

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2002 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate Area, and light elsewhere. Nationally, new fires were reported. large fires were reported in the Area. large fires were contained, Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Chesley) is assigned to manage large fires on the Umpqua National Forest. An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage the Biscuit fire.

BISCUIT, Siskiyou and Six Rivers National Forests. A Unified Command between two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Vail and Dash), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) and the Oregon Department of Forestry is in place. The fire is 26 miles southwest of Grants Pass, OR. Moderate fire behavior was observed on the northwest and west flanks in mixed conifer forest and brush. The fire made a run in Mislantah Creek on the west perimeter which produced numerous spot fires; dozers have initiated fireline construction. Crews are making good progress mopping up on the northwest flank. Structure protection is in place at Wilderness Retreat, Gardner Ranch, the Chetco Inn, Tolman Ranch and in the Pistol River drainage. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

TILLER COMPLEX, Umpqua National Forest. A Unified Command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Melton) and the Oregon Department of Forestry is in place. 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. Moderate fire behavior was observed in grass, brush and timber. Aerial ignition to burn out interior islands is underway. Crews are burning out, patrolling and mopping up. Structure protection is in place for sixty-seven residences.

APPLE, Umpqua National Forest. A Unified Command between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) and the Oregon Department of Forestry is in place. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) has been ordered. This fire is 21 miles east of Glide, OR. Moderate fire behavior was observed in heavy timber. Crews are constructing indirect attack fireline on the west and south flanks, and burning out. Structure protection is in place for twenty residences.

QUARTZ MT. COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Quartz Mountain, Middle Mountain, Beauty Peak Action #344 and Lake fires, is in the Pasayten Wilderness Area, northwest of Winthrop, WA. Active fire behavior was observed in lodgepole pine and subalpine fir on the Quartz Mountain and Middle Mountain fires. Personnel are providing structure protection at three administrative sites.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BISCUIT	OR	SIF	499,780	90	8/31	3,144	63	75	17	13	117M
TILLER COMPLEX	OR	UPF	68,686	85	9/2	1,481	44	48	10	0	41.8M
APPLE	OR	UPF	11,000	70	9/5	1,114	36	39	13	0	7.6M
QUARTZ MT COMPLEX	WA	OKF	1,160	0	UNK	28	0	0	1	0	341K

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LAKES COMPLEX, Santa Fe National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Lakes and Labor fires, is eight miles north of Jemez Pueblo, NM. Minimal fire activity was observed in mixed conifer forest. Crews made good progress constructing handline and mopping up the Lakes fire. Mop-up and fireline rehabilitation is underway on the Labor fire. State Route 126 has been reopened.

PACK RAT COMPLEX, Coconino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Pack Rat and 5 Mile fires, is eight miles east of Pine, AZ. Precipitation moderated fire activity in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer forest and chaparral. Crews made good progress constructing fireline.

TRICK, Kaibab National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles south-southeast of Williams, AZ. Moderate fire behavior was observed in ponderosa pine and brush. Crews are building indirect attack fireline in Sycamore Canyon in preparation for a burn out. Steep, inaccessible terrain and limited water sources are impeding containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LAKES COMPLEX	NM	SNF	4,289	70	8/31	713	25	30	1	4	1.1M
PACK RAT COMPLEX	AZ	COF	2,500	80	UNK	662	14	36	5	0	1.8M
TRICK	AZ	KNF	5,470	53	UNK	472	13	12	5	0	2.2M

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PASS CREEK, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles south of Lander, WY. Minimal fire activity was observed in lodgepole pine, spruce, and heavy down fuels. Crews made good progress constructing fireline. Residents in the Red Canyon area were allowed to return to their homes but remain under an evacuation alert. The Pass Creek area remains evacuated. Engine crews are providing structure protection for thirty residences and a commercial property.

MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX, Routt National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) has been ordered. This complex, comprised of the Burn Ridge and Hinman fires, is 25 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Precipitation moderated fire activity in heavy dead and down spruce, lodgepole pine and fir. Crews are holding the east flank of the Burn Ridge fire near the town of Walden. Personnel are improving fireline on the west flank of both fires in preparation for a burn out operation. Structure protection is in place in North Park and in the Seed House corridor. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

BIG FISH, White River National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. The Team is also managing the Lost Lakes fire. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which started on July 19<sup>th</sup>, is 34 miles southwest of Steamboat Springs, CO. The fire is being managed for resource benefit and a confinement strategy is in place. Light precipitation moderated fire behavior in heavy dead and down spruce, fir and aspen. Engine crews are providing structure protection at several guest ranches.

LOST LAKES, Routt National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use Incident, which started on July 8<sup>th</sup>, is 20 miles west of Yampa, CO. The fire is in monitor status and is being managed for resource benefit. Light precipitation moderated fire behavior in bug kill spruce and fir.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PASS CREEK	WY	SHF	12,629	50	UNK	572	14	23	7	0	1.8M
MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX	CO	RTF	30,969	47	10/5	866	26	12	2	0	6.1M
BIG FISH	CO	WRF	15,800	0	UNK	63	0	4	1	9	980K
LOST LAKES	CO	RTF	5,184	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR

**EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

JOHNSON, Fishlake National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) will assume command at 0600 MDT. This fire is 23 miles southeast of Richfield, UT. Running, crowning, torching and spotting up to one half mile ahead of the front were observed in spruce and fir. Campers in the Johnson Reservoir, 7 Mile and UM Pasture areas remain evacuated. Structure protection is in place for two ranches. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

BUCK HOLLOW, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire is four miles east of Lynn, UT. Rapid rates of spread were observed in grass and sagebrush. Heavy initial attack is underway.

COTTONWOOD, Fishlake National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) is assigned. This fire is six miles southwest of Marysvale, UT. Minimal fire activity was observed in subalpine fir, mountain mahogany, juniper and aspen. Crews are hot-spotting and mopping up on the east and west flanks. Structure protection is in place for the town of Marysvale.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JOHNSON	UT	FIF	350	0	9/3	294	10	21	1	0	NR
BUCK HOLLOW	ID	STF	2,000	0	UNK	61	4	4	1	0	NR
COTTONWOOD	UT	FIF	1,523	70	UNK	296	8	2	5	0	509K
DYNAMITE	UT	NWS	1,500	100	---	140	5	4	4	0	220K

NWS = Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

LYTLE, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles north of Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LYTLE	CA	BDF	100	0	UNK	438	19	20	5	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

### **\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN SOUTHWESTERN OREGON TONIGHT FOR GUSTY NORTHEAST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY\*\*\***

An upper level trough over the Northwest Area will bring sunny skies with a slight chance of wet thunderstorms east of the Cascade Mountains. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's. Minimum relative humidity will range from the upper teens to 30 percent in eastern Washington and Oregon, 35 to 50 percent in western Washington and northwest Oregon, and near 25 percent in southwest Oregon. Winds will be west to northwest at 10 to 20 mph, gusting to 30 mph in the Columbia Basin, Columbia River Gorge and along the east slope of the Cascade Mountains.

The Southwest Area can expect partly to mostly sunny skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in southern New Mexico and west Texas. Isolated thunderstorms are forecast in Arizona and northern New Mexico. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and upper 80's to 110 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 25 percent in Arizona, 20 to 40 percent in New Mexico and above 40 percent in Texas. Winds will be south to west at 10 to 20 mph.

A west-southwest flow over the Rocky Mountain Area will bring sunny skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms in northern Wyoming and the Black Hills. Isolated thunderstorms are forecast in the southwestern Colorado mountains. High temperatures will be in the 60's, 70's and 80's in the mountains and in the 70's, 80's and 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in northern and central Wyoming and 14 to 30 percent in the remainder of the area. Winds will be southwest to south at 10 to 22 mph.

The Eastern Great Basin Area can expect mostly to partly sunny skies with showers and thunderstorms over central and northeastern Idaho and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. High temperatures will be 65 to 85 in the north and 80 to 102 in the south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 25 percent in Idaho and 2 to 15 percent in Utah. Winds will be west to southwest at 10 to 15 mph, gusting to 25 mph in the mountains of western Wyoming.

The Southern California Area can expect sunny skies with morning low clouds and fog near the coast and partly cloudy skies in the afternoon over the Sierra Nevada Mountains. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's along the coast, in the 80's and 90's in the mountains and inland valleys, and in the 90's to 110 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 15 percent in the deserts, 8 to 18 percent in the mountains, 15 to 30 percent in the inland valleys, and above 50 percent near the coast. Winds will be south to southwest at 10 to 20 mph in the mountains and deserts.

**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

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	31	30	9	450	17	538
	ACRES	4	573,218	343,947	128,938	1,152,270	16	2,198,393
NORTHWEST	FIRES	242	263	35	46	1,273	1,112	2,971
	ACRES	18,202	143,714	2,787	17	96,436	781,872	1,043,028
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	184	18	5	13	1,913	565	2,698
	ACRES	598	6,864	818	3,665	10,320	36,234	58,499
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	71	71	18	27	2,354	587	3,128
	ACRES	10,209	25,787	86	742	68,659	260,231	365,714
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRE	884	46	29	44	445	736	2,184
	ACRES	13,115	10,373	2,127	9,152	25,199	14,548	74,514
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	64	500	8	32	468	860	1,932
	ACRES	5,324	71,490	100	34	114,404	138,804	330,156
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	10	394	2	10	87	135	638
	ACRES	316	37,208	80	6	883	42,285	80,778
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,098	291	31	68	1,135	1,586	4,209
	ACRES	263,408	21,550	6,870	17,863	197,377	448,194	955,262
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	404	505	45	66	1,123	676	2,819
	ACRES	54,476	62,528	631	9,116	188,335	307,309	622,395
EASTERN	FIRES	762		19	31	10,275	337	11,424
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	60,832	3,364	97,986
SOUTHERN	FIRES	98		190	45	28,426	790	29,549
	ACRE	17,131		147,132	6,665	279,203	25,310	475,441
TOTALS	FIRES	3,818	2,119	412	391	47,949	7,401	62,090
	ACRES	414,739	952,732	505,803	176,807	2,193,918	2,058,167	6,302,166
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								63,459
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3,137,562

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**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	670		17,226	18,276
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	9	11	103	2	44	291	460
	ACRES	725	1,765	15,578	108	4,478	19,249	41,903
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1	19	2	8	8	24	62
	ACRES	7	4,345	445	2,422	279	47,905	55,403
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	121	8	21	28	203
	ACRES	516	2,949	17,416	2,290	2,170	11,287	36,628
EASTERN	FIRES	21		281	8	495	137	942
	ACRES	8,709		42,886	437	62,116	15,909	130,057
SOUTHERN	FIRES	59		237	82	17,300	874	18,552
	ACRES	10,951		109,574	95,553	833,389	700,497	1,749,964
TOTAL	FIRES	132	179	801	136	17,874	1,926	21,048
	ACRES	27,376	36,840	214,577	101,965	902,724	874,948	2,158,430

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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						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES				16		4	20
	ACRES				373		1	374
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES				12		33	45
	ACRES				3,601		3,213	6,814
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						3,203	3,203
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES		8				1	9
	ACRES		851				1	852
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				380		3,949	4,329
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES		8				3	11
	ACRES		636				20,984	21,620
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				260			260
TOTAL	FIRES	0	16	0	31	0	59	106
	ACRES	0	1,487	0	4,614	0	31,353	37,454

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	55	137	1,492	8,098
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	69	37,051
ALBERTA	9	4	1,219	540,372
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	85	29,178
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	869	856,122
MANITOBA	0	0	751	82,485
ONTARIO	5	492	909	175,265
QUEBEC	13	0	642	885,906
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	135	35,694
NEW BRUNSWICK	5	1	281	244
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	237	216
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	77	7,085
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>6,766</b>	<b>2,657,716</b>

**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										
NORTHWEST										
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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