

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2002 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 84 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. Five large fires were contained, one each in the Rocky Mountain, Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin, Southwest and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Wyoming.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CURVE, Angeles National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This fire is 30 miles north of Azusa, CA. The fire has spread into the San Gabriel and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas. Moderate to low intensity fire behavior was observed in mixed conifer forest and heavy brush. Crews made good progress on the east and west flanks. Two hundred buildings are threatened; structure protection is in place. Highways 2 and 39 are closed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CURVE	CA	ANF	18,776	52	9/10	1,938	56	76	13	73	7.5M

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

THOMPSON CREEK, White River National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is six miles southwest of Carbondale, CO. Precipitation moderated fire activity in grass, Douglas fir, gambel oak and aspen. Crews made good progress constructing fireline.

MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX, Routt National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Burn Ridge and Hinman fires, is 25 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Precipitation reduced fire activity in heavy dead and down spruce, lodgepole pine and fir. Crews made good progress cold trailing, hot-spotting and mopping up.

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 began 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. Torching and spotting were observed in heavy dead and down spruce, fir and aspen. Personnel are holding confinement lines along the north fork of the White River. Structure protection is in place 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 began 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. Higher relative humidity and trace 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
THOMPSON CREEK	CO	WRF	200	50	9/9	171	7	4	2	0	175K
MT. ZIRKEL COMPLEX	CO	RTF	31,014	80	9/25	491	11	5	10	0	12.4M
BIG FISH	CO	WRF	16,300	0	UNK	81	1	4	2	9	1.5M
LOST LAKES	CO	RTF	5,184	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
COMMISSARY RIDGE	WY	RSD	3,500	100	---	503	11	15	4	2	4.2M

RSD = Rock Springs District, Bureau of Land Management

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

APPLE, Umpqua National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles east of Glide, OR. Creeping, smouldering and occasional torching were observed in heavy timber. Crews are mopping up, holding and rehabilitating fireline. Twenty residences remain threatened; structure protection is in place.

OFFICE BRIDGE, Willamette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This fire is burning one half mile north of Westfir, OR. Minimal fire behavior was observed in brush and timber. Crews made good progress mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
APPLE	OR	UPF	17,600	95	9/8	654	19	35	6	0	16.3M
OFFICE BRIDGE	OR	WIF	160	80	9/9	364	9	12	2	0	1.5M

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

KRAFT SPRING COMPLEX, Custer National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Kraft Spring, Stern, Craig Pass and Clarkson fires, is 30 miles southeast of Ekalaka, MT. The Stern, Craig Pass and Clarkson fires are in patrol status. Minimal fire behavior was observed on the Kraft Spring fire in heavy dead and down timber, ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grass. Crews made good progress improving fireline and mopping up. Evacuation orders for five residences were lifted yesterday; structure protection remains in place. A barn was confirmed lost during a major run to the east on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KRAFT SPRING COMPLEX	MT	CNF	69,900	85	9/8	761	14	89	5	1	1.6M
COW CREEK	MT	SOS	5,495	100	---	113	3	15	0	2	223K

SOS = Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

**EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JOHNSON	UT	FIF	1,849	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	1.9M

FIF = Fishlake National Forest

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GOAT	NM	N2S	595	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	223K

N2S = Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED HILLS	TN	TNS	100	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR

TNS = Tennessee Division of Forestry

## **OUTLOOK:**

The Southern California Area can expect mostly sunny skies with morning low clouds and fog along the coast. High temperatures will be in the 70's in coastal areas, mid 60's to mid 80's in the mountains, in the 80's in the valleys and in the 80's and 90's in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 30 percent in the mountains, inland valleys and deserts, and above 45 percent near the coast. Winds will be southwest to west at 8 to 18 mph in the mountains and deserts.

The Rocky Mountain Area can expect isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 50's and 60's in the mountains and in the 60's to mid 80's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent along the east slope of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and 35 to 50 percent elsewhere. Winds will be southeast at 10 to 20 mph east of the Continental Divide in Colorado, north at 10 to 20 mph in northern Wyoming and the Black Hills, and southwest at 12 to 22 mph in the remainder of the area.

A weak high pressure system over the Northwest Area will bring partly sunny skies with a chance of showers east of the Cascade Mountains in Washington and northern Oregon. High temperatures will be in the 80's in southwest Oregon and in the 60's to mid 70's elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will range from 35 to 70 percent west of the Cascade Mountains and 20 to 35 percent in the remainder of the area. Winds will be upslope, up valley and light.

A westerly flow over the Northern Rockies Area will bring mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies with showers and thunderstorms in North Dakota and eastern Montana. High temperatures will be 60 to 80. Minimum relative humidity will range from 45 to 55 percent in North Dakota, 30 to 40 percent in Montana and 15 to 25 percent in northern Idaho. Winds will be west to north at 5 to 15 mph.

Tropical moisture moving across the Eastern Great Basin Area will bring scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be mid 50's to mid 80's. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 30 percent in western Idaho and 40 to 60 percent elsewhere. Winds will be west to southwest at 10 to 20 mph.

The Southwest Area can expect partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms across Arizona and the western two thirds of New Mexico. High temperatures will be in the 50's to 70's in the mountains and 80's to near 102 at the lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 20 to 40 percent in the valleys and 30 to 60 percent in the mountains. Winds will be southeast to southwest at 10-20 mph.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

## **TRANSITION**

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transition periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. Many fatalities, serious injuries or incidents with potential have occurred during transition periods. Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES—Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- X No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel
- X Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed
- X Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changed due to the increased demands on the system.
- X Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
- X Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.

Mitigation actions to take:

- X Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
- X Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
- X Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and ensure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	1			17	7	26
	ACRES	35	15			2	205	257
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES					10	2	12
	ACRES					187	0	187
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES		1			16	7	24
	ACRES		1			55	522	578
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	1				2	2	5
	ACRES	1				95	14,902	14,998
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	1					0	1
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					1	10	11
	ACRES					0	42	42
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
SOUTHERN	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					100	17	117
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>85</b>

	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>15,689</b>	<b>16,181</b>
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**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	32	31	10	452	17	543
	ACRES	4	581,096	345,609	133,708	1,130,847	16	2,191,280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	252	304	36	48	1,392	1,197	3,229
	ACRES	18,240	147,582	2,792	39	98,756	809,766	1,077,175
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	204	19	5	13	2,029	585	2,855
	ACRES	610	6,864	818	3,665	11,714	36,278	59,949
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	71	76	18	28	2,472	634	3,299
	ACRES	10,209	25,790	86	743	69,568	266,751	373,147
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRE	919	51	32	46	510	872	2,430
	ACRES	13,872	10,537	2,178	9,153	30,784	83,928	150,452
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	69	519	8	42	521	944	2,103
	ACRES	5,326	71,387	100	33	114,580	140,913	332,339
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	10	413	2	10	91	144	670
	ACRES	316	37,401	80	6	884	42,299	80,986
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,117	291	31	70	1,159	1,686	4,354
	ACRES	263,424	21,550	6,870	17,865	198,069	448,606	956,384
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES	409	531	45	66	1,136	716	2,903
	ACRES	54,476	62,626	631	9,116	183,769	309,112	619,730
EASTERN	FIRES	762		19	31	10,452	347	11,611
	ACRES	31,956		1,225	609	61,378	3,369	98,537
SOUTHERN	FIRES	100		190	45	28,607	802	29,744
	ACRE	17,161		147,132	6,665	281,878	25,334	478,170
TOTALS	FIRES	3,914	2,236	417	409	48,821	7,944	63,741
	ACRES	415,594	964,833	507,521	181,602	2,182,227	2,166,372	6,418,149
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65,706



TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES	3,316,762
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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



**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	11	11		86	129
	ACRES	163	1,269	19,942	231		9,943	31,548
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES	1	2	6	7		97	113
	ACRES	70	24	286	670		17,226	18,276
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES	9	11	104	2	44	297	467
	ACRES	725	1,765	15,698	108	4,478	21,436	44,210
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES	1	20	2	12	9	24	68
	ACRES	7	6,545	445	2,422	379	47,905	57,703
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	882	18,560
	ACRES	10,951		109,574	95,553	833,389	705,253	1,754,720
TOTAL	FIRES	132	180	803	140	17,875	1,940	21,070
	ACRES	27,376	39,040	214,745	101,965	902,824	881,891	2,167,841

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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						6	6
	ACRES						12	12
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	FIRES				16		4	20
	ACRES				1,383		1	1,384
NORTHERN ROCKIES	FIRES				14		41	55
	ACRES				3,601		3,690	7,291
EASTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				0		3,468	3,468
WESTERN GREAT BASIN	FIRES		8				1	9
	ACRES		851				1	852
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				380		4,485	4,865
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	FIRES		12				3	15
	ACRES		668				21,484	22,152
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				260			260
TOTAL	FIRES	0	20	0	34	0	72	126
	ACRES	0	1,519	0	5,624	0	33,141	40,284

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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	1,562	8,202
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	69	37,051
ALBERTA	0	0	1,233	540,376
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	85	29,178
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	873	852,501
MANITOBA	0	0	751	82,473
ONTARIO	0	0	942	173,021
QUEBEC	0	0	718	886,253
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	137	35,694
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	286	249
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	245	218
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	79	7,085
TOTALS	0	0	6,980	2,652,301

\*\*\*This will be the last information update for CIFFC until 09/12/2002\*\*\*

**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	13	75	35	135	4	19			829	534
CA-NORTH	6	11	7	13			1			56
CA-SOUTH	36	23	77	10	11	3			125	151
NORTHERN	19	1	39	73	1	5			141	58
GB-EAST			7	3	2				8	
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	5		4	2	2	1			33	10

ROCKY MTN	25	9	16	25	5	18	2		267	150
EASTERN									64	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	104	119	185	261	25	46	3	0	1,467	959

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