

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2000 - 0530 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Thirteen new large fires were reported, two in the Northern Rockies Area, four in the Eastern Great Basin Area, two in the Rocky Mountain Area, and five in the Southern Area. Crews reached containment goals on eight fires and initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SHELL LAKE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in grass and timber two miles northwest of Sand Springs, OK. Active fire behavior and torching in the fire interior was observed.

SUGARLOAF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in a mixed hardwood and pine plantation two miles north of Monroe, OK. A burnout operation was successful in protecting a home. Significant progress has been made towards containment objectives.

KERNEL, Miami Agency, BIA. This fire is located four miles east of Vamoosa, OK. Dozers and a National Guard helicopter assisted with containment objectives.

CEMENT PLANT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located one and a half miles south of Pawnee, OK. The fire is burning in grass and exhibited extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread. Some homes and one business were evacuated.

FOOTBALL, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located 40 miles west of Lufkin, TX. It is burning in mixed cedar, pine and oak. Air support was instrumental in saving five residences.

TURKEY, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in heavy oak and pine fuels 20 miles southwest of Nacogdoches, TX. Numerous structures are reported as being threatened.

COOPER WHOOPS, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located 60 miles west of Texarkana, TX. Numerous structures were threatened by this fire which is burning in a pine plantation.

FLYING L RANCH, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is burning in mixed oak, juniper, cedar, and mesquite 50 miles west of Waco, TX.

GIBSON, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This wind driven fire is located four miles east of Newkirk, OK. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
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SHELL LAKE	OK	OKS	1200	95	9/18	51	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
SUGARLOAF	OK	OKS	250	95	UNK	2	0	1	0	2	NR	NR
KERNEL	OK	MIA	640	80	9/18	9	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
CEMENT PLANT	OK	OKS	600	90	9/18	20	0	6	0	0	NR	NR
FOOTBALL	TX	TXS	110	75	9/18	25	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
TURKEY	TX	TXS	200	70	9/18	35	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
COOPER WHOOPS	TX	TXS	400	75	9/18	35	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
FLYING L RANCH	TX	TXS	130	80	9/18	50	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
GIBSON	OK	OKS	200	90	9/17	8	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
SKELETON	OK	OKS	500	100	---	20	0	1	0	1	NR	2K
CUMBY	TX	TXS	150	100	---	20	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
LYTTON SPRINGS	TX	TXS	100	100	---	10	0	0	0	1	NR	NR
ARBUCKLE	OK	OKS	300	100	---	28	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
BILLY BELL	OK	OKS	177	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	10K
PONTOTOC	OK	OKS	200	100	---	2	0	1	0	4	90K	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ELDORADO, Boulder Dispatch Center Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. This fire is burning eight miles southwest of Boulder, Colorado. Crews are using burnout tactics to help reach containment objectives.

PEARL, Routt National Forest. This fire is located 20 miles north of Steamboat Springs, Colorado and is burning in spruce, fir and logging slash. Crews made good progress due to forecast winds not developing over the fire area.

MURPHY DRAW, Rock Springs District, BLM. This fire is burning approximately 18 miles southwest of Lander, WY. No other information is reported.

214, Casper District, BLM. This lightning caused and wind driven fire is located 25 miles north of Casper, WY. No problems are anticipated.

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ELDORADO	CO	BLX	800	0	UNK	469	6	37	2	0	NR	250K
PEARL	CO	RTF	200	75	9/18	36	5	1	1	0	NR	NR
MURPHY DRAW	WY	RSD	650	0	UNK	35	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
214	WY	CAD	250	85	UNK	20	0	6	0	0	NR	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUNYAN POINT, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This fire is located 22 miles west-southwest of Augusta, MT. No other information was received.

TOOKE, Montana State Eastern Land Office. This wind driven fire is located 20 miles northwest of Ekalaka, MT. Resources from several agencies assisted in limiting the growth of the fire. There are several farm sites

threatened.

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. These fires are located seven miles south of Darby, MT. The complex consists of the Bear, Taylor, Taylor Spot, Hilltop, Razor, Fat and Mink fires. Moderate intensity runs have been observed despite the area receiving some precipitation. Rehabilitation continues on several fires in the complex.

SKALKAHO COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This group of fires is located ten miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Increased burning activity has been observed. The fires received a quarter of an inch of precipitation. Mopup and rehabilitation continue.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are located 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Crews are also working interior hotspots and rehabilitation continues in all divisions.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are located 30 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. The complex consists of the Falls Creek, Cougar Creek, Coyote Springs, Medicine Lake, Skalkaho Pass, Lick Creek, and Cooper Creek fires. A Type III Incident Management Team has assumed management of this complex. Crews continued to make good progress on securing containment lines and mopup and rehabilitation continues.

ALDER CREEK, Lolo National Forest. This fire is located 31 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Crews continued with direct fireline construction and mopup. This will be the last report unless a significant event occurs.

SHOULDER BLADE, Colorado River Agency, BIA. This fire is located eight miles southeast of Saint Xavier, MT. Fire behavior observed was running, torching and spotting.

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BUNYAN POINT	MT	LCF	400	UNK	UNK	150	5	0	0	0	NR	1K
TOOKE	MT	EAS	8000	0	9/18	64	0	23	1	0	NR	NR
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211385	60	UNK	406	3	12	5	227	NR	29.9M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	70685	80	UNK	235	3	7	2	4	NR	10.6M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	60	1	5	1	1	NR	11.4M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	25040	85	UNK	45	2	0	3	0	NR	17.3M

ALDER CREEK
 MT
 LNF
 5,500
 95
 UNK
 53
 2
 0
 2

0
 NR
 1.1M
 SHOULDER BLADE
 MT
 CRA
 400
 10
 9/18
 30
 0
 9
 1
 0
 NR
 NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HARRIS, Santa Barbara County Fire Department. This fire is located south of Santa Maria, CA. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HARRIS	CA	SBC	11080	80	9/23	723	15	18	2	0	NR	662K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. This complex consists of the Clear Creek, Marlin Springs, Full Circle, and Sisters fires. The 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, commanded by LTC Smith, is committed. Fire activity was minimal as weather conditions moderated. Crews continue to patrol containment lines.

BRUSH CANYON, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is burning in grass and juniper and is located 12 miles south of Malad, ID. Strong winds and rough terrain are hampering containment efforts. Critical wildlife habitat is threatened.

TAYLOR, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is burning in sagebrush and juniper seven miles southeast of Holbrook, ID. The fire made active runs with torching and crowning. Critical wildlife habitat is threatened.

CHERRY CREEK, Carson National Forest. This fire is burning in grass and brush and is located six miles southwest of Downey, ID. Steep terrain and strong winds are hampering control efforts.

GREEN, Upper Snake River District, BLM. This fire is burning in sagebrush and timber 18 miles east of Rexburg, ID. Crews have made good progress towards containment objectives.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. Eleven wildland fires are currently burning within the Salmon Challis Wilderness Complex, including the Little Pistol, Indian Creek, Filly, Butts, Papoose, Parker, Packer Meadow, Shell Rock, Wilson Creek, Jackass, and Jack Creek. Increased fire activity was observed with some torching and spotting noted on the Shellrock fire. Protection measures are being taken for a lookout near the fire area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	206379	85	9/30	1565	39	18	14	1	0	58.6M
BRUSH CANYON	ID	IFD	600	0	UNK	26	1	0	1	0	NR	NR
TAYLOR	ID	IFD	10000	70	UNK	88	0	18	0	0	NR	NR
CHERRY CREEK	ID	CAF	500	60	UNK	33	1	2	0	0	NR	NR
GREEN	ID	IFD	1200	75	UNK	45	2	2	0	0	NR	NR
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	11	0	0	0	46	NR	441K
IRELAND	ID	IFD	1500	100	---	25	0	5	0	0	NR	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SIERRA, Gila National Forest. This fire is located near the Beaverhead Work Center. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned and will also manage the Bloodgood incident. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was received.

BLOODGOOD, Gila National Forest. This fire is located five miles southwest of the Gila Cliff Dwellings. No new information was received.

ARROW, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is located five, miles south of Hannagan Meadow and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was received.

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SIERRA	NM	GNF	2600	UNK	UNK	35	1	4	0	0	NR	7K
BLOODGOOD	NM	GNF	11000	UNK	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	NR	140K
ARROW	AZ	ASF	110	0	UNK	NR	2	1	0	0	NR	NR
NAVAJO MT. 1	AZ	NAO	220	100	---	98	5	2	1	0	NR	NR

NAO = Navaho Area Office, BIA

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR THE SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST IN SOUTHWEST OREGON FOR EAST RIDGETOP WINDS OF 20 MPH AND DAYTIME HUMIDITY OF 15 PERCENT ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR LOW HUMIDITIES IN PARTS OF MISSISSIPPI ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR HOT, DRY CONDITIONS AND BREEZY NORTH TO EAST WINDS IN PARTS OF NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR STRONG GUSTY WINDS IS POSTED FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS: NORTHWEST SOUTH DAKOTA, NORTH CENTRAL WYOMING AND SOUTH CENTRAL, SOUTHEAST AND NORTHEAST MONTANA.***

Across Oklahoma, Texas and the Gulf Coast states high pressure aloft will keep the region very dry. High temperatures will range from the 80's to mid 90's. Minimum afternoon humidities will be 20 to 30 percent inland and 30 to 45 percent along the immediate coast. Winds will be northeast to southeast at 5 to 15 mph.

The chance for increased fire danger is possible in southwest Oregon, northern California and central California as temperatures could rise above 100 degrees. Humidity will be in the teens and winds will be north to east at 25 mph. In other parts of the west, the northwest flow will bring cooler and more stable conditions. High temperatures in the rest of the west will range from the 70's and 80's in the north to the 90's and 100's in the south, including California and Oregon. Minimum humidities will generally be in the teens through the 30's with some single digits in the driest areas. Winds across the Pacific Northwest will be out of the north to east at 10 to 25 mph. Parts of Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, and Colorado will experience northwest winds at 10 to 20 mph. The Southwest will have upslope, up valley, or west to northwest winds less than 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		4			7	4	15
	ACRES		0			4	85	89
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1		1		10	5	17
	ACRES	0		6		35	0	41
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					15	51	66
NORTHERN	FIRES	3				4	17	24
	ACRES	406				8200	12	8618
GB-EAST	FIRES		13			9	21	43
	ACRES		12346			26	513	12885
GB-WEST	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES					3	6	9
	ACRES					3	22	25
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3			3		6
	ACRES		301			100		401
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
SOUTHERN	FIRES	1				97	8	106
	ACRES	5				1687	28	1720

TOTAL	FIRES	5	20	1	1	144	64	235
	ACRES	411	12647	6	0	10070	741	23875

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	22	8	302	5	351
	ACRES	6	143076	246961	43763	317427	0	751233
NORTHWEST	FIRES	223	233	41	19	1283	916	2715
	ACRES	24038	199164	83023	10	258103	125331	689669
CA-NORTH	FIRES	161	12	4	10	2029	624	2840
	ACRES	197	142	10	1	15297	72043	87690
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	84	6	63	2366	763	3312
	ACRES	53	41085	98	112	26862	69968	138178
NORTHERN	FIRE	896	97	28	52	1171	1632	3876
	ACRES	36565	11579	1700	6097	200582	776558	1033081
GB-EAST	FIRES	70	1110	3	46	524	1092	2845
	ACRES	44667	498208	70	4010	101913	903924	1552792
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	647	4	7	102	252	1020
	ACRES	2380	606941	1105	11	7175	27403	645015
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1267	286	22	88	1187	2618	5468
	ACRES	18149	60580	16091	11403	285461	143358	535042
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	616	847	22	58	852	776	3171
	ACRES	157897	109748	2053	33335	43752	24554	371339
EASTERN	FIRES	763		9	28	9470	427	10697
	ACRES	15804		499	519	82641	15630	115093
SOUTHERN	FIRES	105		85	102	40048	1258	41598
	ACRES	7648		15895	3853	774113	42197	843706
TOTALS	FIRES	4140	3329	246	481	59334	10363	77893
	ACRES	307404	1670523	367505	103114	2113326	2200966	6762838
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								65434
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								3110201

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0

SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
TOTAL	ACRES							0
	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	10	10

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		4		5
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	19	23	25			201	268
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20867	35067
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	8	1		121	132
	ACRES		328	1167	12		10365	11872
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			5	3		80	88
	ACRES			300	124		5152	5576
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	87	3	58	237	410
	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6446	35343	62481
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
	ACRES	272	9199	1448	975	153	11325	23372
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	12	2	195	479
	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762	111898
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63	225
	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
EASTERN	FIRES	15		87	11	132	210	455
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18490	125143
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	67	103	710	1026
	ACRES	902		61589	40399	61971	457904	622765
USA TOTALS	FIRES	96	266	516	110	313	1837	3138
	ACRES	35769	32015	123441	50421	154438	648997	1045081

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						1	1
	ACRES						1	1

NORTHWEST			4			1			7	2
CA-NORTH	1		3		2					
CA-SOUTH	5	18	8	57		3			5	129
NORTHERN	17	3	34	49	18	6			224	102
GB-EAST	21	30	59	38	22	4			275	232
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	9		13	1	1	1			25	
ROCKY MTN	26	2	12	78	7	1	1		61	65
EASTERN			3						4	
SOUTHERN	1		4	16	2				20	20
TOTAL	80	53	140	239	52	16	1	0	621	550

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