

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 108 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, one each in Southern California, Northern California, Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Four large fires were contained, two in the Southern California Area and one each in Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TRINITY, San Bernardino National Forest. This fire is five miles northwest of Anza, CA in chaparral. High temperatures, low humidity, gusty winds and heavy fuel loading are major concerns. Active fire behavior with a rapid rate of spread and spotting was observed.

CALAVERAS COMPLEX, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Heil) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Mineral fire and the previously reported Copper and Armstrong fires, is four miles southwest of Copperopolis, CA in brush. One spot fire was suppressed in the morning and some hot spots were located near containment lines. The Copper fire has been contained. All evacuations have been lifted.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TRINITY	CA	BDF	400	0	UNK	311	8	30	5	3	NR
CALAVERAS COMPLEX	CA	TCU	4,385	80	8/10	1,218	49	177	8	9	3.6M
EAST	CA	ANF	1,330	100	---	634	29	35	0	2	NR
MASONIC	CA	MMU	120	100	---	154	16	9	1	0	NR

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

ANF = Angeles National Forest

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Fire activity was minimal with some creeping and interior torching.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Minimal fire behavior with some creeping was observed.

RATTLESNAKE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 40 miles west of Yakima, WA in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fire activity was minimal with creeping reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	46,970	85	8/20	486	9	11	7	3	19.1M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	586	17	UNK	100	0	0	4	0	1.3M
RATTLESNAKE PEAK – WFU	WA	OWF	738	N/A	N/A	70	0	0	3	0	421K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MC CONKIE RANCH, Vernal Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Vernal, UT in logging slash and juniper. Wind-driven fire behavior and extremely dry fuels resulted in large fire growth.

HOME, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is eight miles southwest of Woodruff, UT in sagebrush. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MC CONKIE RANCH	UT	VLD	641	10	8/10	179	7	6	0	0	NR
HOME	UT	SLD	375	50	UNK	98	2	11	2	0	50K
CORN	ID	SCF	205	100	---	247	6	2	4	0	1.1M

SCF = Salmon-Challis National Forest

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAPRI LAKE, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. This fire is 14 miles south of Conner, MT in timber. Fire behavior was minimal. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAPRI LAKE	MT	BRF	155	85	8/11	349	14	1	6	0	802K
FOUNDATION	MT	EAS	250	100	---	60	1	8	1	0	NR

EAS = Eastern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Moderate fire behavior was observed in the headwaters of the Little Chena.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) has been ordered. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Canadian air tankers assisted suppression efforts. All fires in the complex were still active.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This previously reported complex, which began on 7/13, surrounds the community of Central, AK. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek and Wolf Creek fires, in spruce and hardwoods. The fires are within six miles of the community of Central, approaching from several directions. Significant runs with flame lengths up to 150 feet were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	507,562	35	UNK	89	2	3	1	29	16.8M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	842,402	15	UNK	166	7	2	3	6	6.8M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	258,700	0	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GRAVEL PIT, Rock Springs Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles south of Rock Springs, WY in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GRAVEL PIT	WY	RSD	438	75	UNK	NR	3	4	0	0	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SECTION 33, Voyageurs National Park. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Hall) to a Fire Use Management Team (Bird) will occur today. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 25 miles southeast of International Falls, MN in balsam, spruce and pine, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECTION 33 - WFU	MN	VOP	1,409	N/A	N/A	59	2	0	0	0	265K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

KINCAID, Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is 14 miles east-southeast of Milpitas, CA in heavy brush and oak woodlands. Wind-driven fire behavior in steep terrain was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KINCAID	CA	SCU	320	30	8/9	187	3	19	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A strong ridge of high pressure will bring hot and dry weather to most of the West except for cooler weather east of the Rockies. A few thundershowers can be expected over Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Warm and dry weather is also on tap for the central and eastern interior of Alaska.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA Sunny.	Mid 80s to 90s. 100 southwest Oregon.	West of Cascades: 20 to 30% north. 10 to 20% south. East of Cascades: 10 to 20%. Single digits in parts of southeast Oregon and Columbia Basin.	West of Cascades: West-northwest 6 to 12 mph in the afternoon. East of Cascades: Northeast-east 5 to 10 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Sunny. Utah, Arizona Strip: Sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 64 to 83 mountains. 83 to 96 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 76 to 90 mountains. 88 to 108 valleys. 108 to 116 Lake Mead.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 15 to 28% mountains. 9 to 18% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 12 to 19% mountains. 4 to 12% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest 8 to 12 mph except upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph in the Snake River Plain. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph except southwest 8 to 15 mph in southwest Utah.
ALASKA AREA Eastern Interior: Mostly sunny.	Eastern Interior: 70s to mid 80s.	Eastern Interior: 20 to 35%.	Eastern Interior: Southwest 5 to 10 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas; otherwise sunny.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 85 to 100 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper deserts. 105 to 115 lower deserts.	10 to 20% valleys. 8 to 20% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny except areas of fog and low clouds near the coast.	70s coast. 80s to mid 90s higher elevations. Mid 90s to 110 lower slopes and valleys.	5 to 15% east side. 10 to 20% remainder of inland valleys.	Northeast-east 5 to 12 mph in the morning; otherwise southeast- southwest 5 to 15 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered thunderstorms over Front Range of Colorado and eastern plains.	Upper 70s to 80s. 70s mountains.	Less than 20% across western Colorado and southwestern Wyoming.	South wind 10 to 30 mph over eastern South Dakota and Nebraska.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny.	88 to 100 north valleys. 92 to 104 south valleys. 76 to 92 mountains.	4 to 10% west valleys. 8 to 18% mountains.	Southwest to west 5 to 15 mph with local afternoon gusts to 25 mph.



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FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)

● Continued from above...

- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	1		2		3
	ACRES		11,300	5		5,000		16,305
Northwest	FIRES	3				5	5	13
	ACRES	3,709				6	1	3,716
Northern California	FIRES	2				13	5	20
	ACRES	0				21	0	21
Southern California	FIRES					14	6	20
	ACRES					82	500	582
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				5	6	12
	ACRES	0				201	2	203
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			2	2	12
	ACRES		678			0	1	679
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1			1		1	3
	ACRES	0			0		3	3
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	5	7
	ACRES	0				0	13	13
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		7			3	6	16
	ACRES		448			8	5	461
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						9	9
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	8	15	1	1	45	38	108
	ACRES	3,709	12,426	5	0	5,318	534	21,992

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	57	67	19	372	9	529
	ACRES	6,065	1,095,861	1,054,950	29,341	2,289,400	1	4,475,618
Northwest	FIRES	282	195	27	31	1,272	787	2,594
	ACRES	21,644	2,222	447	70	8,050	48,364	80,797
Northern California	FIRES	88	32	9	24	1,846	738	2,737
	ACRES	120	421	2	2	13,776	5,822	20,143
Southern California	FIRES	35	71	19	38	2,177	470	2,810
	ACRES	667	5,123	1,866	29	58,605	6,343	72,633
Northern Rockies	FIRES	873	61	19	13	639	548	2,153
	ACRES	5,132	1,448	1,062	3	14,929	4,673	27,247
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	35	677	6	33	350	496	1,597
	ACRES	93	29,491	11	34	5,077	45,023	79,729
Western Great Basin	FIRES	12	424	5	12	61	88	602
	ACRES	153	15,766	2,660	0	6,043	6,653	31,275
Southwest	FIRES	585	119	4	65	619	1,298	2,690
	ACRES	5,021	4,861	201	513	6,881	286,531	304,008
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	300	401	32	37	353	331	1,454
	ACRES	4,011	4,618	1,168	31	20,546	4,375	34,749
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	28	7,231	440	8,235
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,736	5,608	69,882
Southern Area	FIRES	129		56	42	24,365	562	25,154
	ACRES	15,802		7,544	1,067	313,108	73,184	410,705
TOTAL	FIRES	2,833	2,037	291	342	39,285	5,767	50,555
	ACRES	63,802	1,159,811	1,072,246	31,199	2,793,151	486,577	5,606,786

Ten Year Average Fires	55,964
Ten Year Average Acres	2,784,714

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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 Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	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					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	96	18		183	350
	ACRES	251	731	14,138	2,690		22,617	40,427
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	367	534
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,535	63,665
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	17	46	93
	ACRES	149	7,352	547	1,102	1,490	17,715	28,355
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	5			5	15
	ACRES		85	541			971	1,597
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	10		284	330
	ACRES	2,796	4,844	12,769	7,779		66,241	94,429
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	40	138	18	12	113	363
	ACRES	5,117	11,861	21,434	13,264	3,947	45,672	101,295
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		366	23	1,065	187	1,661
	ACRES	14,454		42,524	4,443	73,597	28,182	163,200
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	75	393	1,111	1,834
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	70,652	212,745	996,651	1,380,402
TOTAL	FIRES	217	212	956	161	1,537	2,627	5,710
	ACRES	40,781	34,354	201,773	101,724	296,942	1,285,026	1,960,600

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				52,266			52,266
Northwest	FIRES				2		6	8
	ACRES				1		506	507
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIRES				5		2	7
	ACRES				4,309		222	4,531
Northern Rockies	FIRES				9		28	37
	ACRES				0		44	44
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		34	35
	ACRES				0		4,955	4,955
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10		2			12
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				5		19	24
	ACRES				244		9,667	9,911
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		19		1	0	4	24
	ACRES		6,995		0	2,271	612	9,878
Eastern Area	FIRES				4		1	5
	ACRES				4,090		1	4,091
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	29	0	34	0	97	160
	ACRES	0	7,488	0	63,932	2,271	16,007	89,698

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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	1,727	178,798
Yukon Territory	1	100	245	1,366,889
Alberta	3	0	1,449	132,895
Northwest Territory	2	70	267	243,773
Saskatchewan	1	0	301	195,794
Manitoba	1	0	211	4,609
Ontario	6	3	304	1,468
Quebec	0	3	232	2,331
Newfoundland	0	0	121	8,377
New Brunswick	1	0	231	289
Nova Scotia	0	0	220	227
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	1	0	83	171,873
Total	16	170	5,409	2,307,338

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	3	7		5	2	4			29	62
Northwest	15	2	3	25	16	12			389	128
Northern California	12	14	6	57	7				1	25
Southern California	32	71	84	233	14	9	2		42	123
Northern Rockies	22		12	12	7	8			56	5
Eastern Great Basin	14	3	18	4	6				78	6
Western Great Basin	4		7		2				9	2
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	4	2	7	1		1			4	
Eastern Area	2								40	6
Southern Area										
Total	108	99	137	337	54	34	2	0	648	357

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