INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1996 - 0530 MDT NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

*** THE TEN STANDARD FIRE ORDERS ARE FIRM ***

*** WE DON'T BREAK THEM; WE DON'T BEND THEM ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Large fire activity continued in the Eastern Great Basin. The Rocky Mountain Area experienced increased activity, necessitating the mobilization of two Type II Incident Management Teams. Resource orders for crews, helicopters, equipment and radios were processed through NICC for these Areas.

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

DISAPPOINTMENT, San Juan NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Krugman) has been ordered and will take over the fire this morning. This fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine, Pinyon/Juniper, scrub oak and sage brush approximately 20 miles northwest of Delores, CO. Erratic fire behavior was experienced due to high temperatures and low humidities. Structures, private land, a lookout and range improvements are currently threatened.

TWIN BUTTES, Craig District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) was ordered. The fire is burning in heavy Pinyon/Juniper and oak brush fuels 30 miles south of Rangely, CO. The fire burned very actively during the peak burning period with rates of spread observed at 60 to 80 chains per hour. Current threats are to residences, oil and gas improvements and a microwave tower. Firefighter safety is a primary concern. Dry fuels and extreme fire behavior are hampering control efforts.

MOOSEHEAD, Craig District, BLM. This fire is burning in a Wilderness Study Area approximately 15 miles north of Rangely, CO. This fire also burned actively with rates of spread at 60 to 80 chains per hour. Control efforts are hindered by heavy fuel loading and dry fuels.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
DISAPPOINTMENT	SJF	CO	2,500	20	7/31	73	2	1	2	0	NR	98K
TWIN BUTTES	CRD	CO	850	10	7/25	52	1	10	1	0	NR	NR
MOOSEHEAD	CRD	CO	150	40	7/23	30	1	2	1	0	NR	NR
BIG BEND	CRD	CO	340	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR	9K
SQUAW CANYON	MRD	CO	408	100		59	2	3	1	0	NR	200K

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

WILDCAT, Zion NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The fire is burning approximately 35 miles northeast of St. George, UT. A rapid rate of spread was experienced on the south flank. Burnout operations on the northwest flank were successful in controlling the northern spread. The current threat is to state and private land outside the Park.

Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 1,175 acres.

INCIDENT	UNIT ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME			CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
WILDCAT	ZIP UT	4,500	0	UNK	250	6	0	2	0	NR	NR
SUPPLY	BOD ID	234	100		36	0	10	0	0	NR	NR

BOD = Boise District, BLM

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

INCIDENT	UNIT ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
NAME			CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
LAST STAND	CRA MT	1,000	100		32	0	6	0	0	NR	NR
CRA = Crow Agency, BIA											

Alaska Large Fires: Twenty-nine fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 422,050 acres.

Southwest Large Fires: Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 19,736 acres.

OUTLOOK:

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED IN NEVADA ***

*** AND ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE NORTHERN SIERRA AND ***

*** SOUTHERN CASCADE MOUNTAINS FOR DRY LIGHTNING THIS AFTERNOON. ***

Strong high pressure over the western U.S. will continue to dominate, maintaining a hot and dry pattern over most areas. Subtropical moisture will move north into the Great Basin, which is expected to trigger dry thunderstorms in Nevada and along the east side of the northern Sierra and southern Cascade Mountains. High temperatures will range from the 80's to lower 90's in the Northern Rockies, with the remainder of the West experiencing 90's and 100's. Fire activity is expected to increase due to forecasted dry lightning.

FIRES: Yesterday												
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL					
ALASKA					3		3					
NORTHWEST		1			12	1	14					
CA-NORTHERN					13	3	16					
CA-SOUTHERN	ĺ			1	21	2	24					
NORTHERN	1		1		3	1	6					
GB-EASTERN	2	4			1	4	11					
GB-WESTERN						1	1					
SOUTHWEST	1					10	11					
ROCKY MTN		4		1		4	9					
EASTERN					4		4					
SOUTHERN							NR					
USA	4	9	1	2	57	26	99					

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA					15,346		15,346	
NORTHWEST	j	0		ĺ	10	2	12	
CA-NORTHERN	j	ĺ		ĺ	64	1	65	
CA-SOUTHERN	j	ĺ		0	84	0	84	
NORTHERN	1,000	ĺ	25	ĺ	1	30	1,056	
GB-EASTERN	2	247		ĺ	75	3	327	
GB-WESTERN	j	j		İ		0	0	
SOUTHWEST	3	ĺ		ĺ		5	8	
ROCKY MTN	j	1,020		1		53	1,056	
EASTERN	j	ĺ		ĺ	11		11	
SOUTHERN	j	ĺ		ĺ			NR	
USA	1,005	1,267	25	1	15,591	94	17,983	

	RES	OURCE	STAT	rus:	Commit	ted Re	esource	es			
RESOURCE	CRE	WS	ENG]	ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		IEAD	
İ	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	ĺ
ALASKA	1	2								4	ĺ
NORTHWEST											
CA-NORTHERN		23		6						3	
CA-SOUTHERN	3		5		1						
NORTHERN	2		8		1				2		
GB-EASTERN	8	1	17		9				28	6	
GB-WESTERN			5	1	2				5		
SOUTHWEST			28		5				1		
ROCKY MTN	6		23		9				200	27	
EASTERN											
SOUTHERN											
USA	20	26	86	7	27	0	0	0	236	40	

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

		FIRES:	Year	to dat	e		
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	5	43	29	5	517	8	607
NORTHWEST	119	87	7	6	615	212	1,046
CA-NORTHERN	40	21	1	14	1,159	332	1,567
CA-SOUTHERN	7	253	1	48	2,523	544	3,376
NORTHERN	516	19	42	10	190	266	1,043
GB-EASTERN	37	411		14	208	249	919
GB-WESTERN		368		38	66	93	565
SOUTHWEST	948	204	10	59	1,212	1,463	3,896
ROCKY MTN	604	447		30	582	312	1,975
EASTERN	244			50	11,709	331	12,334
SOUTHERN	77		103	78	45,613	1,103	46,974

USA	2,597 1,853	193	352	64,394 4,913	74,302
5 YEAR	AVERAGE			·	46,740

ACRES BURNED: Year to date												
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL					
ALASKA	15	203,122	125,388	4,374	253,574	141	586,614					
NORTHWEST	2,657	21,315	1,547	2	2,682	2,216	30,419					
CA-NORTHERN	66	866	0	6	7,687	417	9,042					
CA-SOUTHERN	997	31,067	25	45	86,142	28,388	146,664					
NORTHERN	4,298	979	2,921	3	1,144	516	9,861					
GB-EASTERN	310	413,660		3,089	51,734	12,296	481,089					
GB-WESTERN		70,798		30	2,412	3,498	76,738					
SOUTHWEST	36,074	7,799	3,053	5,024	71,021	204,890	327,861					
ROCKY MTN	22,732	6,667		4,359	16,663	26,249	76,738					
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,411	173,486					
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,076	10,632	1,020,497	41,471	1,104,457					
USA	69,496	756,273	163,010	28,097	1,667,532	338,493	3,022,901					
5 YEAR AVERAGE												

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTE	RDAY	YEAR 7	YEAR TO DATE				
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1	0	482	15,440				
YUKON TERRITORY	3	17	125	90,004				
ALBERTA	1	5	248	1,409				
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	1,352	254	182,818				
SASKATCHEWAN	20	37	326	6,042				
MANITOBA	0	59	296	53,025				
ONTARIO	9	4	997	417,229				
QUEBEC	0	11	895	465,340				
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	60	4,346				
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	241	1,600				
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	231	628				
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	21	195				
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	46	14,649				
TOTALS	35	1,485	4,222	1,252,725				

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A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

NR = No Report

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