

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1999 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Minimal initial attack activity was reported nationwide with one new large fire occurring in the Northern Rockies Area. Good progress was made on several large fires. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized caterers, shower units, telecommunications equipment, helicopters, infrared aircraft and miscellaneous overhead. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, North Dakota, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

SIX MILE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is thirty miles south of Livingston, MT. The fire is burning actively with shifting winds in a steep canyon. There are structures in the area.

BAR Z RIDGE, Northwestern Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles southwest of Kalispell, Montana. Cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity reduced fire activity. Snags and unburned islands of fuel are hampering containment efforts.

SWANEY, Flathead National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is 10 miles west of Whitefish, Montana in the vicinity of Tally Lake. Cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity reduced fire activity. There are structures that remain threatened in and near the fire area.

SPRING CREEK, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Williams) is assigned. This fire is located six miles northeast of White Sulphur Springs, Montana. Very heavy and dry fuels are causing control problems. Extreme fire behavior is also slowing containment efforts.

DEVIL STORM, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southwest of Darby, Montana in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Inaccessible location with heavy fuel loadings and extremely low fuel moistures are hampering control efforts.

PINCHOT, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is 31 miles east of Lowell. No team is assigned. The fire is burning within the Ballinger and Pinchot drainages. The fire's progress will be monitored with field observers and aircraft.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SIX MILE	MT	GNF	400	0	UNK	50	0	6	1	0	NR	NR
BAR Z RIDGE	MT	NWS	130	0	8/1	31	5	1	1	0	NR	NR
SWANEY	MT	FNF	88	60	7/31	109	4	0	2	0	25K	110K
SPRING CREEK	MT	LCF	350	30	8/3	NR	13	31	3	0	NR	NR
DEVIL STORM	MT	BRF	1100	40	UNK	318	9	0	4	0	NR	382K
PINCHOT	ID	NPF	333	0	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	NR	10K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SOLDIER, Salmon/Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. Two lightning ignited fires, thirty miles northwest of Stanley Idaho, are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. West winds increased fire behavior on the southeast portion of the fire, and there is the potential for a burnout operation today. Westerly winds will increase the likelihood of continued growth and movement toward the Thicket Creek drainage.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SOLDIER	ID	SCF	1109	0	UNK	52	2	0	2	0	NR	186K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

BULL ELK PARK, Big Horn National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles west of Dayton, Wyoming in Sheridan County. Suppression tactics have changed from indirect attack to direct attack due to light rain received on the fire. The southeast flank of the fire was not staffed, due to shifting winds. Spotting continues to hamper suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BULL ELK PARK	WY	BHF	402	70	UNK	365	8	0	4	0	154K	727K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

HAPPY CAMP ABC, Klamath National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. This fire is near Happy Camp California. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
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HAPPY CAMP ABC |CA| KNF| 181| 85| UNK| NR| 6| 2| 4| 0| NR| 1M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BILL BRANCH, National Forests of Florida. This fire is near Silver Springs, Florida. Crews will continue mop-up in deep duff and improve existing firelines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BILL BRANCH	FL	FNF	227	90	UNK	7	0	2	0	0	NR	19K

OUTLOOK:

There will be morning fog and low clouds west of the Cascades and along the California coast. Most of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and western New Mexico will have scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Eastern California, Nevada, extreme southeast Idaho, Wyoming and southern Montana will experience isolated to widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms.

High temperatures will be in the mid 50's through the 70's in the coastal areas and higher elevations. Highs will be in the 80's and 90's in the inland valleys, deserts and plains, with 100 to 108 in the lower southwest deserts, and up to 118 in Death Valley.

Minimum humidities will be 55-65 percent along coastal sections, with 35-55 percent in the mountains, 10-30 percent for the lower elevations and deserts.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1				1
	ACRES		1900				1900
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2			8	7	17
	ACRES	32			81	2	115
CA-NORTH	FIRES				10	1	11
	ACRES				81	0	81
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				17	3	20
	ACRES				3	0	3
NORTHERN	FIRES				7	8	15
	ACRES				394	509	903
GB-EAST	FIRES	3			1	5	9
	ACRES	0			0	2	2
GB-WEST	FIRES					1	1
	ACRES					0	0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	110			6	8	124

ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1554				63	0	1617
	FIRES	3	3			1	6	13
EASTERN	ACRES	0	1			6	90	97
	FIRES				1	5	1	7
SOUTHERN	ACRES				0	82	6	88
	FIRES					49	2	51
TOTAL	ACRES					438	3	441
	FIRES	113	8	1	1	104	42	269
	ACRES	1554	33	1900	0	1148	612	5247

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	30	13	379		466
	ACRES	1	299061	285194	155632	265424		1005312
NORTHWEST	FIRES	145	108	11	8	757	384	1413
	ACRES	2248	3581	3728	2	4382	2334	16275
CA-NORTH	FIRES	106	10	6	15	1858	417	2412
	ACRES	91	8952	33	34	8570	2738	20418
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	50	118	7	29	2014	529	2747
	ACRES	948	1276	11	13947	27255	12202	55639
NORTHERN	FIRES	385	40	12	5	350	400	1192
	ACRES	4445	2324	125	2	33327	3956	44179
GB-EAST	FIRES	29	414		14	179	246	882
	ACRES	1192	166171		7	35683	22610	225663
GB-WEST	FIRES	21	191	2	5	47	91	357
	ACRES	747	247848	116	3	20555	900	270169
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	872	110	8	31	714	1275	3010
	ACRES	14247	24352	225	371	67883	11349	118427
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	408	317	30	27	885	182	1849
	ACRES	8512	12280	703	14	48805	1623	71937
EASTERN	FIRES	513			76	12994	289	13872
	ACRES	2947			798	87185	4195	95125
SOUTHERN	FIRES	34		59	92	28521	799	29505
	ACRES	626		18803	11115	544582	43144	618270
TOTALS	FIRES	2565	1350	165	315	48698	4612	57705
	ACRES	36004	765845	308938	181925	1143651	105051	2541414
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								49231
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1796086

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
	ACRES							0
NORTHERNRO	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				2250			2250
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	2250	0	0	2250

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			0
	ACRES				5			5
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						149	149
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				11			11
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	16	0	149	165

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
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	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	129	469	4975
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	96	159635
ALBERTA	1	216	743	119123
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	108	147332
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	562	123750
MANITOBA	2	2	474	92601
ONTARIO	5	1	711	306532
QUEBEC	6	41	726	95163
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	199	43485
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	513	1232
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	369	1663
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	28	65329
TOTALS	22	389	5023	1160877

RESOURCE 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										
NORTHWEST	4	9	5	2	4				3	
CA-NORTH	21	16	34	30	4	7	2	2		23
CA-SOUTH	1									
NORTHERN	39		37	42	10	9			212	64
GB-EAST	2	2	8	1	3				27	
GB-WEST			2	7						
SOUTHWEST										1
ROCKY MTN	16	1	9		10	2	2		90	48
EASTERN									22	8
SOUTHERN	2		3	1					22	
TOTAL	85	28	98	83	31	18	4	2	376	144

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