

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2002 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 199 new fires were reported. Four of these became large fires, two in the Southern California Area and one each in the Rocky Mountain and Northwest Areas. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Rocky Mountain, Eastern Great Basin, Northern California and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage large fires in southwest Oregon and Northern California.

BISCUIT, Siskiyou and Six Rivers National Forests. A Unified Command between three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Martin, Bennett), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Bright), and the Oregon Department of Forestry (Sifford, Spichart, Oman) is in place. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Bateman and Frye) have been ordered. This fire, previously reported as the Florence fire, is burning on both sides of the California-Oregon border, 26 miles southwest of Grants Pass, OR. Active fire behavior was observed in mixed conifer forest and brush. Crews are constructing indirect and direct attack fireline, burning out and patrolling. The voluntary evacuation of Gasquet, CA has been lifted. The Illinois River Valley remains under an evacuation advisory; structure protection is in place. Cave Junction, Kerby, Selma, Agness, Gardner Ranch and McCaleb Ranch are threatened.

TILLER COMPLEX, Umpqua National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) and US Army Task Force Destroyer (1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by Lt. Col. David R. Byrn Sr., at Ft. Riley, KS are assigned. This complex, consisting of eight large and numerous small fires, is on the Tiller Ranger District and in the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Area, 25 miles east of Canyonville, OR. Active fire behavior with increased spotting, torching and running was observed in grass, brush and timber. Crews are building indirect and direct attack fireline and burning out where appropriate. Structure protection is in place in Ash Valley.

HEMLOCK, Willamette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is one half mile north of West Fir, OR. Observed fire behavior included torching, short runs and short range spotting in timber and brush. Crews made good progress constructing fireline on all divisions. Burn out operations on the west perimeter are nearing completion. A voluntary evacuation of West Fir is in place.

DEER POINT, Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) to a Type 3 organization will occur at 0600 PDT. This fire is seven miles northwest of Chelan, WA and is burning in sagebrush, ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine. Fire behavior included creeping, torching and short runs in the interior and in the Grade Creek drainage. Crews are mopping up and rehabilitating firelines.

MONUMENT-MALHEUR COMPLEX, Malheur National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) has been ordered. The Monument fire has been added to the Malheur Complex and is nine miles southwest of Unity, OR. Minimal fire activity was observed in mixed conifer forest, ponderosa pine and sagebrush. Crews are mopping up, rehabilitating firelines and patrolling.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BISCUIT	OR	SIF	333,891	25	UNK	6,081	161	226	54	12	34.7M
TILLER COMPLEX	OR	UPF	40,124	25	UNK	1,894	64	48	11	0	15.8M
HEMLOCK	OR	WIF	130	50	8/14	443	15	5	4	0	810K
DEER POINT	WA	WEF	40,665	75	UNK	246	2	17	1	9	15.6M
MONUMENT-MALHEUR COMPLEX	OR	MAF	43,605	95	8/17	614	17	24	3	0	27.9M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PINES, San Diego Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Ristow) is assigned. This fire is burning one half mile southeast of Julian, CA. Minimal fire behavior was observed in chaparral and bug kill timber. Crews are mopping up, patrolling and rehabilitating firelines. One additional residence and four outbuildings have been confirmed lost. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

PEAK, Cleveland National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Ramona, CA. Rapid runs were observed in bug kill timber and heavy brush. Crews are constructing direct attack fireline. Winacka and Whispering Oaks Girl Scout Camp, and portions of Pine Hills and North Peak remain evacuated.

MCNALLY, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is burning in heavy brush and mixed conifer forest, nine miles north of Kernville, CA. Active fire behavior with short runs and spotting was observed on the east and northwest flanks. The fire has crossed onto the Inyo National Forest and continues to advance northeast in the Golden Trout Wilderness Area. Burn out operations on the east flank from Manzanita Knob to Osa Flat were successfully completed. Crews are constructing direct attack fireline and burning out on the northwest and east flanks with support from aerial resources. Twelve residences remain threatened; structure protection is in place.

FT. HUNTER LIGGET ASSIST #2, San Benito-Monterey Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is burning in grass and brush, 15 miles south of King City, CA. No further information was reported.

WOLF COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Complex, comprised of the Wolf, Lukens, Morrison and Marshall fires, is one mile west of White Wolf Lodge. The complex is being managed for resource benefit. Personnel are constructing fireline and creating defensible space around structures. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HEL	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PINES	CA	MVU	61,636	85	8/11	2,730	98	124	17	153	19.8M
PEAK	CA	CNF	150	75	8/11	617	13	90	12	0	NR
MCNALLY	CA	SQF	117,447	70	UNK	1,392	42	44	12	1	27.9M
FT. HUNTER LIGGETT ASSIST #2	CA	BEU	500	0	UNK	185	5	45	14	0	NR
WOLF COMPLEX	CA	YNP	149	0	UNK	7	0	0	0	0	5K

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

KETCHEM CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (McKnight) is assigned. This fire is four miles northeast of Circle Hot Springs, AK. Higher relative humidity minimized fire activity in black spruce, taiga and hardwood forest. Crews made good progress mopping up the north, west and south flanks.

GESKAKMINA LAKE, Tanana Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wilcock) is assigned. This fire is 70 miles west of Fairbanks, AK. Precipitation reduced fire activity in black spruce, muskeg and hardwood forest. Personnel are protecting structures along the Kantishna River and at West Twin Lake, Kindanina Lake and Mucha Lake.

NORTH FORK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A transfer of command from Kurth's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur at 0600 ADT. This fire is burning two miles north-northwest of Medfra, AK in black spruce, tussock tundra and hardwood forest. Creeping and smouldering fire behavior was observed with some small runs in the northwest interior. Crews are mopping up the southwest flank. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

MINCHUMINA GROUP, Tanana Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This group of fires, consisting of the Sischu, John Hansen Lake, John Hansen Creek and Moose Lake fires, is five miles northwest of Lake Minchumina, AK. Heavy showers contributed to minimal fire activity in black spruce, muskeg and hardwood forest. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

REINDEER, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 29 miles northeast of Holycross, AK. Active fire behavior was observed on the south flank in black spruce, tussock tundra and hardwood forest. Crews are providing structure protection.

KOCACHO #2, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is burning 20 miles northeast of Venetie, AK in black spruce and tussock tundra. Precipitation limited fire behavior to smouldering and creeping. Smokejumpers and crews are providing structure protection on the south and southeast flanks.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KETCHEM CREEK	AK	UYD	5,255	42	8/15	155	6	1	2	0	917K
GESKAKMINA LAKE	AK	TAD	256,000	0	UNK	86	2	0	3	0	608K
NORTH FORK	AK	SWS	29,626	50	UNK	113	4	0	1	0	827K
MINCHUMINA GROUP	AK	TAD	196,584	0	UNK	8	1	0	0	0	315K
REINDEER	AK	SWS	156,000	0	UNK	41	2	0	1	0	NR
KOCACHO #2	AK	UYD	24,500	0	UNK	24	1	0	0	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VULCAN, Gunnison Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 13 miles south of Gunnison, CO. Low to moderate fire activity was observed in Douglas fir, aspen, sagebrush and grass. Engine crews are constructing fireline and hot-spotting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VULCAN	CO	GND	164	70	8/12	32	0	3	1	0	NR
CABIN CREEK	WY	SH1X	2,600	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

SH1X = Sheridan and Clearmont Counties

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SEQUOIA, Dixie National Forest. This fire is 26 miles southwest of Cedar City, UT. Short runs, creeping and smouldering fire activity was observed in chaparral and ponderosa pine.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SEQUOIA	UT	DIF	8,125	97	UNK	88	3	1	2	0	2.5M
GARDEN VALLEY COMPLEX	ID	BOF	1,131	100	—	286	7	1	5	0	8.1M

BOF = Boise National Forest

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPE	CA	LNU	785	100	—	166	2	10	2	0	100K

LNU = Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAMPSON	TN	CNF	360	100	---	26	1	1	1	0	137K

CNF = Cherokee National Forest

OUTLOOK:

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST OREGON FOR STRONG NORTHEAST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL WYOMING FOR INCREASING WEST WINDS*****

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED ACROSS THE BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

Strong high pressure building into the Northwest Area will bring mostly sunny skies. High temperatures will be near 100 in southwest Oregon, in the 70's and 80's in Washington, and in the 80's to 90's in the remainder of the region. Minimum relative humidity will be in the teens and 20 percent range. Winds will be east to northeast, increasing over portions of western Oregon during the evening hours. Elsewhere, winds will be northwest to north at 5 to 15 mph.

The Southern California Area can expect sunny skies. High temperatures will be in the 80's near the coast, in the 80's to 105 in the mountains, in the 90's to 105 in the inland valleys, and 105 to 115 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 15 percent in the mountains, inland valleys and deserts, 15 to 25 percent in the coastal valleys, and above 40 along the coast. Winds will be southwest at 6 to 12 mph inland.

The Alaska Area can expect mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers. High temperatures will be in the 50's and 60's and minimum relative humidity will be generally above 50 percent. Winds will be variable at 5 to 10 mph in the north, southeast at 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph in south-central Alaska, and east to northeast at 15 to 25 mph in the southwest portion of the state.

A west-northwest flow over the Rocky Mountain Area will bring sunny skies with a chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms in northern Wyoming and western South Dakota. High temperatures will be in the 80's to low 90's at lower elevations and in the 70's and 80's in the mountains. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 16 percent at lower elevations in Colorado and 10 to 28 percent elsewhere. Winds will be northwest at 15 to 25 mph in the Black Hills, and west at 15 to 30 mph in the remainder of the area. Gusts to 40 mph are expected in southern and central Wyoming.

The Eastern Great Basin Area can expect mostly sunny skies. High temperatures will be 81 to 104 at lower elevations and 77 to 88 in the mountains. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 15 percent and winds will be northwest at 5 to 15 mph.

The Northern California Area can expect mostly sunny skies with patchy fog and low clouds along the coast. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's near the coast, low 80's to mid 90's in the mountains, and 101 to 111 in the inland valleys. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 18 percent and winds will be variable to 10 mph.



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Topic of Choice:

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		0		0	3		3
	ACRES		16,245		40,585	64,900		121,730
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1				7	2	10
	ACRES	300				12	1,845	2,157
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES					13	3	16
	ACRES					912	1	913
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES				0	43	4	47
	ACRES				9	1,340	1,233	2,582
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	3			1	2	4	10
	ACRES	11			50	10	1	72
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1	1			1	2	5
	ACRES	10	0			1	66	77
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1	2			3	3	9
	ACRES	0	0			4	4	8
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES		5			1	2	8
	ACRES		243			1	0	244
EASTERN	FIRES					58		58
	ACRES					29		29
SOUTHERN	FIRES					30	3	33
	ACRES					151	2	153
TOTAL	FIRES	6	8	0	1	161	23	199
	ACRES	321	16,488	0	40,644	67,360	3,152	127,965

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		30	30	9	446	16	531
	ACRES		274,463	216,111	112,483	1,251,750	16	1,854,823
NORTHWEST	FIRES	215	196	28	24	995	862	2,320
	ACRES	16,904	136,915	1,879	12	87,781	584,045	827,536
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	168	17	5	13	1,701	522	2,426
	ACRES	241	6,864	818	3,665	9,247	28,882	49,717
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	65	65	18	23	2,151	537	2,859
	ACRES	8,430	25,754	86	731	46,052	153,229	234,282
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRE	860	41	29	35	320	521	1,806
	ACRES	13,089	10,319	2,127	9,151	21,916	8,931	65,533
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	60	440	8	27	392	647	1,574
	ACRES	5,301	65,689	100	25	103,603	132,773	307,491
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	10	376	2	10	82	126	606
	ACRES	316	36,284	80	6	180	42,218	79,084
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,067	266	23	54	1,113	1,313	3,836
	ACRES	263,365	21,532	5,621	15,987	197,346	435,699	939,550
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	327	389	34	60	856	554	2,220
	ACRES	52,289	41,591	2,648	9,116	140,027	242,415	488,086
EASTERN	FIRES	762		19	29	9,016	319	10,145
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	581	56,589	3,350	93,701
SOUTHERN	FIRES	97		184	41	26,568	759	27,649
	ACRE	17,071		146,996	4,775	266,673	25,016	460,531
TOTALS	FIRES	3,631	1,820	380	325	43,640	6,176	55,972
	ACRES	408,962	619,411	377,691	156,532	2,181,164	1,656,574	5,400,334
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								57,594
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2,451,896

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			1,085				1,085
NORTHWEST	FIRES	22	103	30	10	6	256	427
	ACRES	6,145	9,238	2,691	254	292	40,010	58,630
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	7	14	10	11		86	128
	ACRES	163	1,269	19,894	231		9,943	31,500
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	1	2	6	7		97	113
	ACRES	70	24	286	671		17,226	18,277
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	9	11	103	2	44	289	458
	ACRES	725	1,765	15,578	108	4,478	19,155	41,809
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1	19	2	8	8	23	61
	ACRES	7	4,345	445	2,422	279	47,755	55,253
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						172	172
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	4	13	10			128	155
	ACRES	90	17,250	4,722			12,750	34,812
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	8	17	110	8	21	28	192
	ACRES	516	2,949	15,352	2,290	2,170	11,287	34,564
EASTERN	FIRES	21		281	8	495	143	948
	ACRES	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	20,866	135,014
SOUTHERN	FIRES	59		237	79	17,297	864	18,536
	ACRES	10,951		109,574	85,053	833,249	691,470	1,730,297
TOTAL	FIRES	132	179	790	133	17,871	1,919	21,024
	ACRES	27,376	36,840	212,513	91,466	902,584	870,634	2,141,413

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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						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES				15		4	19
	ACRES				14		1	15
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES				5		21	26
	ACRES				1		47	48
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						20	20
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES		8				1	9
	ACRES		851				1	852
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				100		800	900
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES		6				1	7
	ACRES		0				1,651	1,651
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				260			260
TOTAL	FIRES	0	14	0	23	0	35	72
	ACRES	0	851	0	375	0	2,521	3,747

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1,002	7,844
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	67	37,051
ALBERTA	1	202	1,141	539,844
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	83	10,245
SASKATCHEWAN	0	100	858	852,460
MANITOBA	1	7	734	84,143
ONTARIO	21	9	814	173,249
QUEBEC	5	48	527	888,606
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	122	35,657
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	208	207
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	199	198
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	67	5,249
TOTALS	30	366	5,822	2,634,753

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREW FED	CREW ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
ALASKA	26	20		1	3	4			101	52
NORTHWEST	122	183	147	237	4	65			1240	1213
CA-NORTH	15	10	53	23	2	11			125	68
CA-SOUTH	51	111	75	210	21	26			214	424
NORTHERN			3	6		1				
GB-EAST	8	3	4	2	2	6			63	49
GB-WEST	1	1	4	1					3	
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN	4		40	2	6	4	2		34	11
EASTERN			2	4					8	
SOUTHERN	5	1	6		3	2			55	7
TOTAL	232	329	334	486	41	119	2	0	1,843	1,824

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