

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1999 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California, Southern and Northwest Areas and minimal elsewhere. New large fire activity was reported in the Northwest Area. Large fire activity continued in California, the Northwest, and the Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized air tankers, an air attack, infrared aircraft, small cargo transport aircraft, a caterer, radio equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Indiana, Texas, Georgia, and Tennessee.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) and Type II Incident Management Team (Welch) are assigned. The complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. The complex now consists of only the Megram and Onion fires, as the Fawn fire has burned into the Megram. The Onion fire has experienced some reburns in isolated portions of the fire, but is holding within existing control lines. The Megram fire is burning actively in the Slide Creek, Eagle Creek, Quimby Creek, and New River drainages. An inversion over the fire continues to cause visibility problems for air support. The fire is threatening to move into Six Rivers National Forest and Klamath National Forest.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
			CTN	CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	53403	50	UNK	2019	61	44	13	0	NR	20.1M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

KIRK COMPLEX, Los Padres National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to the Kirk Complex North, which includes the Tassajara, Five and Mountain fires. A Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned to the Kirk Complex South, which includes the Hare and Kirk fires. Unified Command with California Department of Forestry (Haines) is in effect. This complex is in the Ventana Wilderness, twenty miles southeast of Carmel, CA. Within the Kirk Complex South, sporadic thunderstorms with some rain occurred in isolated areas. However increase in humidity provided only minimal slowing of the fire's spread. The fire crossed control lines near structures on Highway 1. It continues to move north, west and east toward structures in the San Antonio River drainage. The Kirk Complex North also received trace amounts of precipitation. The storm system is expected to move out of the area today, as high pressure

and warm, dry temperatures return.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
KIRK COMPLEX	CA	LPF	36728	20	UNK	3611	110	104	25	0	NR	37.8M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SEBASTOPOL, Siskiyou National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shultz) is assigned. The fire is five miles west of Cave Junction, Oregon. The fire expanded to the north yesterday, but remained inside containment lines. Suppression challenges include steep, rugged terrain and poor access. Current threats are to historical areas, a mining cabin, cultural sites, and spotted owl habitat.

SPRING RIVER BUTTE, Deschutes National Forest. The fire is two miles west of Sun River, OR. Control problems include spot fires due to low relative humidity and winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SEBASTOPOL	OR	SIF	300	88	9/25	228	7	4	4	0	NR	250K
SPRING RIVER BU	OR	DEF	113	95	9/23	174	6	14	1	0	NR	156K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE INCIDENTS:

WILLIAMSON RANCH, Texas State. This fire is near San Saba, TX. Engine crews made good progress reinforcing fire lines yesterday. Efforts were concentrated on hot spotting and cold trailing along the steep, rocky northern perimeter of the fire.

BRECKENRIDGE, Texas State. This fire is 12 miles south of Breckenridge, TX. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WILLIAMSON RANC	TX	TXS	11000	85	9/23	65	0	15	7	0	NR	150K
BRECKENRIDGE	TX	TXS	450	95	9/22	20	0	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR NORTHERN IDAHO AND NORTHWEST MONTANA FOR INCREASING SOUTHWEST WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITIES THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING\*\*\*

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR THE COLUMBIA BASIN OF OREGON FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND STRONG WINDS LATE TODAY\*\*\*

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EASTERN WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND TOMORROW FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH A DRY COLD FRONT\*\*\*

\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE THIS AFTERNOON FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY\*\*\*

With the jet stream north of 50 degrees latitude, Pacific weather systems will stay north, with warm and dry air south of the Canadian border. However, dry fronts trailing south will bring periods of gusty winds from Washington and northern Oregon to Montana beginning this afternoon. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in the inland Northwest, except in southeastern Oregon where it may drop as low as five percent. West winds will gust 35 to 40 miles per hour across portions of eastern Washington.

Limited monsoonal moisture will again provide widely scattered thunderstorms for the Four Corners states, with isolated dry thunderstorms in California, Nevada, southeast Idaho, and Wyoming.

In the southern area, surface high pressure will maintain mostly clear skies with seasonably warm temperatures, low humidities and light winds. Minimum relative humidity will be 15 to 25 percent in Texas and 25 to 35 percent in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		3		1	8	4	16
	ACRES		4		0	30	0	34
CA-NORTH	FIRES					17	12	29
	ACRES					2	1706	1708
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					0	4705	4705
NORTHERN	FIRES	2				5	6	13
	ACRES	1				30	170	201
GB-EAST	FIRES		2				3	5
	ACRES		0				0	0
GB-WEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						8	8
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					90	3	93

TOTAL	ACRES					448	3	451
	FIRES	2	6	0	1	129	34	172
	ACRES	1	5	0	0	511	6592	7109

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FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	42	31	13	389	0	476
	ACRES	1	301525	285194	155932	277787	0	1020439
NORTHWEST	FIRES	353	401	17	51	1679	1400	3901
	ACRES	10484	28421	44632	189	8546	5535	97807
CA-NORTH	FIRES	133	55	7	31	2898	1061	4185
	ACRES	197	23708	33	132	62335	188368	274773
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	70	144	9	55	2869	916	4063
	ACRES	1634	6492	12	13953	34025	134950	191066
NORTHERN	FIRE	521	60	19	12	748	1323	2683
	ACRES	5896	3857	178	2	48143	5959	64035
GB-EAST	FIRES	61	761		24	311	672	1829
	ACRES	6255	445412		38	39546	6320	497571
GB-WEST	FIRES	36	661	3	5	92	216	1013
	ACRES	861	1536725	116	3	25711	15996	1579412
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	806	124	10	59	765	1494	3258
	ACRES	13085	27143	245	411	69305	11881	122070
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	540	412	36	46	962	266	2262
	ACRES	8953	13456	710	51	51774	3226	78170
EASTERN	FIRES	513			87	15009	362	15971
	ACRES	2947			813	93952	4540	102252
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		70	99	33087	1124	34416
	ACRES	667		21456	11129	639071	47118	719441
TOTALS	FIRES	3070	2660	202	482	58809	8834	74057
	ACRES	50980	2386739	352576	182653	1350195	423893	4747036
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								63371
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2793742

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1500	1500
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
NORTHERN	FIRES	1	2				1	4
	ACRES	15	4001				50	4066

GB-EAST	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				30		2556	2586
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						75	75
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						22	22
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	1	0	6	10
	ACRES	15	4001	0	30	0	4204	8250

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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				1		0	1
	ACRES				3		2	5
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				100		185	285
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							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	103	0	187	290

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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 Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA			1047	7734
YUKON TERRITORY			160	185962
ALBERTA			1182	118860
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			166	538015
SASKATCHEWAN			725	178928
MANITOBA			601	120989
ONTARIO			995	326787
QUEBEC			1013	97545
NEWFOUNDLAND			225	35197
NEW BRUNSWICK			589	1242
NOVA SCOTIA			432	1702
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	0	0	7200	1678386

Canada is reporting weekly on Wednesdays

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	5	10	5	18	2	2			37	20
CA-NORTH	54	24	63	34	6	14	1	3	288	145
CA-SOUTH	35	76	40	65	28				350	497
NORTHERN	2	3	6	3	3	1			17	
GB-EAST	5		13		5				9	
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST			1							
ROCKY MTN			1							
EASTERN									43	16
SOUTHERN	4		4	11	4				41	3
TOTAL	105	113	133	131	48	17	1	3	785	681

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