

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 107 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northwest and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce. Active surface fire with occasional torching was reported.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. 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. Active surface fire and torching continued within interior islands. Creeping and torching were reported on the perimeter.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Rock Creek, Preacher Creek, Middle Birch, Big Bluff and Takoma Bluff fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Higher winds and lower relative humidity increased fire activity. Occasional torching and isolated flare-ups occurred. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping and the removal of fires from the complex.

BOUNDARY, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Low intensity fire behavior was observed.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. No significant fire growth was reported.

TORS, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 30 miles east of Fairbanks, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Smoldering, creeping and occasional torching were observed.

EVANSVILLE, Tanana Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is one half mile southeast of Bettles, AK in black spruce. Smoky conditions hindered control efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	173,940	40	9/30	271	8	5	5	3	4.8M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,288,985	NR	UNK	409	13	15	6	6	12.9M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	451,162	25	UNK	85	2	5	2	15	9.3M
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	537,098	75	UNK	44	2	0	0	30	17.6M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	8,800	0	9/30	51	2	0	0	0	250K

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TORS	AK	FAS	30,614	50	UNK	11	0	1	1	0	96K
EVANSVILLE	AK	TAD	100,705	NR	UNK	18	0	0	1	0	NR

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte, Crescent Lake, Freezeout and Freezeout 2 fires, and the Devil's Creek and Jacks Wildland Fire Use incidents is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. Precipitation significantly slowed fire activity.

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Fire behavior was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	2,095	90	UNK	86	2	0	1	0	6M
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	90	UNK	207	3	6	5	3	27.1M
FISCHER	WA	OWF	16,439	100	---	137	2	6	1	1	15M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOAT HOUSE, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 4 miles northwest of Johnson Bayou, LA in tall grass. Thirty foot flame lengths were observed with a rapid rate of spread at the head of the fire.

WEST COVE 04-3W, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 10 miles south of Hackberry, LA in tall grass. Fuel within islands continued to smolder.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOAT HOUSE	LA	SBR	450	50	9/2	17	0	3	1	0	2K
WEST COVE 04-3W	LA	SBR	534	95	UNK	14	0	3	1	0	12K
COOPERTOWN	FL	EVP	2,400	100	---	11	0	3	2	0	10K

EVP = Everglades National Park

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. This fire is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	3,500	5	UNK	14	0	1	2	0	150K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WELL, Ute Mountain Ute Agency. This fire is 10 miles southeast of Red Mesa, CO in pinyon pine, juniper, sage brush and grass. Smoldering fire behavior with isolated torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WELL	CO	UMA	1,223	40	9/1	205	5	10	2	0	150K

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

DESERT, State of North Dakota. This fire is 5 miles south of Bismarck, ND in cottonwoods and tall grass. Smoldering and occasional surface fire were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DESERT	ND	NDS	350	85	9/1	29	0	8	0	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CAMP 36, Kaibab National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, which began on 8/5, is located nine miles southwest of Desert View, AZ in ponderosa pine and oak and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Isolated torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAMP 36 – WFU	AZ	KNF	2,000	N/A	N/A	7	0	2	0	0	20K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUFF - WFU	CA	LNP	140	N/A	N/A	17	2	0	1	0	250K

LNP = Lassen Volcanic National Park

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will continue to build into the western states, allowing hot and dry conditions to persist through the day. In Alaska, mostly cloudy conditions will prevail as a front moves in from the north.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ALASKA AREA Eastern Interior: Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon rain. Kenai Peninsula: Increasing clouds. Some morning fog.	Eastern Interior: 50s to low 60s. Kenai Peninsula: 60s to low 70s.	Eastern Interior: Above 40%. Kenai Peninsula: 40 to 60%.	Eastern Interior: West to southwest 5 to 15 mph. Kenai Peninsula: South 5 to 15 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny and hot. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny and hot. Becoming partly cloudy over the mountains with isolated thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 66 to 76 western Wyoming. 76 to 86 mountains. 87 to 98 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 72 to 87 mountains. 88 to 105 valleys. 105 to 110 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 16 to 31% mountains. 8 to 22% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 10 to 26% mountains. 3 to 18% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: South 4 to 14 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 2 to 10 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning fog lower coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 90 to 104 valleys. 95 to 100 upper deserts. 105 to 112 lower deserts.	10 to 20% valleys. 8 to 15% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny, except low clouds and fog near the coast.	60s to low 70s along the coast. 80s to low 90s upper elevations. 90s to 103 inland valleys.	10 to 25% driest inland areas.	Southwest to northwest 4 to 8 mph with gusts 14 to 24 mph in the afternoon.
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA West of Continental Divide: Isolated thunderstorms. East of Continental Divide: Partly cloudy.	West of Continental Divide: Montana 82 to 92. Idaho 85 to 100. East of Continental Divide: Montana 85 to 95. North Dakota 75 to 80 west and 65 to 75 east.	West of Continental Divide: Montana 18 to 28%. Idaho 15 to 25%. East of Continental Divide: Montana 15 to 20%. North Dakota 25 to 35% west, 35 to 45% east.	West of Continental Divide: Montana Southwest 5 to 10 mph. Idaho slope/valley 5 to 10 mph. East of Continental Divide: West 5 to 10 mph. North Dakota south to west 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Morning clouds west side valleys. Sunny and warm east side.	West of Cascades: Mostly 70s and 80s northwest Oregon and western Washington. 90s in southwest Oregon interior. East of Cascades: 80s and 90s.	West of Cascades: Mostly 25 to 50% except teens southwest Oregon interior. East of Cascades: Generally 15 to 25% except near 10% southeast Oregon.	West of Cascades: Mostly light westerly 5 to 10 mph. East of Cascades: Westerly 10 to 15 mph in the Columbia River Gorge but lighter westerly winds.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Mostly sunny. Isolated thunderstorms mountains of Colorado, Front Range, Nebraska and Kansas.	Highs in the mid 80s to mid 80s, with 70s in the mountains.	10 to 20% western Colorado most of Wyoming, and western South Dakota.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly sunny skies with a few afternoon cumulus.	North Valleys: 84 to 97. South Valleys: 90 to 102. Mountains: 74 to 92.	North Valleys: 5 to 12%. South Mtns: 8 to 15%. North Mtns: 10 to 20%	South: Southwest to west 5 to 12 mph. North: Southwest 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 to 30 mph.



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OPERATIONAL BRIEFINGS

Operational briefings are critical to safe fire operations. To ensure a consistent and effective briefing, a standardized briefing checklist should always be used. The following checklist is printed on the cover of the NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide:

● Situation:

- Fire name, location, map orientation, other incidents in the area
- Terrain influences
- Fuel type and conditions
- Fire weather (previous, current, and expected)
- Fire behavior (previous, current, and expected)

● Mission/Execution:

- Command (Incident Commander/immediate supervisor)
- Commander's intent
- Specific tactical assignments
- Contingency plans

● Communications:

- Communication Plan (tactical, command, air/ground frequencies, cell phone numbers, etc.)
- Medivac Plan

● Service/Support:

- Other resources that may be working adjacent to you and those available to order
- Aviation operations
- Logistics (e.g., transportation, supplies, equipment)

● Risk Management:

- Identify known hazards and risks
- Identify control measures to eliminate hazards and reduce risk
- Identify trigger points for disengagement or reevaluation of operational plan

● Questions or Concerns

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		1		1
	ACRES		15,000	70,409		21,892		107,301
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			1		3
	ACRES	1	0			0		1
Northern California	FIRES	1				15	3	19
	ACRES	0				3	0	3
Southern California	FIRES		2			29	8	39
	ACRES		0			49	12	61
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				3	1	7
	ACRES	0				430	2	432
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	0					0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	1			1		3	5
	ACRES	0			0		1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	1,225						1,225
Eastern Area	FIRES					4	1	5
	ACRES					1	0	1
Southern Area	FIRES			2	0	19		21
	ACRES			635	1,200	241		2,076
TOTAL	FIRES	9	5	2	1	72	18	107
	ACRES	1,226	15,000	71,044	1,200	22,616	15	111,101

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	74	18	463	22	641
	ACRES	6,065	1,175,442	1,767,675	29,121	3,034,609	5	6,012,917
Northwest	FIRES	328	293	40	61	1,568	1,219	3,509
	ACRES	22,653	4,368	881	258	14,061	57,672	99,893
Northern California	FIRES	108	87	10	19	2,179	860	3,263
	ACRES	142	8,894	7	481	38,201	9,619	57,344
Southern California	FIRES	36	100	19	45	2,488	671	3,359
	ACRES	668	5,925	1,866	29	61,876	10,213	80,577
Northern Rockies	FIRES	926	70	19	13	753	814	2,595
	ACRES	5,162	1,450	1,062	4	15,891	7,267	30,836
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	749	6	44	458	658	1,968
	ACRES	455	35,422	11	57	6,980	47,238	90,163
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	596	11	17	95	140	875
	ACRES	340	21,976	2,665	51	7,856	8,111	40,999
Southwest	FIRES	688	138	5	75	646	1,554	3,106
	ACRES	5,184	5,626	201	514	6,997	281,914	300,436
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	326	449	34	45	413	417	1,684
	ACRES	5,254	4,388	1,272	37	22,548	8,026	41,525
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	29	7,367	454	8,392
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	109	56,857	5,624	70,034
Southern Area	FIRES	131		62	43	24,712	581	25,529
	ACRES	15,821		14,701	3,467	314,912	73,416	422,317
TOTAL	FIRES	3,113	2,540	327	409	41,142	7,390	54,921
	ACRES	66,853	1,263,491	1,792,676	34,128	3,580,788	509,105	7,247,041

Ten Year Average Fires	61,229
Ten Year Average Acres	3,193,463

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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						1	1
	ACRES						8	8
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		3,000					3,000
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		85					85
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,901	1,901
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						2	2
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	3,085	0	0	0	1,911	4,996

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			17,027		50,027
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	44	1		262	423
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	4,071	30		58,329	76,879
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	2,690		22,617	40,453
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	370	537
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,553	63,683
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	18	48	96
	ACRES	149	12,052	547	1,102	1,490	18,115	33,455
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	5			5	18
	ACRES		1,373	541			971	2,885
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		320	368
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,023		78,078	108,585
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	114	374
	ACRES	5,117	11,881	22,280	13,264	3,947	45,686	102,175
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,074	196	1,691
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,689	28,353	164,822
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	393	1,125	1,851
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,516	1,386,767
TOTAL	FIRES	224	217	972	166	1,547	2,699	5,825
	ACRES	42,204	73,364	203,944	106,468	311,964	1,300,431	2,038,375

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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				5		7	12
	ACRES				200		1,545	1,745
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				100		0	100
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,394		222	4,616
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		62	77
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	92	93
	ACRES				0	10	8,485	8,495
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				458		12,304	12,762
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24	3	2	0	5	34
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	612	10,174
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	36	3	62	0	197	298
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	61,861	2,281	25,579	97,505

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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	2,317	214,245
Yukon Territory	0	0	273	1,454,909
Alberta	4	0	1,521	234,421
Northwest Territory	0	0	284	346,506
Saskatchewan	0	0	317	236,108
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	1	0	359	1,492
Quebec	1	20	252	2,990
Newfoundland	0	0	142	8,432
New Brunswick	2	2	238	291
Nova Scotia	1	2	243	245
Prince Edward Island	0	0	20	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197,904
Total	7	1,768	6,268	2,702,431

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	17	11	7	19	4	11			158	130
Northwest	11	6	2	12	1	7			129	106
Northern California	2	6	3	21	1	2			8	34
Southern California	3	6	5	13	4	1				5
Northern Rockies				8	1					6
Eastern Great Basin	1	2	2		7					
Western Great Basin			6							
Southwest			2						2	
Rocky Mountain	5		10	12	2	1			53	4
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			10		4	1			26	
Total	39	31	47	85	24	23	0	0	376	285

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