

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Western Great Basin, Eastern Great Basin and Northern Rockies Areas reported new large fire activity. Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northwest, Northern Rockies and Great Basin Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for airtankers, helicopters, radio equipment, engines, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHERRY, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire is 70 miles northwest of Ely, NV. The fire is burning in dense pinyon pine, juniper and white fir. Wind shifts have caused irregular fire behavior, rapid rates of spread and the smoke is creating some visibility problems. Airtankers have been used to effectively protect structures. The fire has burned into a wilderness study area.

STRAWBERRY, Ely Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. The fire, which was caused by lightning, is 30 miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Fuels involved are grass, sagebrush, oakbrush, pinyon pine and juniper. Crews are making good progress on fireline construction. Threats are to wildlife habitat.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CHERRY	NV	ELD	3000	0	UNK	113	4	5	1	0	NR	NR	
STRAWBERRY	NV	ELD	1300	70	7/12	120	7	6	2	0	NR	270K	
LINKA	NV	EKD	3385	100	---	39	0	4	0	0	NR	NR	
MUSTANG	NV	BMD	900	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR	25K	

EKD = Elko Field Office, BLM  
 BMD = Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the large fires in western Colorado. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) is staging in Denver.

BUSTER FLATS, Dinosaur National Monument, NPS. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper 75 miles northwest of Craig, CO in very steep terrain. Containment has not yet been achieved due to very rugged terrain and safety concerns for firefighters. Open perimeter is being mopped up with

helicopter drops.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUSTER FLATS	CO	DSP	11033	95	7/12	164	2	1	5	0	NR	1.2M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONGLEAF VISTA, Kisatchie National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. The fire is 35 miles northwest of Alexandria, LA and is burning in a wilderness area. No other information was reported.

F & W, Florida State Division of Forestry. This lightning-caused fire is in Calhoun County, northeast of Panama City. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LONGLEAF VISTA	LA	KIF	350	0	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
F & W	FL	FLS	200	80	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TILDEN, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is burning on state and private land nine miles southeast of Atomic City, ID. Fuels are grass and sagebrush.

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is burning in a wilderness area 26 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. The suppression strategy is to contain the fire using natural barriers. Helicopter bucket work is keeping the fire from crossing to the east side of Clear Creek.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TILDEN	ID	IFD	1600	60	UNK	50	0	15	0	0	NR	NR
CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	124	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CEDAR MOUNTAIN	UT	SLD	654	100	---	55	1	6	1	0	NR	72K

SLD = Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

Alaska currently has 25 unstaffed fires in limited protection areas for 333,949 acres.

ZITZIANA, Tanana Zone, BLM. This lightning-caused fire, which started on 6/13, is 85 miles west of Fairbanks. Crews continue fireline construction around native allotments on the Tanana River. The fire received substantial precipitation and is showing very little activity.

BEARPAW MOUNTAIN, Tanana Zone, BLM. This fire is burning in black spruce 100 miles southwest of Fairbanks. It was started on 6/24 by lightning. Mopup operations are nearing completion.

BERING CREEK, Tanana Zone, BLM. This fire is 35 miles southwest of Tanana. It was started by lightning on 6/14 in a limited suppression area. Recent showers and fog have assisted crews in progressing with mopup work.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ZITZIANA	AK	TAD	165377	0	UNK	45	2	0	0	0	NR	NR
BEARPAW MOUNTAIN	AK	TAD	38048	0	UNK	23	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
BERING CREEK	AK	TAD	107110	0	UNK	50	2	0	0	0	NR	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

TANNER, Tonto National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is burning in brush and timber near Young, AZ. Continuous cloud cover greatly aided suppression efforts yesterday. A burnout operation is underway.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TANNER	AZ	TNF	260	60	UNK	144	5	0	4	0	NR	260K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
IVAN	MT	FBA	500	100	---	31	0	10	0	0	NR	NR

FBA = Ft. Belknap Agency, BIA

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STATE LINE	OR	WWF	1745	100	---	15	0	0	1	0	NR	NR

WWF = Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST MOUNTAINS OF OREGON AND HIGHER TERRAIN OF SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON FOR DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHERN IDAHO AND SOUTHWEST MONTANA FOR DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN PORTIONS OF CENTRAL MONTANA FOR DRY LIGHTNING AND GUSTY WINDS \*\*\*

Monsoon moisture will continue to circulate into portions of Utah and Colorado, bringing isolated to scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. The lingering moisture in the western Great Basin will move north into central Oregon, Idaho, and western Montana bringing a chance of mainly dry thunderstorms. The remainder of the Great Basin will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy.

Winds will be west to southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Local gusts of 25 to 30 mph can be expected during the afternoon in parts of Utah. Temperatures will range from the 60's and 70's in the mountains to the 80's and 90's in lower elevations and up to 105 in the deserts of southern Utah and Nevada. Minimum humidities will be from 15 to 35 percent in most areas, except in the Utah and Nevada deserts where humidities will be from 5 to 15 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		0	1		5		6
	ACRES		3446	900		3658		8004
NORTHWEST	FIRES	11	1			16	10	38
	ACRES	21	0			16	3	40
CA-NORTH	FIRES					15	3	18
	ACRES					37	1	38
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				20		21
	ACRES	8				19		27
NORTHERN	FIRES	1	1			3	4	9
	ACRES	500	15			0	3	518
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	5			2	2	10
	ACRES	0	1610			1	107	1718
GB-WEST	FIRES		7			5		12
	ACRES		3006			10		3016

SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1	13	5	19
	ACRES				0	23	146	169
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	16				5	22
	ACRES	110	32				3	145
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			2		60	3	65
	ACRES			750		291	679	1720
TOTAL	FIRES	15	30	3	1	139	32	220
	ACRES	639	8109	1650	0	4055	942	15395

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	20	8	276	3	321
	ACRES	9	138632	180437	44633	298665	0	662376
NORTHWEST	FIRES	97	74	9	3	419	216	818
	ACRES	534	13999	77387	0	25225	1811	118956
CA-NORTH	FIRES	63	5	3	4	1032	305	1412
	ACRES	99	92	4	1	7455	3899	11550
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	23	42	2	37	1342	314	1760
	ACRES	51	1201	0	14	7761	2725	11752
NORTHERN	FIRE	618	21	18	3	466	187	1313
	ACRES	6841	929	1630	1	23454	693	33548
GB-EAST	FIRES	25	341		13	145	233	757
	ACRES	1126	58998		26	3850	2283	66283
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	237	1	3	50	121	420
	ACRES	2379	78050	0	0	3065	4719	88213
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	614	123	21	32	901	994	2685
	ACRES	10600	57744	17227	9030	271999	132460	499060
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	422	262	19	18	338	260	1319
	ACRES	12246	13166	1422	12623	27050	19994	86501
EASTERN	FIRES	760			27	8516	398	9701
	ACRES	15802			518	81425	15397	113142
SOUTHERN	FIRES	68		54	73	30743	905	31843
	ACRES	4287		8136	3070	547495	32672	595660
TOTALS	FIRES	2699	1118	147	221	44228	3936	52349
	ACRES	53974	362811	286243	69916	1297444	216653	2287041
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								45169
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1425828

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0

CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					10		10
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					50		50
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
TOTAL	ACRES							0
	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	60	60

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	ACRES			1		3		4
	FIRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	ACRES	18	21	25			188	252
	FIRES	5637	3534	5022			20257	34450
CA-NORTH	ACRES		2	3	1		120	126
	FIRES		328	832	12		10315	11487
CA-SOUTH	ACRES			2	3		80	85
	FIRES			60	124		5152	5336
NORTHERN	ACRES	20	5	82	3	58	230	398
	FIRES	1775	1991	15962	395	6446	35248	61817
GB-EAST	ACRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
	FIRES	272	1497	1448	975	153	11325	15670
GB-WEST	ACRES						2	2
	FIRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	31	213	26	12	2	194	478
	FIRES	8385	14214	1888	4289	360	67591	96727
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1	8	134	10	7	63	223
	FIRES	850	2743	17354	2937	675	20263	44822
EASTERN	ACRES	15		2	11	128	208	364
	FIRES	2947		400	1290	84281	18305	107223
SOUTHERN	ACRES	9		137	62	103	704	1015
	FIRES	902		61589	36064	61971	453055	613581
USA TOTALS	ACRES	95	264	417	105	307	1807	2995
	FIRES	20768	24307	104680	46086	154265	643037	993143

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	14	18	440	12354
YUKON TERRITORY	1	12	48	7947
ALBERTA	7	5	551	11103
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	16	0	133	32871
SASKATCHEWAN	0	600	296	29479
MANITOBA	1	1	151	13331
ONTARIO	3	0	249	1385
QUEBEC	2	162	268	624
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	97	132
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	183	243
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	126	445
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	1721
TOTALS	45	798	2598	111652

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	5								17	
NORTHWEST	3	2	5	3	2	1			25	
CA-NORTH			2		1					
CA-SOUTH						1				
NORTHERN	2		12	5	2				1	2
GB-EAST	2		37	14	7		1		9	
GB-WEST	17	19	19	18	5				32	29
SOUTHWEST	12		1	6	11		3		144	
ROCKY MTN	12		5	29	8	4			128	30
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN			5	4		3			8	13
TOTAL	53	21	86	79	36	9	4	0	367	74

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