INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1996 - 0900 MDT NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

*** SAFETY COMES FIRST ON EVERY FIRE, EVERY TIME ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Several Areas experienced increased fire activity yesterday. Type I Incident Management Teams were committed to fires in Northern California and the Northwest Areas. Type II Incident Management Teams were assigned in the Great Basin and Northwest Areas. Mobilization of equipment, crews, overhead and aircraft increased through NICC.

Northern California Large Fires:

MADALANNA, Plumas NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, juniper and scattered timber 5 miles east of Beckwourth, CA. Ranches in the area were threatened and 5-6 scattered homes have been evacuated as a precautionary measure.

CRATER BUTTE, Lassen Volcanic NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. The current threats are to the Park trail system, wilderness and watershed. Infrared revealed several spot fires in two divisions. Demobilization is planned to begin today.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS	
NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D	
MADALANNA	PNF	CA	4,000	30	7/28	737	31	44	2	0	NR	125K	
CRATER BUTTE	LNP	CA	320	80	7/27	462	19	0	6	0	NR	130K	

Northwest Large Fires:

JEFFERSON, Deschutes NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) was ordered last night and will assume suppression responsibilities today. The fire has burned 30 acres on the Warm Springs Agency, BIA. No further information is available.

SKULL CREEK, Burns District, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and sage approximately 15 miles northwest of Fields, OR. The fire escaped control lines on the east flank, increasing the fire size significantly. Additional resources have been ordered. Threats include private land, powerlines and winter range.

HEPPSIE, Rogue River NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. The fire is 30-60 acres burning in timber 30 miles east of Medford, OR. Steep rugged terrain and limited access are creating control problems. No further information is available.

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NAME			CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
JEFFERSON	DEF OF	80	UNK	UNK	65	2	5	2	0	UNK	UNK
SKULL CREEK	BUD OF	5,600	50	7/27	97	3	8	3	0	NR	50K
HEPPSIE	RRFOF	60	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

EAST CARBON, Moab District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is located 21 miles east of Price, UT. Three towns, 1 to 2 miles from the fire and communication sites are threatened. Strong winds and extremely low fuel moistures are hindering suppression efforts.

WILDCAT, Zion NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The fire is 8 miles north of Park Headquarters, 27 miles south of Cedar City, UT. Crews assisted by water drops concentrated on working hot spots in Wildcat Canyon. The fire received .25" of rain, lightning and pea size hail accompanied the thunderstorm.

INEL #5, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Department of Energy. This fire is located 42 miles north of Pocatello, ID. Threats are to the town of Atomic City, one and a half miles from the fire and to a major communications site if the fire moves to the north. Extreme fire behavior occurred yesterday.

DAVIS MOUNTAIN, Shoshone District, BLM. This fire is burning in steep, rugged, inaccessible terrain 43 miles east of Mountain Home, ID. Threats remain to wildlife habitat and a Wilderness Study Area.

ROUND KNOWL, Richfield District, BLM. This fire is burning 6 miles northeast of Eureka, UT. Good progress was made by engines and dozers. Airtankers use was also effective.

Three fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,579 acres.

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NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
EAST CARBON	MOD	UT	1,200	UNK	UNK	116	3	5	1	0	NR	NR
WILDCAT	ZIP	UT	8,106	80	7/27	150	3	0	1	0	NR	NR
INEL #5	INEL	ID $ $	4,500	0	UNK	62	1	12	1	0	NR	NR
DAVIS MOUNTAIN	SID	ID $ $	20,000	60	7/27	194	4	28	2	0	201K	80K
ROUND KNOWL	RID	UT	300	70	7/27	47	1	5	0	0	NR	NR
CAREY	SID	ID $ $	100	100		6	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
QUEENS CROWN	SID	ID $ $	800	100		50	1	5	0	0	20K	66K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

MARINE, Toiyabe NF/Bakersfield District BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dondero) is assigned. This fire is burning on BLM land approximately 40 miles southeast of Carson City, NV. There is no imminent threat to structures, although numerous homes are located 1 mile from the fire. The Marine Corps' housing areas has been blacklined.

TOBIN, Winnemucca District, BLM. This fire is 6 miles south of Winnemucca, NV. Strong winds caused the fire to burn actively, torching and spotting through heavy grass, deep duff and very thick juniper fuels.

FLAT CREEK, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This fire is located 20 miles south of McDermitt,

NV. Current threats are to Lahontan Cutthroat trout, Bighorn Sheep habitat and historical mining structures. Crews made significant progress towards containment on the fire yesterday. The southern, western and northern flanks are now in patrol status. Poor access and steep terrain are hampering suppression efforts on the eastern flank.

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NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
MARINE	BBD	CA	600	10	UNK	153	4	15	4	0	NR	NR
TOBIN	WID	NV	300	2	7/27	68	4	2	1	0	NR	NR
FLAT CREEK	WID	NV	12,000	85	7/27	261	10	10	1	0	NR	NR
DRY	BMD	NV	800	100		70	3	2	0	0	NR	NR

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

TWIN BUTTES INCIDENT, Craig District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The TWIN BUTTES and HATCHET fires are being managed together as the Twin Buttes Incident. The Twin Buttes fire is has been controlled at 1,400 acres. The Hatchet fire continues to be a threat to oil and gas improvements and private land. Use of airtankers, natural barriers and sparse fuels kept the fire from spreading significantly. Burning did occur in the interior islands.

TELEPHONE, Grand Mesa-Uncompandere-Gunnison NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Stone) is assigned. This fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine, Pinyon-Juniper and oak 35 miles southwest of Montrose, Co. Threats continue to private land and a proposed timber sale. Low humidities, strong winds, steep terrain and low fuel moistures are causing control problems.

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NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D	
TWIN BUTTES	CRD	CO	6,741	40	7/28	439	15	5	5	0	NR	1.9M	
TELEPHONE	GMF	CO	1,135	80	7/27	231	7	5	2	0	NR	336M	

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

LOWER COXCY, Helena NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hancock) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, sage and timber northeast of Canyon Ferry Lake, northeast of Helena. Due to the steep and rocky terrain, line construction is limited to handline. The fire continues to threaten recreational homes in the area.

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NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D	
LOWER COXCY	HNF N	MT	200	30	7/29	256	9	5	2	0	NR	174K	

Southwest Large Fires:

MAGOTSU COMPLEX, Arizona Strip District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Price) is assigned. The fires are located 25 miles northwest of St. George, UT. They are burning on the Dixie NF in Utah but are being suppressed by the Arizona Strip District, BLM through an initial

attack agreement. Helicopter and air support have been successful in holding the fire spread. Private property and residence protection has been initiated and secured.

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NAME			CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
MAGOTSU COMPLEX	ASD AZ	7,000	UNK	UNK	168	4	0	2	0	NR	202K

Alaska Large Fires: Twenty-nine fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 404,358 acres.

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

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED ***

*** FOR DRY LIGHTNING IN OREGON AND EASTERN WASHINGTON ***

Strong high pressure aloft continues to produce hot and dry weather over most of the West. The center of this high is reforming near the Four Corners Area which will allow more monsoon moisture to move into the desert Southwest. Some of this moisture will move as far northward as the Cascades in Oregon and Washington later today increasing the chance of dry lightning. Thunderstorms will also be increasing from the Sierras in California to the southern Rockies and the desert Southwest. Locally heavy rain will accompany the thunderstorms in the southern Rockies and the desert Southwest. A mixture of dry and wet thunderstorms are forecast for Nevada and Utah. Thunderstorms in Idaho and Montana will be will be more isolated and drier. High temperatures in the west will be mostly in 90's to just over 100, with 70's along the immediate coast and 110 in the desert Southwest. Fire activity is expected to continue as dry lightning remains in the forecast.

	FIRES: Yesterday													
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL							
ALASKA			0		1		1							
NORTHWEST	1	10	2	3	15	40	71							
CA-NORTHERN		4			18	3	25							
CA-SOUTHERN						1	1							
NORTHERN	1	2		j	9	16	28							
GB-EASTERN		17			9	14	40							
GB-WESTERN		21				5	26							
SOUTHWEST	9	4				43	56							
ROCKY MTN	2	14		1		30	47							
EASTERN							0							
SOUTHERN							NR							
USA	13	72	2	4	52	152	295							

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday													
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL						
ALASKA		ĺ	813		1		814						
NORTHWEST	0	4,001	1	3	86	52	4,143						
CA-NORTHERN		4			38	20	62						
CA-SOUTHERN		ĺ				1	1						
NORTHERN	4	11			1	66	82						
GB-EASTERN		22,869			471	18	23,358						
GB-WESTERN		331				1	332						
SOUTHWEST	2	2,000				8	2,010						
ROCKY MTN	1	10		1		93	105						
EASTERN							0						
SOUTHERN							NR						
USA	7	29,226	814	4	597	259	30,907						

	RES	OURCE	STAT	:SUS	Commit	ted Re	esource	es			
RESOURCE	CRE	WS	ENGI	NES	HELIC	PTR	AIRTA	NKER	OVERH	IEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	
ALASKA	1										
NORTHWEST	11		25	1	8		4		1		
CA-NORTHERN	55	13	50	18	9	3	1	1	133	16	
CA-SOUTHERN	1										
NORTHERN	10		11	3	5				58	6	
GB-EASTERN	17	1	68	10	12	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	47	6	
GB-WESTERN	17	11	31	4	6				54	5	
SOUTHWEST	8		33		5				18		
ROCKY MTN	31	1	7	9	10		7		159	25	
EASTERN	İ	j	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	į	
SOUTHERN	İ	j	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	İ	ĺ	į	
USA	151	25	225	45	55	3	12	1	470	58	

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

		FIRES	: Year	to dat	te			
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA	5	46	29	5	527	8	620	
NORTHWEST	127	108	10	9	668	287	1,209	
CA-NORTHERN	43	33	1	14	1,249	354	1,694	
CA-SOUTHERN	7	256	1	58	2,624	571	3,517	
NORTHERN	607	15	42	11	217	292	1,184	

GB-EASTERN	37	450		14	223	280	1,004	
GB-WESTERN	İ	427	ĺ	40	70	108	645	ĺ
SOUTHWEST	983	208	13	61	1,235	1,582	4,082	ĺ
ROCKY MTN	609	466		34	583	350	2,042	
EASTERN	244			50	11,705	331	12,330	
SOUTHERN	77	ĺ	103	78	45,684	1,110	47,052	ĺ
USA	2,739	2,009	199	404	64,823	5,268	75,442	ĺ
5 YEAR AVERAG	GE .						47,937	ĺ

ACRES BURNED: Year to date											
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL				
ALASKA	15	204,822	132,260	4,374	256,308	141	597,920				
NORTHWEST	3,676	28,618	1,549	3	2,788	2,370	39,093				
CA-NORTHERN	67	901	0	325	7,816	4,844	13,953				
CA-SOUTHERN	997	33,072	25	865	90,259	30,213	155,431				
NORTHERN	8,167	833	2,921	2	4,375	882	17,180				
GB-EASTERN	310	417,095		5,006	52,258	14,625	489,294				
GB-WESTERN		90,828		32	2,458	3,507	96,825				
SOUTHWEST	36,282	9,799	3,057	5,030	71,163	205,068	330,399				
ROCKY MTN	23,583	12,246		4,411	16,663	28,784	85,687				
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,411	173,486				
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,076	10,632	1,021,205	41,503	1,105,197				
USA	75,444	798,214	169,888	31,213	1,679,569	350,348	3,104,676				
5 YEAR AVERAGE											

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE		
BRITISH COLUMBIA	41	63	540	15,504	
YUKON TERRITORY	1	6	126	90,098	
ALBERTA	0	0	253	1,424	
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	8	16,918	275	200,008	
SASKATCHEWAN	3	0	338	6,018	
MANITOBA	3	3	302	53,060	
ONTARIO	1	0	1,008	421,201	
QUEBEC	5	0	907	464,410	
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	61	4,346	
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	241	1,596	
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	233	628	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	22	195	
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	48	14,649	
TOTALS			4,354	1,273,137	

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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