/21	71	3	0	2	0	260K	FS
DEVIL	ID	CWF	147	90	8/23	50	2	0	0	0	225K	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	850	25	UNK	26	0	2	2	0	1.5M	FS
ROCKIN	MT	BRF	3,859	68	UNK	32	1	0	0	0	889K	FS
BURNT - WFU	ID	NPF	185	N/A	N/A	3	0	0	0	0	2K	FS
SPONGE CREEK - WFU	ID	CWF	120	N/A	N/A	3	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
BRUSHY FORK - WFU	ID	NPF	104	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

BLOSSOM COMPLEX, Siskiyou National Forest. A Unified Command has been established between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) and an Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Hunt). This complex, comprised of the Blossom, Huggins and Solitude fires, is 25 miles northeast of Gold Beach, OR in timber. Private structures, commercial rafting sites, and wildlife habitat along the Rogue River remain threatened. The Rogue River remains closed to whitewater rafting from Grave Creek to Blossom Bar. Inaccessible terrain and heavy fuel loading are impeding containment efforts. Fire behavior is low to moderate. Burn out operations continue.

BURNT CABIN, Umatilla National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is 16 miles southeast of Milton-Freewater, OR in timber. Residences, commercial properties, and a water source for Walla Walla, WA are threatened. Fire activity increased with more open flame observed. Some torching and interior surface runs were reported.

TRYON COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lunde) is assigned. A transfer of command to the local district will occur tomorrow. This complex, comprised of the Haas Ridge, Tryon and Cherry Creek fires, is 20 miles north of Imnaha, OR in timber and grass. The fire continues to smolder in pockets of heavy fuels.

MULE PEAK, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This fire is 20 miles southeast of La Grande, OR in timber. Steep terrain, limited access and heavy fuels are hampering containment efforts. Creeping and smoldering fire behavior were observed. Mop-up is slowly progressing in heavy duff under subalpine fir canopies.

CAVE, Deschutes National Forest. This fire is 12 miles southeast of Bend, OR in tall grass and hardwood litter. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. No further information was received.

GRANITE COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Wildland Fire Use Team (Cones) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFO) incident is 30 miles east of Enterprise, OR in timber and grass. Structure protection remains in place for the historic Sheep Creek Ranch Cabin and associated structures. Smoldering and creeping along the northeast perimeter and some torching in the sub-alpine fir at higher elevations were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BLOSSOM COMPLEX	OR	SIF	10,132	45	8/24	1,648	51	44	10	0	22.3M	FS
BURNT CABIN	OR	UMF	1,575	70	UNK	654	18	17	5	0	3.1M	FS
TRYON COMPLEX	OR	WWF	42,736	95	8/22	454	8	3	8	1	4.4M	FS
MULE PEAK	OR	WWF	1,400	95	UNK	105	5	1	2	0	NR	FS
CAVE	OR	DEF	852	25	8/21	148	6	5	0	0	NR	FS
GRANITE COMPLEX - WFO	OR	WWF	16,564	N/A	N/A	42	0	0	1	0	425K	FS
I-82	WA	SPD	2,200	100	---	6	0	4	0	0	NR	PRI

SPD Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire started on Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act land six miles southeast of Eagle, AK in black spruce and hardwood litter. A portion of the fire is in Canada. Heavy smoke continues to obscure visibility and limit aerial support. Road hazard mitigation is continuing along Taylor Highway. Smoldering, creeping and backing fire behavior was observed. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BEAVER CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 45 miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. The Wildwood Subdivision remains threatened. Traffic along the Elliott Highway serving Prudhoe Bay is disrupted. Smoke continues to hamper aerial reconnaissance and suppression efforts. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

GRAYLING CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Galena Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Anvik, AK in timber. No further information was received.

COLEEN MOUNTAIN, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 40 miles northeast of Chalkyitsik, AK in black spruce, hardwoods and grasses. Native allotments and cabins at the historic John Herberts Village and Fishhook Bend are threatened. Structure protection measures are in place. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching were reported.

SQUIRREL CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 25 miles east of Ft. Yukon, AK in timber and grass. Native allotments and a cabin are threatened. Structure protection measures are in place. Observed fire behavior included smoldering, creeping and intermittent torching. 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	ORIGIN OWN
BOUNDARY CREEK	AK	UYD	106,000	NR	UNK	49	1	2	0	0	5.1M	NCA
BEAVER CREEK	AK	UYD	155,500	NR	UNK	37	1	5	0	1	NR	BLM
GRAYLING CREEK	AK	GAD	44,970	5	9/1	13	0	0	2	0	NR	BLM
COLEEN MOUNTAIN	AK	UYD	65,261	NR	UNK	20	1	0	0	0	NR	BLM
SQUIRREL CREEK	AK	UYD	10,733	NR	UNK	24	1	0	0	0	NR	FWS

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Wildland Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, comprised of the Bear Creek, Root Creek, West Fork, Joe, Missouri Ridge and several other fires is 50 miles northeast of McCall, ID in timber. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Moderate rates of spread, torching, crowning and spotting were observed with plume dominated fire activity was reported on the West Fork and Joe fires.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	3,180	N/A	N/A	92	1	0	3	0	690K	FS
WYSE HWY	UT	RID	552	100	---	23	0	7	0	0	NR	BLM

RID Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

NANAKULI, Honolulu County. This fire started on private land 16 miles west of Honolulu, HI in grass and timber. Steep terrain with limited access is a concern. The fire is in monitor status. No new information was reported.

WEIKELE, Honolulu County. This fire started on county land 12 miles northwest of Honolulu, HI in grass and brush. Steep terrain with dry fuels is a concern. Private residences are threatened. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NANAKULI	HI	CNTY	2,850	99	UNK	20	0	4	1	0	NR	PRI
WEIKELE	HI	CNTY	450	40	UNK	26	0	4	1	2	NR	CNTY

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CRAG - WFU	CA	SQF	320	N/A	N/A	10	0	0	1	0	200K	FS

SQF Sequoia National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BEATY CANYON	CO	PBX	820	100	---	23	0	7	0	0	10K	PRI

PBX Pueblo County

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: Northwest Montana hot, dry and windy.

Weather Discussion: Moisture rotating around an upper high over the Great Basin will bring thunderstorms, some of them dry, to portions of Nevada, eastern Oregon, Idaho and western Montana. The strong upper high will also bring hot weather to much of the West. In Alaska, a low pressure system will be moving through the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern Rockies Mainly dry northern portions, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the south.	Mid to upper 80s, with 70s in the mountains.	30 to 40% in most locations, except 15 to 20% over Wyoming and portions of western Colorado.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
Northwest Chance dry lightning across parts of southwest Oregon and especially eastern Oregon.	Continued quite warm. Mostly mid 80s to 100.	West of Cascades: 35 to 50% north and coast to 20% southwest interior Oregon. Eastside: Mostly 10 to 20%.	West of Cascades: west/northwest 5 to 15 mph. Eastside: variable 5 to 10 mph.
Northern California Sunny except for areas of coastal low clouds or fog.	Mostly 80s and 90s, near 102 warmest inland valleys.	12 to 30% drier inland areas.	Afternoon wind westerly 5 to 15 mph, gusting in northeast California to around 25 mph.
Southern California Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	80 to 95 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 105 to 115 lower deserts.	10 to 25%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
Western Great Basin Partly to mostly sunny with a slight chance for a dry thunderstorm, mainly over the mountains.	North valleys: 84 to 99. South valleys: 88 to 106. Mountains: 75 to 87.	North valleys: 9 to 20%. South valleys: 9 to 18%. Mountains: 15 to 30%.	South to west 5 to 10 mph.



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TOPIC OF CHOICE

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		1		1
	ACRES		14,821	2,545		2,000		19,366
Northwest	FIRES	2				9	3	14
	ACRES	6				2,215	172	2,393
Northern California	FIRES	3	1			8	2	14
	ACRES	5	0			2	0	7
Southern California	FIRES				1	10	10	21
	ACRES				0	17	1	18
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			0	9	10
	ACRES		0			20	82	102
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			2	2	8
	ACRES		1,222			2	0	1,222
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						35	35
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2			0	3	6
	ACRES	0	3			120	0	123
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES				1	6		7
	ACRES				10	12		22
TOTAL	FIRES	6	8	0	2	43	30	89
	ACRES	11	16,046	2,545	10	4,389	290	23,291

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	17	380	21	577
	ACRES	4	1,522,413	1,034,169	3,434	661,279	336	3,221,635
Northwest	FIRES	152	166	19	20	655	640	1,652
	ACRES	27,911	40,852	5,371	121	56,843	81,687	212,785
Northern California	FIRES	93	10	8	11	1,282	293	1,697
	ACRES	154	4	9	100	18,949	2,080	21,296
Southern California	FIRES	31	97	10	41	1,774	484	2,437
	ACRES	951	5,259	131	73,733	28,142	2,883	111,099
Northern Rockies	FIRES	434	39	28	13	504	468	1,486
	ACRES	11,071	2,156	3,257	25	21,585	32,716	70,810
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	31	520	4	27	486	384	1,452
	ACRES	2,715	640,923	22	625	106,115	46,983	797,383
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	420	19	24	69	104	640
	ACRES	26	976,468	13,312	258	99,832	8,755	1,098,651
Southwest	FIRES	1,486	327	24	49	1,249	1,360	4,495
	ACRES	33,635	158,554	9,573	362	129,436	414,628	746,188
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	257	373	29	20	448	398	1,525
	ACRES	2,998	5,575	553	25	19,749	22,406	51,306
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	8,980	499	10,160
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	65,130	8,163	83,092
Southern Area	FIRES	211		172	37	16,284	459	17,163
	ACRES	26,882		31,381	2,474	215,780	11,386	287,903
TOTAL	FIRES	3,298	2,048	408	309	32,111	5,110	43,284
	ACRES	113,461	3,352,204	1,099,510	82,110	1,422,840	632,023	6,702,148

Ten Year Average Fires	59,853
Ten Year Average Acres	3,693,623

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

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				2		3	5
	ACRES				7,029		3,071	10,100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	2	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	7,029	0	3,071	10,100

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	94	79	2		209	402
	ACRES	5,651	12,408	3,831	249		17,973	40,112
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	138	24		167	362
	ACRES	188	1,101	24,845	2,690		18,437	47,261
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	13		79	103
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	2,726		6,819	11,235
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	28	96	3	31	241	405
	ACRES	275	3,244	19,497	22	2,131	22,304	47,473
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	19	4	3	10	42	79
	ACRES	1	6,062	711	21	128	10,267	17,190
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11	10			2	23
	ACRES		1,666	2,711			2,903	7,280
Southwest	FIRES	7	45	2	10		244	308
	ACRES	2,342	41,105	3,210	15,014		65,177	126,848
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	41	101	16	21	100	308
	ACRES	3,709	10,174	20,315	10,342	2,526	28,633	75,699
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		459	36	1,079	136	1,750
	ACRES	17,579		67,662	4,423	68,986	25,540	184,190
Southern Area	FIRES	34		152	58	404	1,105	1,753
	ACRES	7,180		81,165	54,868	270,630	900,356	1,314,199
TOTAL	FIRES	148	264	1,046	165	1,549	2,325	5,497
	ACRES	37,925	76,042	224,355	90,355	345,027	1,098,409	1,872,113

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	11			13
	ACRES			27,225	138,283			165,508
Northwest	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				2		14,827	14,829
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		9	21
	ACRES				3,951		1,165	5,116
Northern Rockies	FIRES				7		66	73
	ACRES				25		7,494	7,519
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		59	62
	ACRES				166		9,939	10,105
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		1			8
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES				2	1	34	37
	ACRES				9,278	5	105,863	115,146
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		5	2	5	37
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	1,557	5,901
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				12			12
	ACRES				2,010			2,010
TOTAL	FIRES	0	32	2	55	3	176	268
	ACRES	0	2,582	27,225	153,857	1,767	140,846	326,277

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	5	1	820	33,362
Yukon Territory	0	0	81	174,847
Alberta	3	0	1196	60,507
Northwest Territory	0	0	254	199,082
Saskatchewan	0	0	318	211,532
Manitoba	0	0	229	45,021
Ontario	7	2	1617	36,978
Quebec	19	0	1217	838,996
Newfoundland	2	0	134	21,428
New Brunswick	3	0	276	281
Nova Scotia	0	0	253	502
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	0	0	80	35,045
Total	39	3	6,485	1,657,623

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	26	5		7	5	1	1		28	23
Northwest	48	88	24	87	14	26	6		611	358
Northern California	11		6	8	1	2	1			5
Southern California	2		5		4				4	
Northern Rockies	56	16	8	36	15	16	6		467	204
Eastern Great Basin		1				3	1		64	9
Western Great Basin		2	11		2					
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1		2	11					8	8
Eastern Area					2				42	
Southern Area										
Total	144	112	56	149	43	48	15	0	1224	607

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