

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2000 - 0900 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southern Area and one in the Northern Rockies. Crews reached containment goals on ten fires, seven in the Southern Area and three in the Northern Rockies. Initial attack activity was light throughout the United States, except in the Southern Area where it was moderate. Passage of a cold front will bring gusty winds and low relative humidity to the Northern Plains. The Southern Area will experience some much needed moisture as the persistent high pressure ridge moves east. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHICKEN, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located 20 miles east of Nacogdoches, TX. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. No new information was reported.

MOORE BRANCH, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in a pine plantation 30 miles north of Beaumont, TX. A Type II Incident Management Team (Koehler) is assigned. The fire actively burned, but higher relative humidity and light rainfall helped prevent major runs.

BIG HEAD CREEK, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located near Kilgore, TX. No new information was reported.

WILDWOOD, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning near Wildwood, TX. No new information was reported.

SNAKE EYE COMPLEX, National Forests in Mississippi. This complex of fires is near Potts Camp, MS. No new information was received.

DEEP CREEK, Texas State Forest Service. This is fire burning near San Saba, TX. No new information was reported.

BUSH, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in a pine plantation in Tyler County. No new information was received.

SQUEALER, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This grass fire is burning 10 miles southeast of Walters, OK. Rapid rates of spread were caused by low fuel moistures, flashy fuels and high temperatures.

MILAM ROAD, Texas State Forest Service. This lightning-caused fire is 50 miles southwest of Austin, TX. One primary residence and a barn were destroyed. Current threats are to approximately 50 homes.

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CHICKEN	TX	TXS	3400	70	9/12	135	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
MOORE BRANCH	TX	TXS	15000	25	9/15	35	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
BIG HEAD CREEK	TX	TXS	100	10	9/9	70	NR	NR	NR	3	NR	NR
WILDWOOD	TX	TXS	200	80	9/10	35	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SNAKE EYE COMPL	MS	MNF	1044	80	UNK	33	0	5	1	0	50K	80K
DEEP CREEK	TX	TXS	1500	90	9/9	15	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BUSH	TX	TXS	600	60	9/10	40	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SQUEALER	OK	OXS	1200	30	9/9	17	0	6	0	0	NR	20K
MILAM ROAD	TX	TXS	110	70	9/9	25	0	0	2	2	NR	NR
E WHITES 2	TX	AHR	13000	100	---	12	0	0	0	0	NR	20K
MAYHAW	TX	TXF	300	100	---	20	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HORIZON	TX	TXS	1200	100	---	65	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RANGER HILLS	TX	TXS	3000	100	---	30	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CRAIG	OK	OXS	100	100	---	14	0	3	1	0	NR	12K
WILCOX	OK	MIA	103	100	---	25	1	1	0	0	0	1K
SOBOL	OK	OXS	170	100	---	18	0	4	2	0	850K	15K

AHR = Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

MIA = Miami Agency, BIA

TXF = National Forests in Texas

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) is assigned to manage the large fires in the Hamilton area. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the large fires in southwest Montana. An Area Command Team (Meuchel) is assigned to manage the large fires in central Montana. An Area Command Team (Gale) is assigned to manage the large fires in northwest Montana. Priorities are being established by the Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildfire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. The Army's 3rd Battalion 327th Infantry from Ft. Campbell, KY, commanded by LTC Lehr, is assigned. These fires are seven miles south of Darby, MT. The complex consists of the Bear, Taylor, Taylor Spot, Hilltop, Razor, Fat and Mink fires. Despite measured wind gusts of 53 mph, and sustained winds at 24 mph, there was minimal spread on all the fires in this complex. Release of resources continues.

SKALKAHO COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Rutherford) is assigned. This group of fires is ten miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Included in the complex are the Bear and Coyote fires. Increase in winds have had little effect on the fire activity.

BLODGETT TRAILHEAD, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Rutherford) is assigned. This fire is three miles northwest of Hamilton, MT. Fire behavior continues to be minimal despite an increase of winds.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cook) is assigned. The complex consists of 14 fires in the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church River of No Return Wildernesses, 40

miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Large fires in the complex include the Hamilton, Lonely, Fitz, Thirty, Echo and Throng fires. Winds have pushed the Beaverjack fire out of containment lines. The fires are burning in surface fuels and producing small smoke columns.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Davidson) is assigned. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Increased winds along with lower humidity generated an increase in fire behavior. Patrol and mopup activities are ongoing.

UPPER NINEMILE COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) is assigned. The Army's 20th Engineers Battalion from Ft. Hood, Texas, commanded by LTC Shumway, is assigned. These fires are burning 25 miles northwest of Missoula, MT. Activity has been focused on rehabilitation, with mopup operations continuing as needed.

MONTURE/SPREAD RIDGE, Lolo National Forest. The fires are 15 miles east of Seeley Lake, MT. The fire was turned over to district personnel.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. The complex consists of the Falls Creek, Cougar Creek, Coyote Springs, Medicine Lake, Skalkaho Pass, Lick Creek and Cooper Creek fires, 30 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Scouting and planning is underway for additional divisions on the west side of the Coyote fire in coordination with the Skalkaho Complex along shared boundaries.

MAUDLOW/TOSTON, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type II Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. These fires are 25 miles northeast of Belgrade, MT. The fire has been exposed to extreme wind speeds. Crews and engines are mopping up hot spots with assistance from helicopter bucket drops. Rehabilitation of firelines on U.S. Forest Service land is underway.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. These fires are 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Winds and drier weather have increased the fire activity in a few areas of the fire, but overall activity remains low. Crews continue to pick up hot spots and cold trail the fire perimeter.

KOOTENAI COMPLEX, Kootenai National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Novotny) is assigned. The Army's 1st Battalion 321st Artillery from Ft. Bragg, NC, commanded by LTC Mathis, is assigned. These fires are 20 miles northwest of Libby, MT. The Troy South Complex has been included within this complex. Crews have been flown into the North and West Grizzly fires. Mopup and patrol activity continues.

SIXMILE, Miles City Field Office, BLM. This fire is located 63 miles southeast of Miles City, MT. This fire started on private land and grew to ten times it's original size in less than an hour.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	212030	60	UNK	1240	30	30	7	227	NR	26.4M

SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	64352	70	UNK	671	15	16	5	4	NR	8.4M
BLODGETT TRAILH	MT	BRF	11276	85	UNK	102	0	2	3	8	NR	10.2M
WILDERNESS CPLX	MT	BRF	47709	50	UNK	23	0	0	0	0	NR	758K
ALDER CREEK	MT	LNF	5500	80	UNK	223	6	5	4	0	NR	650K
UPPER NINEMILE	MT	LNF	24345	85	UNK	728	27	0	4	0	0	15.7M
MONTURE/SPREAD	MT	LNF	27500	10	UNK	44	1	0	1	0	0	9.1M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	50	UNK	550	15	15	7	0	NR	16.1M
MAUDLOW/TOSTON	MT	CES	81687	85	UNK	343	6	26	3	2	NR	22.0M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	45	UNK	484	11	13	4	0	NR	10.1M
KOOTENAI CPLX	MT	KNF	18232	84	UNK	895	32	13	1	0	NR	15.0M
SIXMILE	MT	MCD	2000	0	UNK	68	0	23	1	0	NR	NR
CLEAR CREEK DIV	MT	FHA	20302	100	---	12	0	0	0	0	0	7.6M
THOMPSON FLAT C	MT	LNF	14936	100	---	416	10	1	3	1	NR	10.3M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This complex consists of the Clear Creek, Marlin Springs, Full Circle and Sisters fires. The 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, commanded by LTC Smith, is committed. Some torching is occurring as weather turns warmer and drier. Significant mopup efforts are being accomplished. Rehabilitation work is increasing as resources become available.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. The fire is 23 miles north of McCall, ID. Crews have made steady progress on fireline construction and suppression of hot spots.

DRY FORK, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. The fire is located northeast of Kamas Ranger District. Cool, overcast weather with some precipitation allowed crews to accomplish direct attack along the west flank of the fire. Summer homes and cabins continue to be threatened.

TETON COMPLEX, Grand Teton National Park, NPS. This complex is north of Jackson, WY. The complex consists of the Wilcox, Moran, Hechtman, Glade and Enos fires. Crews are patrolling and mopping up on the Moran, Wilcox and Enos fires.

FONTENELLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. The crews continue to hot spot and mopup along the west and north flanks.

MORSE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. The fire is burning in grass, sagebrush and Douglas fir five miles east of May, ID. The fire is being monitored by U.S. Forest Service personnel. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Adams) is assigned. Eleven wildland fires are currently burning within the Salmon Challis Wilderness Complex: Little Pistol, Indian Creek, Filly, Butts, Pappoose, Parker, Packer Meadow, Shell Rock, Wilson Creek, Jackass and Jack Creek. Fire activity picked up due to

high, gusty winds.

FLOSSIE COMPLEX, Payette National Forest. These fires are 50 miles northeast of McCall, ID. This will be the last report unless there is an increase in activity.

DIAMOND COMPLEX, Payette National Forest. This complex of fires, 42 miles northeast of McCall, ID, consists of the Lookout, Point, North Shellrock and South Shellrock fires. This will be the last report unless there is an increase in activity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	206379	77	9/30	1502	38	27	17	1	0	51.4M
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	64348	95	UNK	280	6	0	4	19	NR	2.3M
DRY FORK	UT	WCF	190	20	UNK	141	4	0	5	0	NR	160K
TETON COMPLEX	WY	GTP	15723	NR	UNK	109	4	0	2	1	NR	4.4M
FONTENELLE	WY	BTF	14750	70	UNK	33	1	0	1	1	NR	1.4M
MORSE	ID	SCF	5756	45	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	944K
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	180600	0	UNK	16	0	0	1	45	NR	173K
FLOSSIE COMPLEX	ID	PAF	50000	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
DIAMOND COMPLEX	ID	PAF	126000	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	1	NR	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

DEADMAN COMPLEX, Nebraska National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This complex consists of the Deadman, Sawlog and Warbonnet fires. The Sawlog fire was very active and made several runs. High, gusty winds continue to cause containment problems. Current threats to structures continues. Crews are making good progress with fireline construction and mopup operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
DEADMAN COMPLEX	NE	NBF	11000	15	UNK	180	7	12	2	0	NR	NR
JASPER	SD	BKF	83500	100	----	161	5	13	2	3	NR	7.3M

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STORRIE, Plumas National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. The fire is 20 miles west of Quincy, CA, in the Feather River Canyon. Fire activity continues to be low. Fire area rehabilitation is being coordinated with local resource advisors and implementation continues.

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STORRIE |CA| PNF| 46280| 95| 9/9| 667| 15| 20| 4| 0| NR|20.1M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PHILLIPS RANCH, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and Great Basin National Park. The fire is 50 miles southeast of Ely, NV. National Park Service personnel are monitoring the fire.

INCIDENT |ST|UNIT| SIZE | % | EST |TOTAL|CRW|ENG|HELI|STRC| EST| \$\$\$
NAME | | | |CTN| CTN |PERS | | | | |LOSS|LOSS|C-T-D

PHILLIPS RANCH |NV| HTF| 2600| 90| UNK| 3| 0| 0| 0| 0| NR| 235K

OUTLOOK:

*** RED FLAG WARNINGS FOR MOST OF MONTANA, NORTHWEST SOUTH DAKOTA AND THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN WYOMING FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND GUSTY WINDS WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF DRY LIGHTNING.***

*** RED FLAG WARNING FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHERN WYOMING FOR GUSTY WINDS.***

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR PORTIONS OF MISSISSIPPI FOR VERY LOW FUEL MOISTURES.***

Across south Texas and the Gulf Coast states high pressure will shift to the east. This will provide an opportunity for additional moisture and widespread thunderstorms to move into Texas and the coastal regions. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's with 102 near the Rio Grande. Minimum relative humidity will be 40-50 percent inland and 60-70 percent along the Gulf Coast. Expect east to south winds at 5-15 mph.

In the west a weak high pressure ridge will briefly build into the Pacific Northwest as a cold front shifts from the Northern Rockies into the Northern Plains. This front will bring strong winds to the Northern Plains. Another in a series of troughs will drop into the Pacific Northwest. A brief drying and warming trend is expected over the Great Basin with a few showers across the Pacific Northwest and a chance of showers across Northern Montana. Further south lingering monsoon moisture across the area will bring isolated scattered thunderstorms to parts of the Southwest.

High temperatures in the west will be in the 60's and 70's in the Northern Rockies and the Intermountain West. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the southern mountains and in the 90's to near 110 in the warmest southern deserts.

Minimum relative humidity in the west will generally range from the mid teens to mid 30 percent with some single digits in the warmest southern deserts.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1				8	2	11
	ACRES	10				8	0	18
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				14		15
	ACRES	0				25		25
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				1	32	9	42
	ACRES				0	39	0	39
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	3				2000	12	2015
GB-EAST	FIRES		4			4	5	13
	ACRES		24			601	0	625
GB-WEST	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		326					326
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2					5	7
	ACRES	2					10	12
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		13			10	1	24
	ACRES		2			32	130	164
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					86	8	94
	ACRES					1390	53	1443
TOTAL	FIRES	5	21	0	1	156	31	214
	ACRES	15	352	0	0	4095	205	4667

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	22	8	302	5	351
	ACRES	6	143076	246961	43763	317427	0	751233
NORTHWEST	FIRES	220	217	41	17	1242	879	2616
	ACRES	24044	198975	83023	7	256334	125232	687615
CA-NORTH	FIRES	141	12	3	10	1913	600	2679
	ACRES	174	142	4	1	15187	63131	78639
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	83	5	63	2275	738	3194
	ACRES	53	41084	97	112	26154	69076	136576
NORTHERN	FIRE	888	97	28	52	1046	1602	3713
	ACRES	36109	9079	1700	6097	182479	774231	1009695
GB-EAST	FIRES	69	1084	3	46	505	1040	2747
	ACRES	44666	493551	70	4010	100352	834861	1477510
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	640	4	6	100	248	1006
	ACRES	2380	596752	1105	11	7155	27402	634805
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1262	286	24	87	1175	2550	5384
	ACRES	18134	60580	19314	11402	285437	149988	544855

ROCKY MTN	FIRES	606	821	26	59	874	759	3145
	ACRES	161993	106912	2231	33335	42452	25774	372697
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9427	424	10651
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82430	15600	114852
SOUTHERN	FIRES	75		81	102	39610	1233	41101
	ACRES	7225		12483	3853	767531	42052	833144
TOTALS	FIRES	4063	3253	246	478	58469	10078	76587
	ACRES	310588	1650151	367487	103110	2082938	2127347	6641621
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	FIRES							63306
TEN YEAR AVERAGE	ACRES							3000729

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		4		5
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	19	23	25			200	267
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20857	35057
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	7	1		121	131
	ACRES		328	1012	12		10365	11717
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			5	3		80	88
	ACRES			300	124		5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	84	3	58	231	401
	ACRES	1775	1991	16376	395	6446	35286	62269
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	195	479
	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762	111898
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63	225
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
EASTERN	FIRES	15		87	11	132	210	455
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18490	125143
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	67	103	706	1022
	ACRES	902		61589	39926	61971	455592	619980
USA TOTALS	FIRES	96	266	512	110	313	1826	3123
	ACRES	35769	24313	123131	49948	154438	646618	1034217

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0

NORTHWEST			5	3	2	1	1		8	8
CA-NORTH	14	6	23	11	4	2		3	102	87
CA-SOUTH	2		7		2	1				
NORTHERN	43	113	65	110	19	27			708	1083
GB-EAST	21	39	17	26	15	24			479	356
GB-WEST		6	9	2	1				4	
SOUTHWEST	1		4							
ROCKY MTN	18	2	27	20	4	3			78	20
EASTERN									20	
SOUTHERN	4		1	13	1	2			19	43
TOTAL	103	166	158	185	48	60	1	3	1418	1597

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