

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1997 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Large fire activity increased significantly in Southern California, necessitating the mobilization of three Type II Incident Management Teams. Resource mobilization through NICC consisted of 4 crews, 3 airtankers, 1 leadplane, 2 type I helicopters, 4 caterers, 3 showers and miscellaneous overhead. Minimal fire activity occurred elsewhere. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported on several units in Southern California. Multiple units in the Western Great Basin and Northern Rockies reported very high fire indices.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

DEL DIOS, San Diego Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. Erratic winds caused by Hurricane Nora have caused control problems on this arson fire. Current threats are to structures and livestock in the area. One structure has been destroyed.

COFFEE, Sequoia NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Benik) is assigned. Erratic winds and steep terrain are hampering control efforts. The Sicon Youth Science camp is threatened. Structure protection has been established.

DEMOCRAT, Sequoia NF. This fire is located near Democrat Hot Springs. Highway 178 is currently closed.

HOMESTEAD, Los Padres NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. The fire is moving at a moderate rate of spread with west winds and occasional spotting. Scattered structures in the area are threatened. Several roads in the area have been closed.

AMPHITHEATER, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bacon) is assigned.

JACK RABBIT, Riverside Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. Highway 60 was closed due to heavy smoke in the area.

KEEN, San Bernardino NF. This arson caused fire is burning 3 miles south of Idyllwild, CA. Current concerns include spotted owl habitat and structures in the area. Containment was expected last night.

POPPET, Riverside Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is burning 3 miles south of Banning, CA. Wind shifts, high temperatures, and limited access have hindered control efforts. The fire received light rain yesterday. Containment was expected last night.

CITY CREEK, San Bernardino NF. This arson caused fire is burning 4

miles north of Highland, CA. Highway 330 has been reopened. Steep terrain is hindering control efforts.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
DEL DIOS	MVU	CA	1,000	30	9/25	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	NR	NR
COFFEE	SQF	CA	1,500	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
DEMOCRAT	SQF	CA	120	60	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HOMESTEAD	LPF	CA	350	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
AMPHITHEATER	KNP	CA	UNK	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
JACK RABBIT	RRU	CA	150	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
KEEN	BDF	CA	150	85	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
POPPET	RRU	CA	1,500	90	9/24	NR	NR	NR	NR	7	NR	NR
CITY CREEK	BDF	CA	425	90	9/25	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RANGE	SBC	CA	900	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

NR = Not Reported

#### OUTLOOK:

The remains of Hurricane Nora will continue to move toward southern California. This will bring mostly cloudy conditions with showers and thunderstorms to the central and southern portions of the state. Locally heavy rain is possible in the south. Northern California will have increasing clouds and a chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains, the 80's and 90's in the coastal valleys, and into the 90's in the interior valleys.

Western Washington will be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain along the coast. The eastern portion of the state will be mostly sunny and continued warm. Oregon will have increasing clouds and a chance of showers late in the day. Temperatures will be cooler. Highs will be 65 to 75 in western Washington, and the 70's and 80's in eastern Washington and Oregon.

Nevada and Utah will have increasing clouds in the north with afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Showers and thunderstorms with locally heavy rain are predicted in the south. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's across both states.

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED FOR EASTERN MONTANA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND INCREASING WIND. The entire state will be sunny and dry with above normal temperatures. Highs will reach the 70's in the west and the 80's and 90's in the east.

A nearly stationary front will extend from the Carolinas to Louisiana. Mostly cloudy conditions and numerous showers and thunderstorms are possible throughout the area. Southeastern temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's.

#### FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA								NR
NORTHWEST							3	3
CA-NORTH						23	1	24
CA-SOUTH								NR
NORTHERN	1							1
GB-EAST								0
GB-WEST			2					2
SOUTHWEST						7	1	8
ROCKY MTN							1	1
EASTERN								0
SOUTHERN						9		9
USA	1	2	0	0		39	6	48

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							NR
NORTHWEST						0	0
CA-NORTH					74	5	79
CA-SOUTH							NR
NORTHERN	15						15
GB-EAST							0
GB-WEST		1					1
SOUTHWEST					255	0	255
ROCKY MTN						0	0
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN					130		130
USA	15	1	0	0	459	5	480

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST							1			
CA-NORTH	3	3	6			1				
CA-SOUTH	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
NORTHERN	1		10		1					
GB-EAST			4		1		1			
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST			10							
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	4	3	30	0	2	1	2	0	0	0

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

ST/O = STATE OR OTHER RESOURCES

NR = NO REPORT

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	6	86	52	14	530	11	699
NORTHWEST	195	325	20	93	1,153	1,022	2,808

CA-NORTH	78	62	1	18	2,401	802	3,362
CA-SOUTH	45	371	3	50	3,403	822	4,694
NORTHERN	489	33	30	27	349	588	1,516
GB-EAST	26	484		13	289	556	1,360
GB-WEST		377		17	71	183	648
SOUTHWEST	792	177	18	82	817	1,643	3,529
ROCKY MTN	487	389	16	34	764	362	2,052
EASTERN	550			34	9,919	400	10,903
SOUTHERN	4		100	63	22,047	675	22,889
USA	2,672	2,304	240	445	41,743	7,064	54,460
10 YEAR AVERAGE							63,720

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	28	833,991	761,110	19,670	295,526	32	1,910,357
NORTHWEST	976	20,728	6,573	375	5,737	5,182	39,571
CA-NORTH	106	571	30	2,316	6,870	1,388	11,281
CA-SOUTH	576	15,769	2,419	54	32,273	92,940	144,031
NORTHERN	5,337	570	2,097	6	2,493	746	11,249
GB-EAST	24	43,411		42	10,021	4,300	57,798
GB-WEST		37,202		2	418	4,772	42,394
SOUTHWEST	4,444	4,590	1,778	1,848	123,590	13,968	150,218
ROCKY MTN	4,284	8,200	151	1,395	24,410	1,948	40,388
EASTERN	3,191			120	47,056	5,230	55,597
SOUTHERN	12		9,343	3,500	259,047	17,145	289,047
USA	18,978	965,032	783,501	29,328	807,441	147,651	2,751,931
10 YEAR AVERAGE							2,935,367

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	*	*	1,075	2,446
YUKON TERRITORY	*	*	107	10,127
ALBERTA	*	*	405	818
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	*	*	102	46,113
SASKATCHEWAN	*	*	476	3,867
MANITOBA	*	*	362	33,799
ONTARIO	*	*	1,522	29,602
QUEBEC	*	*	810	364,934
NEWFOUNDLAND	*	*	109	9,473
NEW BRUNSWICK	*	*	306	131
NOVA SCOTIA	*	*	324	522
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	*	*	32	93
NATIONAL PARKS	*	*	51	298
TOTALS	0	0	5,681	502,223

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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