

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2001 - 0630 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4

CURRENT SITUATION:

One new large fire was reported in the Northern California area. Four large fires met containment objectives, one each in the Western Great Basin, Eastern Great Basin, Northwest and Northern California areas. Initial attack activity was moderate in Northern California and Eastern Great Basin areas and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire danger was reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

A Boeing Vertol 107-II assigned to the Fridley Fire near Emigrant, MT crashed yesterday during a maintenance test flight. The accident resulted in fatal injuries to the Command Pilot, Co-pilot and Assistant Maintenance Crew Chief. The National Transportation Safety Board has assigned two investigators.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

Bozeman Area Command (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage the Fridley, Little Joe and Monument fires on the Gallatin National Forest. Priorities are being established by the Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Fire activity decreased throughout the shift. Acreage increase was minor as a result of burnout operations.

LITTLE JOE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Joki) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Gardiner, MT. All planned handline construction was completed on the fire perimeter. Rehabilitation activities will begin during the next operational shift.

MONUMENT, Gallatin National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Adams) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in Sweet Grass County, MT in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Area. Some demobilization of resources is taking place.

MOOSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles north of Whitefish, MT. The fire is making significant runs to the south and east and has crossed the North Fork river and is approaching Huckleberry Lookout. The fire has moved into Glacier National Park. No structures have been lost, however several are imminently threatened.

BARNUM CREEK, Northwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is five miles north of Happy's Inn, MT. Crews are were able to hold

handline with the use of hoselays.

WALTON, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (McElwain) is assigned. This fire is three miles south of Powell, ID. The Tom Beal road continues to be closed and the Elk Summit Road is now closed. Predicted winds did not develop and minimized expected fire spread. Several spot fires on the northern and eastern flanks of the fire are causing significant suppression difficulties.

EAR, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Columbia Falls, MT. Helicopter operations were shut down today, due to strong winds. Line construction is complete and mopup is taking place.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	26000	35	9/5	1261	33	46	15	0	5.5M
LITTLE JOE	MT	GNF	807	70	9/3	604	19	12	3	1	2.8M
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1590	UNK	9/30	63	1	0	2	0	372K
MOOSE	MT	FNF	25000	0	UNK	943	32	21	9	0	3.0M
BARNUM CREEK	MT	NWS	100	50	NR	201	7	3	0	0	110K
WALTON	ID	CFW	459	30	UNK	529	18	15	4	0	500K
EAR	MT	FNF	620	50	9/2	415	11	5	4	0	2.6M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the Virginia Lake, Icicle, Spruce Springs/Dome, and Tonasket complexes in eastern Washington. Priorities are being established by the Northwest Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

MT. LEONA COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Republic, WA. Increased fire activity was observed today. Interior concentrations of large fuels continue to burn with some isolated torching. Crews continue to improve and mopup fireline on the east and north flanks of the fire.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Rex Creek, Glory Mountain and four other fires, is 34 miles northwest of Lake Chelan, WA in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area. An increase in fire behavior was observed today, but limited spread potential exists.

VIRGINIA LAKE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. U.S. Army Task Force Phoenix Blaze, commanded by LTC Ronald Huther at Ft. Lewis, WA, is assigned and is scheduled for demobilization on September 5th. This complex, comprised of the St. Mary's, Goose Lake, Gambol Mill, Bailey Mountain, and Virginia Lake fires, is 12 miles south of Okanogan, WA.

INCIDENT	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$
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NAME			CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	C-T-D	
MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	6144	98	UNK	1005	30	24	7	0	9.2M
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	43000	65	9/1	206	5	5	5	2	6.5M
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	74109	100	---	1935	27	100	4	12	20.8M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SUBSTATION, Richfield Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is northeast of Scipio, UT. Crews made significant progress with handline and mopup.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. Estimated containment has been moved to 9/1 due to very steep terrain and heavy fuels. Steep rugged terrain and low fuel moisture are continuing to slow containment efforts.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. No new information was reported.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire, which began on 7/20, is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. The fire continues to spread in northerly and southerly directions. Pistol Creek Trail, 44 Creek Trail, and Little Pistol Trail are closed.

FALCON, Bridger Teton National Forest. This fire, which began on 8/6 is located in the Teton Wilderness approximately two miles south of Yellowstone National Park. The fire remains in monitor and patrol status. Structural protection has been implemented for two cabins. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	C-T-D
SUBSTATION	UT	RID	995	50	9/1	269	8	10	4	0	464K
MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8021	98	9/1	115	2	2	3	2	3.4M
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2690	NR	9/15	90	2	1	4	0	3.3M
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	16200	0	9/20	21	0	2	1	0	NR
FALCON	WY	BTF	2850	0	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	NR
ROUGH DIAMONDS	ID	BOD	8956	100	---	260	7	4	3	0	1.1M

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STAR, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is northeast of Georgetown, CA. This fire continues to burn actively at night due to low fuel moisture and minimum relative humidity. Good progress has been made with indirect handline in preparation of a major burnout operation. Protection measures are still in place for Sierra Sequoia Grove and structures in the Red Star Ridge area.

HYAMPOM, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) has been ordered. This fire is eight miles north of Hayfork, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STAR	CA	ENF	10500	40	9/7	1979	66	16	9	0	7.3M
HYAMPOM	CA	SHF	300	NR	NR	572	13	19	2	0	NR
OREGON	CA	SHU	1680	100	---	861	18	10	2	33	2.4M

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GRANITE, Great Basin National Park. This fire is 60 miles southeast of Ely, NV. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GRANITE	NV	GBP	618	85	UNK	65	4	3	0	0	405
REPEATER	NH	ELD	100	100	---	183	5	0	3	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LEROY, Wyoming State Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is burning in Ponderosa pine and grass, is 12 miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. Erratic winds and steep rocky terrain continue to hamper control efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LEROY	WY	WYS	3400	10	UNK	260	8	11	2	0	242K

OUTLOOK

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE NORTHERN ROCKIES FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY ***

Another cold front will reach the Northern Rockies area Saturday afternoon. Strong pressure gradients will develop ahead of the front, resulting in windy conditions. Weather will be partly cloudy, with a chance of afternoon showers over Northwestern Montana and Northern Idaho. Temperatures will be in the mid 70s to mid 80s, with minimum relative humidity at 20 to 35 percent. Winds will be southwest 20 to 35 mph over

ridges and southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph in the valleys with gusts up to 40 mph.

Isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms are expected in the Rocky Mountain area, mainly over the mountains of Colorado and southeast Wyoming. Temperatures will be in the 70s in the mountains and 80s to 90s in the lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 23 to 33 percent in the mountains with 13 to 23 percent in the lower elevations. Winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph, with the exception of 20 mph gusts over ridge tops in Wyoming.

A dry westerly flow prevails over the Eastern Great Basin area as the main cold front remains north of the region. Isolated thunderstorms over the mountains of Utah are expected, otherwise dry conditions will persist. Temperatures will range from 85 to 100 in Utah, with mid 80s to 90s in Idaho. Minimum relative humidity will be 10 to 22 percent except 15 to 25 percent in Utah. Winds will be westerly 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon, with gusts to 25 mph along the ridges in Idaho.

Remnants of tropical storm Flossie, will bring a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms to the Western Great Basin area. Weather will be partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms, mainly over the southern portions of the area. Temperatures will be in the 80s to low 90s in the northern and central portions, with 90 to 105 in the southern portion. Minimum relative humidity will be 15 to 25 percent with winds south to southwest at 10 to 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					1		1
ALASKA	ACRES					2		2
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1			12	2	15
NORTHWEST	ACRES		0			6	64	70
CA-NORTH	FIRES					9	9	18
CA-NORTH	ACRES					0	3	3
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				13	4	18
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	7				2	2	11
NORTHERN	FIRES			1		0	2	3
NORTHERN	ACRES			60		196	8029	8285
GB-EAST	FIRES		6			2	10	18
GB-EAST	ACRES		116			0	2091	2207
GB-WEST	FIRES		8			1	1	10
GB-WEST	ACRES		130			1	0	131
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						4	4
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						5	5
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	2		2	3	5	14
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	0	7		0	3	56	66
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					23		23
SOUTHERN	ACRES					111		111
TOTAL	FIRES	3	17	1	2	64	37	124

TOTAL	ACRES	7	253	60	0	321	10250	10891
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FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	15	2	311	3	335
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210141	3263	221942
NORTHWEST	FIRES	241	335	27	38	1459	1246	3346
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96580	296077	6487	618	96382	104280	600424
CA-NORTH	FIRES	126	75	8	23	2460	914	3606
CA-NORTH	ACRES	216	75032	5871	5	39483	84888	205495
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	108	116	16	39	1844	622	2745
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	413	8950	1263	11	19930	29725	60292
NORTHERN	FIRE	747	47	20	32	667	678	2191
NORTHERN	ACRES	8248	4953	453	2858	13266	60064	89842
GB-EAST	FIRES	64	957		62	827	880	2790
GB-EAST	ACRES	781	105642		940	124045	42102	273510
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	612	4	16	109	207	966
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	479405	1	812	31410	61742	582341
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1161	206	16	44	717	1593	3737
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5479	5495	4568	1083	19398	20479	56502
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	330	593	24	55	420	559	1981
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2153	12898	300	175	44450	8819	68795
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	49	10531	456	11376
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40316	5526	61210
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1081	23390	701	25267
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37329	613153	18861	693408
TOTALS	FIRES	3162	2943	200	1441	42735	7859	58340
TOTALS	ACRES	142444	989537	39888	50169	1251974	439749	2913761

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 61,921
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 3,086,248

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0

GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1				1
SOUTHERN	ACRES			1100				1100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	1100	0	0	0	1100

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	66	9			314	406
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4801	7194			50057	66408
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	5	1		41	73
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	615	10		9512	10499
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		44	51
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		9305	9699
NORTHERN	FIRES	21	7	115		44	301	488
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	16008		4309	29906	57799
GB-EAST	FIRES		9	4	3	9	40	65
GB-EAST	ACRES		887	1890	177	1490	8876	13320
GB-WEST	FIRES		9		1		2	12
GB-WEST	ACRES		805		0		182	987
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	26	11		2	204	256
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21947	35634		500	59148	119431
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	114	3	2	50	190
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14836	303	762	26747	49540
EASTERN	FIRES	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRES	7		182	15	142	882	1228
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		53257	33902	87697	702286	877860
TOTAL	FIRES	90	145	512	35	522	2005	3309
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38789	148248	35921	139075	913185	1295633

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

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

NORTHWEST	70	50	42	183	7	19			667	1251
CA-NORTH	110	58	71	31	6	14	4		211	226
CA-SOUTH	31	5	11	4	9	2	1		139	108
NORTHERN	104	32	13	111	10	39			598	422
GB-EAST	30	11	29	19	15	10			232	37
GB-WEST	1	9	13	1	3	2			15	1
SOUTHWEST	6		8							
ROCKY MTN	5	3	9	10		2			29	24
EASTERN									12	
SOUTHERN	8									
TOTAL	365	168	196	359	50	88	5	0	1903	2069

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