# INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT TUESDAY JULY 1, 2003 - 0530 MDT NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

## **CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern California, Southern California and Northern Rockies Areas and light elsewhere with 156 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, four in the Southern California Area and one in the Northwest Area. Five large fires were contained, three in the Southern California Area and one each in the Northwest and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

## NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

DAVIS, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles west of La Pine, OR. Active fire behavior was observed in lodgepole pine, Douglas fir, white fir and ponderosa pine. Crews made good progress constructing fireline and are conducting burn out operations from the base of Davis Mountain and Hamner Butte. Contingency planning with Klamath and Deschutes Counties for potential evacuation of rural subdivisions has been completed. Several residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

TIMBERLINE, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is ten miles east of Omak, WA. Torching and spotting were observed in timber and grass. Crews are constructing handline and conducting burn out operations. Structure protection is in place at five residences.

SULPHER CREEK, Western Lane District, Oregon Department of Forestry. This fire is in timber and grass, five miles southeast of Mapleton, OR. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DAVIS	OR	DEF	14,000	40	7/5	643	24	25	3	0	739K
TIMBERLINE	WA	COA	250	25	7/2	85	2	9	1	0	NR
SULPHUR CREEK	OR	78S	650	40	UNK	160	6	0	4	0	825K
DAISY HILL ROAD	OR	71S	112	100		91	4	4	0	4	NR

71S = Southwest Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

APEX, Southwest State, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is in brush, pinyon pine and juniper, 12 miles west of St. George, UT. Erratic winds caused significant runs and long range spotting. The fire has crossed Highway 91. Crews are constructing fireline and holding along Bulldog Road. Forty residences and several commercial properties are threatened; structure protection is in place. One commercial property was lost.

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) will assume command today. This fire is in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, 25 miles west of Blanding, UT. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Minimal fire activity was observed in mixed conifer. Smokejumpers successfully prevented the fire from backing into Woodenshoe Canyon.

FIN CANYON, Southeast State, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This fire is 18 miles west of Price, UT. Minimal fire activity was observed in mixed conifer and logging slash. Crews are mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG		STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
APEX	UT	SWS	22,000	0	UNK	204	6	9	0	1	510K
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	750	0	UNK	38	1	1	0	0	NR
FIN CANYON	UT	SES	100	90	7/3	108	4	1	2	0	NR

## **SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

JENNY, Gila National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This lightning caused fire is in mixed conifer, pinyon pine and oak, 45 miles northwest of Truth or Consequences, NM. Low to moderate fire behavior with isolated torching was observed. Crews made good progress building direct attack fireline. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

DRY LAKE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Duncan) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry Lake, Sycamore, Moonshine and Granny fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior was observed in decadent stands of mixed conifer, pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass. Crews completed trail preparation and are monitoring the Dry Lake and Moonshine fires.

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A transfer of command from Humphrey's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Kvale's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today at 1800 MST. This fire is in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Group torching and short range spotting were observed in mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and brush. Crews are patrolling, mopping up and rehabilitating fireline. Extremely steep slopes, large rock outcrops and rugged ridgelines are hampering containment efforts on the southwest perimeter.

POWELL, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in ponderosa pine, grass, gambel oak and manzanita, 23 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire spread south and southwest with occasional short, uphill runs observed in brush on the east and west slopes of the Powell Plateau.

SECO, Gila National Forest. A transfer of command from Bradley's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is in the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Area, 15 miles southwest of Winston, NM. The fire is being managed with a confine/contain strategy. Minimal fire activity was observed in mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, oak and grass. Crews are constructing handline and preparing trails for possible mitigation actions.

	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST	TOTL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ CTD
INCIDENT NAME				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	CTD
JENNY	NM	GNF	6,400	70	UNK	386	11	10	3	0	1.2M
DRY LAKE COMPLEX	NM	GNF	39,020	0	UNK	88	6	0	2	0	1M
ASPEN	ΑZ	CNF	40,500	65	UNK	468	6	26	7	323	8.5M
POWELL	ΑZ	GCP	2,440	0	UNK	37	0	0	1	0	343K
SECO	NM	GNF	5,300	25	UNK	227	5	0	3	0	753K
HELEN'S 2	ΑZ	SAP	3,498	100		378	7	0	7	0	3.6M

SAP = Saguaro National Park

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES

TEJON, Kern County Fire Department. A California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Incident Command Team (Kerrigan) is assigned. This fire is three miles north of Lebec, CA on Interstate 5. Minimal fire activity was observed in grass and brush. Crews are mopping up. The voluntary evacuation request has been lifted. Structure protection remains in place for a primary power transmission line and residences in Frazier Park and Lebec.

MOUNTAIN, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is four miles southeast of San Andreas, CA. Torching and spotting were observed in oak woodland and grass. Crews are constructing fireline, mopping up and patrolling.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TEJON	CA	KRN	1,200	70	7/1	841	17	57	7	0	772K
MOUNTAIN	CA	TCU	100	25	7/1	308	13	19	1	0	NR
CHIMNEY	CA	TIA	565	100		NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
I-5	CA	MMU	1,500	100		55	0	12	3	0	NR
ROYCE	CA	BBD	320	100		5	0	1	0	2	NR

TIA = Tule River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

MMU = Merced-Mariposa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

BBD = Bakersfield District, Bureau of Land Management

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

FRIDAY, Six Rivers National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This fire is on Highway 299, one mile west of Salyer, CA. Active fire behavior was observed in mixed conifer and manzanita. Crews are building and improving handline. Several residences are threatened; structure protection is in place.

97, Siskiyou Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is ten miles northeast of Weed, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed in brush. Crews are mopping up. A residence previously reported as lost was confirmed to be an outbuilding.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FRIDAY	CA	SRF	485	90	7/1	639	21	33	2	0	300K
97	CA	SKU	205	95	7/1	54	2	7	0	1	120K

### **OUTLOOK:**

**Red Flag Warnings:** In west-central and southwestern Utah and portions of southwestern Idaho for strong winds and low relative humidity; in north-central Nevada for strong southwest winds and low relative humidity.

**Fire Weather Watches:** In portions of southeastern Idaho for strong winds and low relative humidity; in portions of northern Idaho and western Montana for isolated dry lightning and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** An upper trough off the Pacific Northwest coast and a high pressure ridge over the central states will produce a relatively dry southwest flow over much of the West. However, a disturbance in the flow will bring a threat of thunderstorms to Montana. The Southwest will continue to see some thunderstorm activity over New Mexico and eastern Arizona. The Southeast will see heavy rains from the remains of Tropical Storm Bill. Generally dry weather covers the Northeast except for scattered showers in New England. In Alaska, a low pressure system brings showers to the west and central interior, while the eastern interior stays generally warm and dry.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN AREA Partly cloudy, mild and breezy across the northwestern half of Minnesota	81 to 86	35 to 45%	South increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Breezy and very dry. Otherwise mostly sunny with seasonal warmth in Idaho and western Wyoming, hot elsewhere.	Idaho, Bridger- Teton: 68 to 79 mountains, 80 to 91 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 75 to 90 mountains, 90 to 106 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger- Teton, northern half Utah: 12 to 25% mountains, 5 to 17% valleys. Southern half Utah and Arizona Strip: 2 to 15%	West at 10 to 25 mph over Idaho and western Wyoming, southwest at 10 to 25 mph over western Utah, and southwest at 5 to 15 mph eastern Utah.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear except for night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and in the coastal valleys.	60s near the coast. 70s and 80s inland and at higher elevations, 80s and 90s lower elevations	9 to 18% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 18 to 35% west of the crest	Southwest to west 8 to 18 mph in the afternoon with gusts 25 to 30 mph along and east of the Sierra Cascade Crest
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Isolated showers and thunderstorms	Idaho: 80 to 90 Southwest Montana: 80 to 90	Idaho: 18 to 28%  Southwest  Montana: 15 to 25%	Idaho: west at 10 to 20 mph  Southwest Montana: southwest at 10 to 20 mph
NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy western Washington and northwestern Oregon. Mostly sunny eastern Oregon and much of eastern Washington except for a slight risk of a few light showers over northeastern Washington.	60s and 70s west of Cascades and 70s and 80s eastside.	Above 50% west side and 15 to 30% eastside except 5 to 16% southeast Oregon.	Westerly at 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph east of Cascades.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Dry except Black Hills and southeast Colorado with isolated afternoon thunderstorms.	Low elevations 90s, with 70s to lower 80s mountains.	10 to 25% western portions, 30 to 45% eastern sections.	Southwest at 10 to 20 mph western sections, southeast at 10 to 25 mph in the east.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	75 to 90 mountains 85 to 100 valleys 90 to 105 upper deserts 100 to 115 low deserts	8 to 15% deserts 15 to 25% mountains 25 to 40% valleys.	Southwest to northwest at 10 to 20 mph
SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny and dry in Arizona. Isolated dry thunderstorms in western New Mexico. Becoming partly to mostly cloudy with isolated wet thunderstorms in the rest of the area.	80s mountains, 100 to near 117 lower elevations.	5 to 15% Arizona and western New Mexico, 15 to 25% central New Mexico, and 25% or more eastern New Mexico and western Texas.	Southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph in Arizona and western New Mexico, with a few gusts to 30 mph near the Mogollon Rim. South to southeast at 5 to 15 mph eastern New Mexico and western Texas.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA A trough of low pressure is moving through the northwestern states, bringing strong southwest to west winds to northern Nevada. Mostly sunny skies.	85 to 95 in the lower elevations, low 70s to mid 80s in upper elevations, with a maximum of 104 in the southern deserts.	4 to 12% lower elevations, 8 to 15% higher elevations, 12 to 25% in the Sierras	Southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph in the northern 2/3 of the state, south to southwest at 5 to 15 in the southern 1/3. Some parts of the northwest will have gusts to 45 mph.



# http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\_sixminutes.php

## SAFETY ZONES

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

- What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?
  - The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter.
     The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.
- How do you identify a good safety zone?
  - Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior and fuels in the area.
  - The best locations are usually "in the black;" those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
  - Size is sufficient for all present resources with a minimum distance from fire of at least four times the maximum flame length.
  - Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
  - Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	1		4		5
Alaska	ACRES		450	100		953		1,503
Northwest	FIRES	4	2			5	3	14
Northwest	ACRES	253	2			7	15,002	15,264
Northern California	FIRES	1				27	1	29
	ACRES	0				290	335	625
Southern California	FIRES	0				18	5	23
	ACRES	565				10	2	577
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11				10	16	37
	ACRES	227				4	7	238
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			6	1	9
	ACRES	1	15,334			9	254	15,598
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		26					26
Southwest	FIRES	1					6	7
	ACRES	1					30	31
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
,	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					20	1	21
	ACRES					43	1	44
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
Codinom Alea	ACRES					13		13
TOTAL	FIRES	18	5	1	0	98	34	156
	ACRES	1,047	15,812	100	0	1,329	15,632	33,920

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	13	14	10	310	7	356
Alaska	ACRES	20	1,318	43,935	3,517	157,606	0	206,396
	FIRES	39	46	4	9	329	156	583
Northwest	ACRES	2,990	173	1,001	5	965	16,182	21,316
	FIRES	44	1	1		1		870
Northern California	ACRES	23	0	1	6,510	9,067	555	16,156
	FIRES	24				,	197	
Southern California	ACRES	729	1,368	355	2	5,176	545	8,175
	FIRES	474				1		
Northern Rockies	ACDEC	2 224		704		40.204	1 120	04.747
	ACRES FIRES	3,221		701	5	,	1,430 178	
Eastern Great Basin		-						
	ACRES	1,179			0	,		
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	139	1	2	25	24	194
Western Great Dasin	ACRES	0	1,582	0	0	507	594	2,683
Southwest	FIRES	373	89	12	9	530	661	1,674
Southwest	ACRES	2,138	3,402	1,288	3,391	12,602	71,584	94,405
Dooley Mountain	FIRES	52	263	22	17	433	126	913
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	161	147	1,584	202	3,362	593	6,049
	FIRES	905		65	16	8,112	395	9,493
Eastern Area	ACRES	52,186		6,591	685	107,343	5,491	172,296
	FIRES	104		14		10,348		
Southern Area	ACRES	20,412		3,719	756	151,509	8,768	185,164
	FIRES	2,032	-				-	
TOTAL	ACRES	83,059	36,924	59,175	15,068	466,147	106,645	767,018

Ten Year Average Fires	42,633
Ten Year Average Acres	1,325,564

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>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
	FIRES							0
Alaska	ACRES		-	<u> </u>				0
	FIRES		1					0
Northwest	ACRES		-	-		-	-	0
	FIRES							0
Northern California			_	-	-			
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
Countries Camornia	ACRES				1,335			1,335
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			İ				0
	ACRES		_	-				0
	FIRES		1		1			1
Western Great Basin	ACRES		_	-	70			70
	FIRES				10			0
Southwest			_		-			
	ACRES				<u> </u>			0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1			1
receive would have	ACRES				100			100
	FIRES							0
Eastern Area	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES		-	-	<u> </u>			0
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TOTAL			-		-			
	ACRES	C	0 0	<u>)</u> C	1,505	0	0	1,505

# PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
Alaska	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	90	146	5		217	486
Northwest	ACRES	5,351	10,896	4,675	88		28,180	49,190
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	99	16		127	255
	ACRES	31	273	15,958	2,193		9,712	28,167
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	2,084		13,641	16,373
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	312	430
NOTHIGHT NOONES	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	14,997	31,006
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	12	32	19	4	3	226	296
	ACRES	3,332	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,043
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	76	9	10	73	208
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,261	9,542	132	5,683	30,672
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		308	16	443	194	984
Lastonii / troa	ACRES	10,562		56,030	1,823	78,470	26,708	173,593
Southern Area	FIRES	53		254	63	11,457	1,143	12,970
Oodinelli Alba	ACRES	19,379		90,182	81,178	715,304	881,098	1,787,141
TOTAL	FIRES	157	178	976	124	11,951	2,406	15,792
	ACRES	40,893	45,552	228,589	102,865	798,133	1,029,577	2,245,609

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

# WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES							0
Alaska	ACRES	_			-			0
Northwest	FIRES							0
			_	-	-		_	
	ACRES						_	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				С		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				750		80,723	81,473
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	İ	15	5	2		1	18
	ACRES		112	2	C		1	113
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0 15	C			0 17	
	ACRES		0 112	2 0	1,581		0 80,725	82,418

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# **CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE	
British Columbia	56	164	488	3,778	
Yukon Territory	6	825	46	3,723	
Alberta	11	1	474	2,451	
Northwest Territory	6	3,333	51	3,851	
Saskatchewan	8	24	247	38,894	
Manitoba	43	3,939	654	196,117	
Ontario	4	19,635	610	264,504	
Quebec	34	585	464	48,695	
Newfoundland	8	0	95	1,142	
New Brunswick	7	3	134	172	
Nova Scotia	2	0	199	1,261	
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	
National Parks	0	0	6	343	
Total	185	28,508	3,468	564,932	

# RESOURCES 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	2	9				2			1	13
Northwest	12	27	11	37	5	6			126	46
Northern California	33	24	49	66	4	4			49	21
Southern California	6	41	31	125	12	6			17	692
Northern Rockies	4		16	3	3				4	
Eastern Great Basin	10	6	19	13	6	1			57	
Western Great Basin	3			1	3				10	
Southwest	38	6	13	41	13	12			561	286
Rocky Mountain			2				1		4	2
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	108	113	141	286	46	31	1	0	829	1060

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER \*\*\*