

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Southern California and Southern Areas. Crews reached containment goals on seven fires, two in the Northern Rockies, one in Rocky Mountain, one in Northern California, one in Southern California and two in the Southern area. Initial attack activity was light throughout the United States. Scattered showers and high elevation snow can be expected across eastern Montana, parts of Wyoming and Colorado due to a trough of low pressure that is shifting into the Northern plains. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

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. Crews continue to improve containment lines.

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. No new information was received.

SHAMROCK, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in grass, mesquite and juniper and is located 80 miles east of Amarillo, TX.

DEEP CREEK, Texas State Forest Service. This is fire burning near San Saba, TX. No new information was reported. 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	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CHICKEN	TX	TXS	3400	95	UNK	135	3	2	3	0	NR	NR
MOORE BRANCH	TX	TXS	15864	25	9/15	35	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
SHAMROCK	TX	TXS	700	80	9/11	30	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
DEEP CREEK	TX	TXS	5205	70	UNK	15	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TICKLED PINK RA	OK	OKS	150	100	---	6	0	0	0	0	NR	1K
SIELLY ROAD	OK	OKS	100	100	---	9	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
PORK RIND	OK	AAA	110	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	3K

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry  
 AAA = Southern Plains Regional Office, BIA

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 (Gale) is assigned to manage the large fires in northwest Montana.

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. Precipitation and higher relative humidity is keeping the fire activity at a low level.

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. The fire activity remains light with cooler temperatures, higher relative humidity and light rain. 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. Acreage decrease is due to better mapping. Fire activity remained light with cool, wet weather. This will be the last report unless there is a significant increase in fire activity.

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. Crews continue to build direct fireline, mopup and secure existing containment lines.

MONTURE/SPREAD RIDGE, Lolo National Forest. The fires are 15 miles east of Seeley Lake, MT. Rehabilitation efforts have been completed. The fire received a steady drizzle of rain. This will be the last report unless there is a significant change in fire activity.

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 activity is low due to precipitation received.

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. Three inches of snow fell on the higher elevations of the fires. Crews continue to make progress on hot spotting, cold trailing and rehabilitation efforts.

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. All fires were quiet today, and some rehabilitation is being implemented.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Davidson) is assigned. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Crews continued with direct fireline construction, with assistance from

aircraft operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	212030	60	9/16	1104	26	13	6	227	NR	27M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	64352	70	UNK	643	14	13	5	4	NR	8.9M
WILDERNESS CPLX	MT	BRF	43831	75	UNK	20	0	0	0	0	NR	790K
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	50	UNK	492	13	11	6	0	NR	16.5M
MONTURE/SPREAD	MT	LNF	27500	10	UNK	1	0	0	1	0	0	9.2M
MAUDLOW/TOSTON	MT	CES	81687	85	UNK	242	4	19	1	2	NR	23.0M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	75	UNK	328	7	6	1	0	NR	10.7M
KOOTENAI CPLX	MT	KNF	18232	90	UNK	219	5	4	3	0	NR	15.1M
ALDER CREEK	MT	LNF	5500	95	UNK	71	0	0	2	0	NR	1.1M
UPPER NINEMILE	MT	LNF	24345	100	---	287	7	4	0	0	0	17M
BLODGETT TRAILH	MT	BRF	11276	100	---	47	0	3	0	8	NR	10.5M

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. Large portions of the fire area received snow. Crews continue mopup and rehabilitation efforts.

DRY FORK, Wasatch-Cache National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. The fire is located 10 miles east of Oakley, UT. Strong winds exposed many previously unidentified spots. Summer homes and cabins are still threatened.

POISON, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This fire, is burning in grass and sagebrush, is located 18 miles northwest of Murphy Hot Springs, ID.

BURGDORF JUNCTION, Payette National Forest. The fire is 23 miles north of McCall, ID. Rain was received on a majority of the forest. This will be the last report unless significant changes occur.

FONTENELLE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Kemmerer, WY. Crews have been successful in picking up new hotspots and preventing perimeter growth.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. Eleven wildland fires are currently burning within the Salmon Challis Wilderness Complex: Little Pistol, Indian Creek, Filly, Butts, Papoose, Parker, Packer Meadow, Shell Rock, Wilson Creek, Jackass and Jack Creek. Minimal fire activity was observed.

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	83	9/30	1537	41	25	16	1	0	52.9M

DRY FORK	UT	WCF	256	65	9/12	256	10	0	5	0	NR	506K
POISON	ID	BOD	200	10	UNK	70	2	3	2	0	NR	NR
BURGDORF JCT.	ID	PAF	64348	95	UNK	45	2	0	1	19	NR	2.3M
FONTENELLE	WY	BTF	14750	70	UNK	34	1	0	1	1	NR	1.5M
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	12	0	0	0	46	NR	400K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
DEADMAN COMPLEX	NE	NBF	12532	100	---	487	10	30	4	3	NR	732K

NBF = Nebraska National Forest

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STORRIE	CA	PNF	46280	100	---	589	15	20	4	0	NR	22.7M

PNF = Plumas National Forest

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAHOGANY CREEK, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. The fire is burning in grass, mahogany and sage 75 miles northwest of Winnemucca, NV. Fire behavior has been limited to interior flare ups. With effective support from air tankers and helicopters, crews made progress in flanking the fire. Current threats are to wildlife habitat.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MAHOGANY CREEK	NV	WID	10400	50	9/12	241	8	10	2	0	NR	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BLACK RANCH	CA	RRU	475	100	---	641	26	12	0	0	NR	NR

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RRU = Riverside Ranger Unit, CDF

OUTLOOK:

\*\* FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR LOW FUEL MOISTURES\*\*

For the Southern Area high pressure will remain over Florida and Georgia. This will continue to allow moisture and scattered thunderstorms to move into Texas and the coastal regions. High temperatures will be in the 80's to 90's with 100 expected near the Rio Grande. Minimum relative humidity will be 40 to 50 percent inland and 60 to 70 percent along the Gulf Coast. Winds will be east to south at 5 to 15 mph.

In the West high pressure will begin to amplify across the southwest states and into the Pacific northwest as a trough of low pressure shifts into the Northern plains. As a result, scattered rain showers and high elevation snows can be expected across eastern Montana, as well as portions of Wyoming and Colorado. Otherwise, warm and dry conditions will prevail across the remainder of the west and southwest.

High temperatures in the West will be in the mid 50's to mid 70's in the Northern rockies and Intermountain West. In the Central and West Coast areas temperatures will be in the 70's to near 90, and from the 90's to near 110 in the warmest deserts of the South.

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

Winds in the west will mostly be west to northwest 10-20 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1				6	4	11
	ACRES	1				4	0	5
CA-NORTH	FIRES					17	1	18
	ACRES					26	0	26
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					566	0	566
NORTHERN	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES		2				3	5
	ACRES		307				1	308
GB-WEST	FIRES		0				4	4
	ACRES		8900				1	8901
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1	9	10
	ACRES					0	42	42

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ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1		1		1	3
	ACRES		0		0		2	2
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					805	2	807
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	1	48	25	78
	ACRES	1	9207	0	0	1401	48	10657

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	222	218	41	17	1251	886	2635
	ACRES	24038	198976	83023	7	256341	125233	687618
CA-NORTH	FIRES	143	12	3	10	1943	608	2719
	ACRES	180	142	4	1	15215	63638	79180
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	83	5	63	2301	743	3225
	ACRES	53	41084	97	112	26808	69076	137230
NORTHERN	FIRES	890	97	28	52	1049	1603	3719
	ACRES	36149	9079	1700	6097	185479	770353	1008857
GB-EAST	FIRES	69	1088	3	46	506	1047	2759
	ACRES	44666	493910	70	4010	100353	834905	1477914
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	642	4	6	100	252	1012
	ACRES	2380	606912	1105	11	7155	27403	644966
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1262	286	24	87	1177	2561	5397
	ACRES	18134	60580	19314	11402	285437	150070	544937
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	607	827	26	60	875	762	3157
	ACRES	161993	106914	2231	33335	42452	25778	372703
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9427	424	10651
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82430	15600	114852
SOUTHERN	FIRES	77		81	102	39623	1234	41117
	ACRES	7345		12483	3853	767804	42093	833578
TOTALS	FIRES	4072	3266	246	479	58554	10125	76742
	ACRES	310748	1660673	367487	103110	2086901	2124149	6653068
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								63596
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3010217

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

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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
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				6		7	13
	ACRES				3		780	783
NORTHERN	FIRES				2		8	10
	ACRES				388		3969	4357
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						16	16
	ACRES						6290	6290
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				10	24		34
	ACRES				1129	125		1254
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	18	24	32	74
	ACRES	0	0	0	1520	125	11040	12685

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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	0	0	1484	16258
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	7652
ALBERTA	0	0	753	14694
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	275	200179
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	396	115681
MANITOBA	0	0	329	83516
ONTARIO	1	0	511	6071
QUEBEC	3	12	469	28615
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	207	146414
NEW BRUNSWICK	9	1	285	280
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	185	458
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	4	93	7460
TOTALS	13	17	5061	627300

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	7		3			1			10	2
CA-NORTH	14	2	20	2	4				102	84
CA-SOUTH	6	23	11	7	4	1	1			17
NORTHERN	32	45	37	61	15	16			511	846
GB-EAST	26	33	18	31	15	19			405	277
GB-WEST	4	4	9	3	2				20	7
SOUTHWEST	1		4							
ROCKY MTN	15	1	25	15	3	3			63	30
EASTERN									18	
SOUTHERN	4		3	2		5			12	2
TOTAL	109	108	130	121	43	45	1	0	1141	1265

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