

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Northwest area. Good progress was made on large fires in southern California and the Rocky Mountain Areas. Moderate initial attack activity was reported in most areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized helicopters, infrared aircraft, radio equipment and miscellaneous overhead. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Nevada, California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Alaska and Idaho.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

THOMAS, Fremont National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (McElwain) is assigned. This fire is burning on steep slopes in heavy timber nine miles northwest of Lakeview, OR. Excellent progress was made by hand crews and dozers yesterday. Timber and private structures are threatened.

HORSE MTN., Prineville District, BLM. This fire is threatening the Spring Basin Wilderness Study Area near Fossil, OR. No other information was reported.

COUSE, Oregon State. This fire is 15 miles south of Walla Walla, WA. High winds are pushing this fire through open grassland. A dozer line has been completed around the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
THOMAS	OR	FRF	1,950	50	7/9	608	22	7	7	0	0	300K	
HORSE MTN.	OR	PRD	800	90	7/8	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
COUSE	OR	ORS	1,000	NR	NR	50	0	11	0	0	NR	NR	

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

FALL, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carr) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles northwest of Stanley, ID. The fire exhibited very active fire behavior yesterday. Steep terrain, heavy timber and the remote location is hampering control efforts. The safety of wilderness visitors remains a concern.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
FALL	ID	SCF	300	0	UNK	261	7	0	5	0	NR	NR	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

ELLIOTT, San Bernardino Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. Good progress was accomplished by crews and engines. Precautions are being taken to protect the Arroyo Toad population near the fire. Full containment was expected last night.

POWER, San Bernardino National Forest. Good progress is being made by crews and engines. Mop-up and demobilization will continue today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ELLIOTT	CA	BDU	2,576	80	7/7	606	18	11	6	1	NR	NR
POWER	CA	BDF	100	80	7/8	195	8	10	2	NR	NR	215K

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS:

INDEPENDENCE DAY 99 SEARCH AND RESCUE, Superior National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bonde) is assigned. On July 4, the Superior National Forest experienced a major stand replacing wind event in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Rescue efforts are continuing by air and boat. Survey efforts show extensive damage to one half of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLACK RIDGE COM	CO	GJD	7,342	100	----	246	8	2	3	0	0	674K
PARSHALL RANGE	CO	CRD	356	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR CALIFORNIA'S MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST AND SHASTA, TEHAMA, GLENN AND BUTTE COUNTIES IN NORTH CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BELOW 2,000 FEET UNTIL NOON TODAY FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY. \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN CENTRAL AND EAST-CENTRAL NEVADA FOR DRY LIGHTNING. \*\*\*

A broad area of upper-level high pressure will dominate the western states today. An upper level short wave trough will exit the northwest states into southern Canada. In the wake of this short wave trough, post cold frontal winds will blow off the eastern slopes of the northern Rockies. Over eastern Montana winds are expected to be 10 to 25 MPH with gusts to

35 MPH. Forecasted winds for Wyoming are expected to be 10 to 25 MPH.

The monsoonal moisture will bring scattered to numerous wet thunderstorms to most of New Mexico and all of Arizona. Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected over western Colorado and southern and eastern Utah, southern Nevada and southern California. Isolated to widely scattered wet thunderstorms will range over central and eastern Wyoming. The dry thunderstorm threat will exist over central Nevada and on the eastern fringe of the deeper moisture over north central Colorado.

A strong pressure gradient will exist this morning over the northern Sacramento valley where north winds of 12 to 25 MPH are expected then diminishing this afternoon. These downslope winds will increase temperatures in the valleys from the 90's to 102 degrees.

Temperatures will range from the 70's on the coast and the northern mountains, to the 80's and 90's in the Great Basin, and to around 105 in the lower Colorado valley and the southwestern deserts.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					6,542		6,542
NORTHWEST	FIRES	14	3			12	2	31
	ACRES	19	1			1,068	404	1,492
CA-NORTH	FIRES				1	32	3	36
	ACRES				0	205	0	205
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					23	7	30
	ACRES					2,738	37	2,775
NORTHERN	FIRES	2					3	5
	ACRES	1					1	2
GB-EAST	FIRES		12			3	4	19
	ACRES		346			15	8	369
GB-WEST	FIRES		12				3	15
	ACRES		48				0	48
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2	1				16	19
	ACRES	10	5				4	19
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	5	9					14
	ACRES	5	410					415
EASTERN	FIRES					20		20
	ACRES					16		16
SOUTHERN	FIRES					18	2	20
	ACRES					27	12	39
TOTAL	FIRES	23	37	0	1	116	40	217
	ACRES	35	810	0	0	10,611	466	11,922

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES	2	30	14	7	334		387
	ACRES	1	137,491	116,282	102,366	185,598		541,738
NORTHWEST	FIRES	102	54	3		503	132	794
	ACRES	2,059	2,993	1,910		3,342	2,748	13,052
CA-NORTH	FIRES	60	6	6	14	1,398	220	1,704
	ACRES	42	5	33	34	6,349	1,241	7,704
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	25	68	7	13	1,556	312	1,981
	ACRES	981	981	11	13,941	14,220	4,286	34,420
NORTHERN	FIRES	141	6	2		160	160	469
	ACRES	2,141	126	8		2,219	617	5,111
GB-EAST	FIRES	19	263		9	100	125	516
	ACRES	1,354	109,713		7	6,857	17,493	135,424
GB-WEST	FIRES	13	141	1	4	30	67	256
	ACRES	724	48,114	116	3	3,054	222	52,233
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	640	96	7	26	667	1,075	2,511
	ACRES	7,311	23,041	218	370	67,073	11,275	109,288
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	245	212	27	14	550	117	1,165
	ACRES	5,289	5,831	660	7	31,791	1,041	44,619
EASTERN	FIRES	513			69	11,533	270	12,385
	ACRES	2,947			726	81,950	4,050	89,673
SOUTHERN	FIRES	34		58	100	27,212	750	28,154
	ACRES	626		18,773	13,731	521,432	42,258	596,820
TOTALS	FIRES	1,794	876	125	256	44,043	3,228	50,322
	ACRES	23,475	328,295	138,011	131,185	923,885	85,231	1,630,082
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								42,493
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1,210,737

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		26					26
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			150				150
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	0	2

ACRES	0	26	150	0	0	1	177
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WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	0	327	1,875
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	68	95,994
ALBERTA	2	62	499	67,211
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	1,501	73	89,484
SASKATCHEWAN	4	2	334	42,737
MANITOBA	0	422	356	98,706
ONTARIO	1	0	541	306,249
QUEBEC	2	0	604	91,990
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	180	43,069
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	454	1,267
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	301	1,633

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	47
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	21	65,259
TOTALS	21	1,987	3,776	905,521

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA	8	1			6					
NORTHWEST	25	2	34	14	4	5	5		123	30
CA-NORTH	2	3	9	6		1		3		4
CA-SOUTH	7	30	24	45	2	7		4	17	20
NORTHERN			36	17	1	2			7	
GB-EAST	26	4	39	7	9				246	29
GB-WEST	1		4							
SOUTHWEST	4		1		4				2	
ROCKY MTN	13		8	3	3	3			70	11
EASTERN						2			113	
SOUTHERN									6	2
TOTAL	86	40	155	92	29	20	5	7	584	96

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