

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

One new large fire was reported in the Northwest Area and initial attack forces were active in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Areas. Strong winds associated with a passing cold front could challenge control efforts on fires east of the Cascades and into the Northern Rockies today. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, airtankers, a lead plane, infrared aircraft, caterers, shower units, meteorological equipment, engines, radio equipment, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire danger indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is managing the large fires in western Colorado and Wyoming. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bustamante) is staging in Denver.

MUDDY CREEK, Wind River Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass and sagebrush ten miles west of Thermopolis, WY. Fire activity has been low, and crews are continuing burnout operations. Ranch homes, a watershed and winter deer habitat are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MUDDY CREEK	WY	WRA	3000	10	7/16	207	5	13	2	0	NR	120K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BEATY BUTTE, Lakeview District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. This lightning-caused fire is 60 miles northeast of Lakeview, OR. It is burning in heavy brush in an inaccessible area. Another day of gusty winds and low relative humidity has deterred containment efforts. Current threats are to wildlife habitat and a wilderness study area east of the fire.

OAK FLATS, Southeast Washington State Forestry. This fire is 10 miles northeast of Goldendale, WA. The fire is burning in grass and brush. Airtankers assisted in protecting two structures that were threatened. Increased humidity yesterday aided containment efforts.

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BEATY BUTTE	OR	LAD	15000	0	UNK	83	2	25	2	0	0	NR
OAK FLATS	WA	SES	150	UNK	7/14	140	1	10	1	0	NR	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is staging in Elko, Nevada.

CHERRY, Ely Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. The fire is burning in dense pinyon pine, juniper and mountain mahogany 70 miles northwest of Ely, NV. Large pockets of unburned fuel remain, while difficult terrain and severe weather conditions continue to hamper suppression efforts. There is no threat to structures at this time.

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CHERRY	NV	ELD	6500	12	7/18	402	12	14	3	0	NR	350K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONGLEAF VISTA, Kisatchie National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. The fire is 30 miles northwest of Alexandria, LA and is burning in a wilderness area. Aerial ignition operations should be completed today. Crews are improving fireline and mopping up.

WHITE, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is burning in marsh grass 30 miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. No new information was reported.

TWIN COMPLEX, Florida State Division of Forestry. This complex in Polk County consists of the Difficult and Stump fires, which have burned together in a swamp. No new information was reported.

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LONGLEAF VISTA	LA	KIF	2000	50	7/17	272	8	4	3	0	NR	302K
WHITE	LA	SBR	350	40	UNK	4	0	1	1	0	NR	1K
TWIN COMPLEX	FL	FLS	1000	50	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
OVERBOARD	LA	SBR	2126	100	---	4	0	1	1	0	NR	6K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is staging in Salmon, Idaho.

CLEAR CREEK, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This lightning-caused fire is burning in a rugged wilderness area 26 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. The suppression strategy for this fire is to contain it using natural barriers. Crews have been ordered to protect cabins and residences near the fire area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK	ID	SCF	1000	0	UNK	46	2	0	2	0	0	NR
HOGUP	UT	SLD	13000	100	---	114	3	8	1	0	NR	150K

SLD = Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

Alaska currently has 21 unstaffed fires in limited protection areas for 336,320 acres.

ZITZIANA, Tanana Zone, BLM. This lightning-caused fire, which started on 6/13, is 85 miles west of Fairbanks. Infrared imagery shows areas of concentrated heat scattered along most of the fire's perimeter. Crews are continuing native allotment protection operations.

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. East winds have contributed to increased fire activity. The northwest corner of the fire has moved two to three miles.

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. Cabin protection operations are completed and all personnel have been demobilized from the fire. This will be the last report unless the fire is staffed again.

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
BERING CREEK	AK	TAD	107110	0	UNK	50	2	0	0	0	NR	NR
BEARPAW MOUNTAIN	AK	TAD	38048	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON FOR STRONG WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN WYOMING FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND STRONG WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN PORTIONS OF NORTHEAST WYOMING AND THE BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

Monsoon moisture will continue to circulate into portions of Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. Low pressure off the west coast will circulate moisture northward from California into eastern Oregon, central Idaho and western Montana.

Colorado and Utah will have partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated to scattered showers and wet thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from 65 to 80 in the mountains and in the 80's and 90's at lower elevations and up to 105 in desert areas. Winds will be west to southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 30 percent, except drier across the southern Utah deserts.

Idaho, Nevada, eastern Oregon, Montana and Wyoming will be partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms will occur in Montana, Wyoming, northern Idaho and northeast Oregon. High temperatures will be 65 to 85 at high elevations and the mid 80's to around 100 in the valleys. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph, with occasional gusts to 35 mph in Montana. Winds near thunderstorms will also be gusty. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 25 percent.

Louisiana will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the mid 90's. Winds will be west to northwest at 5 to 15 mph. Minimum relative humidities will be 40 to 50 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			0		1		1
	ACRES			3582		8526		12108
NORTHWEST	FIRES		0		1	11	4	16
	ACRES		1100		0	152	5	1257
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2				12	3	17
	ACRES	4				31	1	36
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				12	4	17
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
NORTHERN	FIRES	1	3			9	19	32
	ACRES	2	7			51	73	133
GB-EAST	FIRES		4				5	9
	ACRES		11890				441	12331
GB-WEST	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		3002				0	3002
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1				1	3	5
	ACRES	2				5	32	39
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		7			4	2	13
	ACRES		509			443	1	953
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			5		142	8	155



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
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	38	38

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		3		4
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	18	23	25			188	254
	ACRES	5637	3540	5022			20257	34456
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	3	1		120	126
	ACRES		328	832	12		10315	11487
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			3	3		80	86
	ACRES			200	124		5152	5476
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	82	3	58	231	399
	ACRES	1775	1991	15962	395	6446	35286	61855
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
	ACRES	272	1497	1448	975	153	11325	15670
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	12	2	194	478
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4289	360	67591	96727
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	7	63	224
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	675	20263	44847
EASTERN	FIRES	15		34	11	128	208	396
	ACRES	2947		11235	1290	84281	18305	118058
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	62	103	704	1015
	ACRES	902		61589	36064	61971	453055	613581
USA TOTALS	FIRES	95	266	451	105	307	1808	3032
	ACRES	20768	24313	115680	46086	154265	643075	1004187

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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	
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	13	454	12377
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	49	7949
ALBERTA	4	4	562	11112
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	209	145	35012
SASKATCHEWAN	0	1512	297	30991
MANITOBA	0	0	151	13331
ONTARIO	2	1	255	1386
QUEBEC	2	265	270	1010
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	97	132
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	183	243
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	130	446
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	19	17
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	1721
TOTALS	15	2005	2649	115727

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	5								17	
NORTHWEST	6	2	8	37	2	2	3		15	14
CA-NORTH			7		3		1			
CA-SOUTH	1					1				
NORTHERN	10		20	6	3	2			33	
GB-EAST	18	3	42	10	12				9	2
GB-WEST	7	5	14	7	4				4	4
SOUTHWEST	8		8	6	5		1		12	
ROCKY MTN	25	1	44	24	11	4	2		152	35
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN	11		4	6	5	2			119	34
TOTAL	91	11	147	96	45	11	7	0	364	89

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