

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 15, 2003 - 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Eastern Great Basin, Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and the Southern California Areas and light elsewhere. Nationally, 221 new fires were reported. Twelve new large fires were reported, eight in the Northern Rockies, two in the Rocky Mountain, and one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Southwest Areas. Ten large fires were contained, four each in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Areas, and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. 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.

**NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Dirty Ike, Bole/Rattlesnake Complex, Mineral/Primms, Twin Lakes, Cooney Ridge, and Gold 1. An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Black Mountain 2, Cherry Creek, Fish Creek, and North Howard Complex. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Crazy Horse, Robert, Wedge Canyon, Trapper Creek Complex and Little Salmon Creek Complex.

BOLES/RATTLESNAKE COMPLEX, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. The complex consists of the Boles Meadow fire and at least six un-staffed fires in the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness; it also includes the Mineral Peak fire, which will be transferred to Wally Bennett's Type 1 team today at 0600, and will be referred to as the Mineral/Primm Complex. This complex is in mixed conifer stands and brush, 20 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Moderate activity with torching, short runs and spotting was observed. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences.

DIRTY IKE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is three miles northeast of Clinton, MT. Smoldering surface fire with isolated torching was observed

COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is eleven miles east of Florence, MT. Extremely dry fuels, short crown runs, torching, spotting, and steep inaccessible terrain hamper efforts. Structure protection is in place for 75 residences.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This fire in heavy timber is nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Fire activity decreased due to an inversion. Extreme fire behavior is expected when the inversion lifts.

TWIN LAKES, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (McElwain) is assigned. This fire is in timber with heavy ground fuels, four miles south of Georgetown Lake, MT. This fire is active with interior torching and spotting. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and one commercial property.

STAWBERRY MOUNTAIN, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt) has been ordered. This fire is 27 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. No further information was received.

FISH CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This incident is comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek and West Fork Indian Creek fires, 24 miles west of Missoula, MT. There was plume dominated fire activity on the north flank after the inversion lifted. Stage 2 and 3 evacuations remain in place for Hole-in-the-Wall Resort and Rivulet area. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and one commercial property.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Torching, running, and crowning was observed. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

CHERRY CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is in lodge pole pine and heavy fuel loading, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Short range spotting and torching contributed to perimeter growth. Holding constructed line was difficult due to wind and fuel conditions. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in heavy logging slash and a variety of stand regeneration, 16 miles west of Missoula, MT. Very active surface fire with torching and short crown runs was observed. The fire is in very difficult terrain. Structure protection is in place for 5 residences and one commercial property.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is in a mixed conifer stand with heavy dead and down fuels, 10 miles northeast of Saint Ignatius, MT. Intense surface fire with crown runs was observed. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences and five commercial properties. Evacuation notices and preliminary evacuation warnings have been issued to numerous residences.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. With the onset of gusty surface winds and low relative humidity, fire activity increased significantly along the northwest flank. Steep rugged terrain and heavy fuel buildup is hampering containment efforts. The major road through Glacier National Park (going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed until further notice. These areas are closed or evacuated: Apgar Visitor Center and village, Avalanche campground, Big Creek Area campground, Camas Creek Road, Kelly Camp, Fish Creek, Gist Road and Hay Creek Road. Structure protection is in place for 82 residences and 6 commercial properties.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Significant spotting occurred, compromising the integrity of existing line. Moderate crown runs with fire spread to the north and east in Glacier National Park were observed. Structure protection is in place for 40 residences.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Ferguson and Hart) are sharing management responsibility for this complex. The complex, comprised of the Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Extremely dry fuels, inaccessible terrain, and the remote location of threatened structures necessitate confinement actions with aviation resources. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed until further notice. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

LITTLE SALMON COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Creeping ground fire with torching and short runs in mixed conifers was observed, 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lake and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Group torching, upslope crown runs and spotting were observed. Steep topography, heavy fuels, difficult access, and few safety zones limited suppression options. Structure protection is in place for three residences and three commercial properties.

SLIMS COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Slims and Poet Branch fires, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Creeping fire with single tree torching was observed. Fire was holding within planned containment areas.

CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. The Clear/Nez Complex is now being managed under a Zone Command (Steve Fry). A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There are 14 fires in the complex. Additional fires being proposed. A decision being made today on which fires in the Clear Nez zone will be added to the complex. The proximal location is six miles southeast of Powell Junction, ID.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT is composed of the Rough Draw, Slippery Creek, Speculator 1, Speculator 2 and Hawley fires. Extreme fire behavior with crown runs, torching and spotting was observed in mixed conifer forest. Structure protection is in place for 18 residences and one commercial property. The 63 ranch was been evacuated.

EAST, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) has been ordered. This fire is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Torching, crowning and mid-range spotting was observed. The East Entrance to the park is closed.

WINDMILL COMPLEX, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) has been ordered. The complex is comprised of the Windmill, Aspen, Old Bear, Little Hawk, Reservation Creek and Badger fires. The fire is in ponderosa pine, sagebrush and rangelands, 17 miles east of Hardin, MT. Extreme fire behavior was observed. No new information was reported.

WINSLOW, Beaverhead, Deerlodge National Forest. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Extreme fire behavior was observed, including profuse spotting. No new information was reported.

HOBBLE FIRE, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A transfer of command from Larsen's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will take place on 8/16. This fire is six miles northeast of Greycliff, MT. Minimal fire activity in isolated interior islands along the west flank was observed. Structure protection is in place for 8 residences. 50 residences remain evacuated; the evacuation should be lifted today

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) has been ordered. This complex is comprised of Talon, Snowbank and Moose Wasson fires, ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Extreme fire behavior with torching and major runs in Douglas fir, sub-alpine fire and lodgepole timber was observed. Crews withdrew from suppression activities for several hours yesterday due to safety concerns. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

EAST FORK PETTY CREEK, Lolo National Forest. This fire is 13 miles west of Missoula, MT. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received

SWAIN, Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in ponderosa pine and grass, ten miles southeast of Broadus, MT. Active fire with torching and crowning was observed. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

SHEEP CAMP, Helena National Forest. This fire is in Douglas fir and mixed conifer, 28 miles north of Townsend, MT. Extreme fire behavior with several major runs was observed.

BUFFALO CREEK, Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and timber, 25 miles south of Broadus, MT. Active grass fire with spotting was observed. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

BIG CREEK, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is in sub-alpine fir, 22 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Poor visibility prevented accurate fire behavior observations.

BAREFOOT CREEK, Bitterroot National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Active surface fire with torching in mixed conifer with heavy ground fuel was observed, 66 miles southwest of Missoula, MT.

HARRINGTON RIDGE, Bitterroot National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Active surface fire with torching in mixed conifer with heavy ground fuel was observed, 65 miles southwest of Darby, MT.

BRONC, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is in sub-alpine fir, 19 miles west of Hamilton, MT. Further perimeter growth is expected due to topography and wind. No new information was reported.

SPRING DOE, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is ten miles northwest of Powell, ID. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

WENDOVER, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is in timber with pockets of standing bug kill and heavy ground fuels, five miles northwest of Powell, ID. Active fire with a 500 acre crown run was observed today. The South Centennial Road is closed from Monida to Henry Lake and the community of Lakeveiw has been evacuated. Structure protection is in place for 40 residences.

BEARS OIL, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is ten miles northwest of Powell, ID. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

SOUTH SQUAW, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is 34 miles southwest of Lolo, MT. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

COVE, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is in sub-alpine fir and lodgepole pine, twenty miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Further perimeter growth is expected due to topography and wind. No new information was reported.

FISH, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is 25 miles southwest of Powell, ID. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

GRANITE, Nez Perce National Forest. The fire is in mixed conifer, 22 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. This fire is being managed under a confine strategy. No new information was reported.

WEST MOOSE, Nez Perce National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in mixed conifers, 38 miles west of Hamilton, MT. The fire is being managed for resource objectives. No new information was reported.

EAGLE CREEK, Clearwater National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles southwest of Powell, ID. Creeping, torching, and running with rapid rates of spread were observed. No new information was reported.

MINK 2, Clearwater National Forest. This timber fire is ten miles west of Powell, ID. Creeping, running, and torching were observed. Powell Ranger District is closed. No new information was reported.

RHODES, Clearwater National Forest. This timber fire is five miles northwest of Powell, ID. Creeping, running, and torching were observed. Powell Ranger District is closed. No new information was reported.

CAYUSE LAKE, Clearwater National Forest. This timber fire is ten miles northwest of Powell, ID. Creeping, running, and torching was observed. Powell Ranger District is closed. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOLES/RATTLESNAKE COMPLEX	MT	SWS	12,800	10	UNK	443	12	12	1	0	880K
DIRTY IKE	MT	SWS	1,200	30	8/30	181	6	5	0	0	400K
COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX	MT	SWS	7,000	5	9/15	346	9	13	0	0	360K
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	4,500	0	UNK	305	8	15	0	0	428K
TWIN LAKES	MT	SWS	93	80	8/17	145	6	2	0	0	230K
STAWBERRY MOUNTAIN	MT	LNF	500	55	UNK	140	6	5	1	0	200K
FISH CREEK	MT	LNF	6,500	0	8/27	428	10	20	1	0	575K
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	703	8	8/19	305	9	12	0	0	210K
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	3,800	10	UNK	373	9	7	5	0	NR

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NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX	MT	LNF	2,143	30	UNK	315	10	7	0	0	700K
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	7,700	0	UNK	431	15	13	0	0	850K
ROBERT	MT	FNF	38,751	60	9/15	877	23	28	6	3	14M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	36,165	70	UNK	990	21	36	7	36	21M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	22,551	65	9/5	25	1	2	0	1	3.3M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX -WFU	MT	FNF	19,000	N/A	N/A	78	1	0	1	1	929K
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	6,000	10	UNK	607	18	17	2	0	1.4M
SLIMS COMPLEX	ID	NPF	11,700	65	8/20	589	13	8	6	0	12M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX - WFU	ID	CWF	2,758	N/A	N/A	35	0	0	0	0	108K
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	1,124	5	9/1	333	6	11	5	0	1M
EAST	WY	YNP	3,200	0	9/11	106	3	0	6	0	NR
WINDMILL COMPLEX	MT	CRA	6,000	0	UNK	114	3	11	1	0	NR
WINSLOW	MT	BDF	1,500	0	UNK	117	4	25	0	0	100K
HOBBLE FIRE	MT	SOS	34,000	95	8/15	346	7	40	0	6	1.3M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	700	0	UNK	NR	1	11	3	0	500K
SHEEP CAMP	MT	HNF	150	0	UNK	NR	0	3	0	0	NR
BUFFALO CREEK	MT	MCD	200	50	8/16	18	0	5	0	0	NR
BIG CREEK	ID	NPF	106	0	106	1	0	0	0	0	.3K
BAREFOOT CREEK - WFU	MT	BRF	175	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1K
HARRINGTON RIDGE - WFU	MT	BRF	100	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	1K
EAST FORK PETTY CREEK	MT	LNF	500	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
SPRING DOE	ID	CWF	300	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BIG SAND	ID	CWF	100	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
WENDOVER	ID	CWF	1,300	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BEARS OIL	ID	CWF	200	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
SWAIN	MT	MCD	1,500	50	8/16	49	0	12	0	0	NR
SOUTH SQUAW	ID	CWF	300	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
COVE	ID	NPF	182	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	0.3K
SADDLE FORK - WFU	ID	NPF	200	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0.5K
BRUSHY SPOON - WFU	ID	NPF	311	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0.3K
FISH	ID	CWF	100	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BRONC	ID	NPF	264	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	0.5K
GRANITE	ID	NPF	100	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	5K
WEST MOOSE	ID	NPF	158	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0.5K
EAGLE CREEK E	ID	CWF	100	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
MINK 2	ID	CWF	200	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
RHODES	ID	CWF	300	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
CAYUSE LAKE	ID	CWF	200	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
GRAVEYARD	MT	EAS	1,800	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
ROUGH CREEK	MT	MCD	1,000	100	---	40	1	6	0	0	NR
MOON CREEK	MT	EAS	3,187	100	---	88	13	17	1	3	187K
WRANGLER	MT	MCD	600	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

EAS = Eastern Land Office, Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation

## **EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

JOHNNY STAR, Uintah and Ouray Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire in pinyon juniper, sagebrush, cedar and short grass, is 12 miles northeast of Bluebell, UT. Isolated torching was observed in the interior.

CANYON CREEK, Boise National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Active fire continues to keep Highway 21 closed. The trail system in Elk Creek on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area east of the fire is closed to public entry.

SOUTH FORK, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in grass, brush and timber, 25 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Extreme fire behavior in heavy fuels and steep terrain are major control problems. Area roads remain closed to the public

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Marble, Grimmet and North Fork Lick fires, is in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. The fires are being managed in a confine/contain strategy. Multiple group tree torching, large runs and backing were observed. Difficult terrain and no road access are hampering suppression operations.

CROOKED PINYON COMPLEX, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. The Crooked Pinyon Complex is composed of the Pinyon Canyon fire, six miles northwest of Elberta, UT and Crooked fires, four miles south of Goshen, UT. Isolated torching was observed.

WITHINGTON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is seven miles south of Salmon, ID. Spotting ¼ mile ahead of the fire was observed.

FALCONBERRY, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Rough terrain and poor access have made suppression operations difficult. Protection of wilderness values is a priority. Isolated torching and uphill runs were observed.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This incident includes the Sapp fire. There was active fire behavior in grass and brush on steep slopes. There was concern that spotting might occur on the north side of the Salmon River. Structure protection is in place for eight residences.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse, Little Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Creeping and smoldering was observed.

CLEAR CREEK, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in spruce and fir timber, 20 miles northeast of Pinedale, WY. Creeping and smoldering in duff and large fuels with occasional torching was observed.

HALL, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This fire is in grass, brush and timber with portions of heavy understory, seven miles north of Council, ID. The interior continued to burn out, with occasional torching and short runs. Risk has been reduced to the power line supplying power to west central Idaho (Cascade north to Riggins).

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JOHNNY STAR	UT	UOA	220	75	8/15	89	3	6	0	0	NR
CANYON CREEK	ID	BOF	5,275	10	8/28	538	18	12	6	0	NR
SOUTH FORK	ID	BOF	4,950	30	8/26	427	14	14	4	0	775K
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	3,600	5	UNK	201	4	2	6	0	2.4M
CROOKED PINYON COMPLEX	UT	SLD	2,419	98	8/15	174	6	4	1	0	457M
WITHINGTON	ID	SCF	906	15	UNK	218	7	6	0	NR	NR
FALCONBERRY	ID	SCF	9,600	NR	UNK	76	2	0	1	6	150K
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	3,320	N/A	N/A	14	0	0	0	0	NR
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	710	NR	9/30	2	0	0	0	NR	23.9K
CLEAR CREEK – WFU	WY	BTF	131	N/A	N/A	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
HALL	ID	PAF	1,613	100	---	446	12	19	5	2	2.42M
LLOYD	WY	BTF	255	100	---	69	4	3	0	0	122K

GTP = Grand Teton National Park

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PINE RIDGE COMPLEX, Pine Ridge Reservation, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This complex is in timber with grass understory, 13 miles northeast of Pine Ridge, SD. The complex is composed of Papa Hollow, Horseback Complex, Mander Dump and Hollow Horn. Torching, crowning, and running were observed.

LITTLE HORN 2, Bighorn National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullinex) is assigned. This fire is 21 miles northwest of Dayton, WY. Active fire behavior with moderate crown runs was observed. Nineteen summer homes and a Fish and Game cabin remain evacuated. Structure protection is in place.

WINTER ELK, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass, 48 miles east-southeast of Craig, CO. Torching and crown runs were observed.

SAWTOOTH, Routt National Forest. This is in blowdown and bug killed spruce, 20 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs, CO. Torching, running, and spotting 150 yards ahead of the fire has been observed. Fuel loading, extremely difficult terrain, limited access, and extreme fire indices are affecting contain and confine strategies

BITTERCREEK COMPLEX, Campbell County. This complex is in pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass, 50 miles north of Gillette, WY. The complex is composed of the Dry Creek, Hell Canyon, Cutler, Crocket, Dry Creek 2 and the Wallace Fires. Blow ups and steep terrain were hindering access and containment.

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PINE RIDGE COMPLEX	SD	PRA	7,100	30	UNK	57	0	19	0	3	150K
LITTLE HORN 2	WY	BHF	1,900	15	UNK	299	8	8	4	NR	650K
WINTER ELK	CO	WRD	150	20	8/16	11	0	3	0	0	NR
SAWTOOTH	CO	RTF	200	0	UNK	29	1	1	1	NR	NR
BITTERCREEK COMPLEX	WY	CMX	410	85	8/16	87	4	5	0	NR	NR
DAVIS	WY	CMX	100	100	---	28	1	4	0	NR	NR
HAYDEN	WY	CPS	1,500	100	---	12	1	4	0	NR	NR
BILL	WY	JOX	250	100	---	7	0	2	0	NR	NR

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RAWHIDE	WY	CAD	240	100	---	75	3	2	2	NR	NR

JOX = Johnson County

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH ZONE COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This complex is in heavy timber, six miles southeast of Darrington, WA. The North Zone Complex is responsible for Initial Attack on the Darrington, Skykomish and Mt Baker districts of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Thirteen lightning fires are in patrol status, two fires are staffed, and two fires are unstaffed. Smoldering and creeping observed.

BLACK CANYON, Washington Department of Natural Resources. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Holloway/Reed) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Northport, WA. Unstable air mass caused increased fire activity in the interior. Crews constructed line around escape fires.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH ZONE COMPLEX	WA	MSF	170	65	8/18	557	15	17	6	NR	2.0M
BLACK CANYON	WA	NES	2,110	70	8/20	717	26	44	5	0	1.4M

ORS = Oregon Department of Forestry State Headquarters

OWF = Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUE RIVER COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Steeple, Largo and Thomas fires, is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, pinyon pine, brush and grass, 18 miles south of Alpine, AZ. The fire area received rain today.

RED KNOLL, Fort Apache Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in ponderosa pine woodland and chaparral. No runs were observed, but flames were prevalent.

FRY, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 11 miles southwest of Flagstaff, AZ. This fire is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and brush. Minimal fire behavior observed. Crews are constructing handline in steep, rugged terrain.

BROTHERS, Gila National Forest. This fire is in ponderosa pine, grass, and pine litter. The fire is in monitor status. Significant changes will be reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUE RIVER COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	18,575	90	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	6.4M
RED KNOLL	AZ	FTA	186	50	8/15	67	2	3	1	NR	NR
FRY	AZ	COF	165	50	UNK	115	4	2	0	0	121K
BROTHERS	NM	GNF	550	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
HORSE - WFU	AZ	KNF	148	N/A	N/A	3	0	1	0	0	9K
ANTELOPE - WFU	AZ	KNF	221	N/A	N/A	11	0	3	0	NR	7K

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	469	N/A	N/A	36	2	0	1	0	41K
COONEY - WFU	CA	SQF	962	N/A	N/A	21	2	0	0	0	41K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

## ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PIPE CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Central Office. This fire is 25 miles east-southeast of Soldotna, AK. The fire is in mixed spruce, hemlock and hardwoods. Isolated brief runs were observed in the interior. Structure protection is in place for one commercial property.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PIPE CREEK	AK	AKS	518	0	8/18	65	4	0	1	0	41.6K

## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watches:** Western Montana and the Idaho Panhandle for dry thunderstorms, low relative humidity and high temperatures

**Weather Discussion:** Southerly flow between a trough off the coast and a ridge over the Rockies will spread high level moisture over Idaho and Montana. Monsoon moisture will cover portions of eastern and southern Nevada as well as Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. A piece of the upper trough will shift inland over the Northwest late Friday and Saturday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Isolated dry thunderstorms Montana west of the divide and the Idaho Panhandle.	Idaho: 90s Montana: west of the divide 90s, Mountains east of the divide: 95 to 105. North Dakota: 85 to 95.	Idaho: 15 to 25% Montana: west of the divide 15 to 25%, mountains east of the divide 10 to 20%. North Dakota: 25 to 35%.	Idaho: Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph. Montana: East 10 to 20 mph. North Dakota: Southeast 10 to 20 mph.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms Colorado and Wyoming (some dry Wyoming). Mostly sunny elsewhere.	Highs in the 80s and 90s over lower elevations, with 70 to 85 over the mountains.	10 to 20% over portions of Wyoming into the Black Hills, with 20 to 35% elsewhere.	Southeast-east 10 to 20 mph over portions of Wyoming and the eastern plains. Variable 5 to 18 mph elsewhere.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy. Chance of showers or thunderstorms.	West of Cascades upper 70s to around 90. Eastside mostly 90s to low 100's.	West of Cascades 30 to 50%. Eastside 5 to 15%.	Becoming windy by evening in parts of eastern Washington and eastern Oregon west 15 to 25 mph with gusts 35. Otherwise west 5 to 15 mph.

<p><b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms, most numerous much of Arizona and western New Mexico.</p>	<p>70 to 80 mountains, around 80 to near 105 lower elevations.</p>	<p>20 to 30% southwestern, southern New Mexico, 30 to 50% elsewhere.</p>	<p>Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except south to southeast 10 to 20 mph across south central New Mexico and southwest TX.</p>
<p><b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy over the southern mountains and deserts with a slight chance of thunderstorms.</p>	<p>70 to 85 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 92 to 102 valleys. 94 to 104 upper desert. 106 to 112 low desert.</p>	<p>10 to 20% desert. 8 to 16% mountains. 10 to 25% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 10 to 15 mph with higher gusts in the afternoon.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny. A slight chance of isolated afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms in the general Tahoe area.</p>	<p>Mid 60s to mid 70s near the coast, and mostly 80s and 90s inland.</p>	<p>8 to 19% east of the Sierra-Cascade crest, otherwise 14 to 28% driest inland areas.</p>	<p>Afternoon winds south to northwest 6 to 17 mph. Gusts 18 to 25 mph in the afternoon.</p>



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## ***PROPER USE OF TRIGGER POINTS***

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
  
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
  - RH
  - Winds
  - Fire Behavior
  - Topographical boundaries
  - Time constraints/Time of day
  - Time/distance to safety zones
  - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
  - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)
  
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
  - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
  - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
  - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
  - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
  - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
  
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
  - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
  - Account for all your people
  - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		2		2
	ACRES			120		3		123
Northwest	FIRES	1				4	6	11
	ACRES	0				3	1	4
Northern California	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					1	25	26
Southern California	FIRES					22	2	24
	ACRES					141	1	142
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	2		3	7	23	42
	ACRES	2,054	1,901		776	2,324	11,688	18,743
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	11		1	17	33	64
	ACRES	0	4		0	336	3,037	3,377
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	16	18
	ACRES	0				0	1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	20			3	14	39
	ACRES	3,000	103			270	1,652	5,025
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					5		5
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
TOTAL	FIRES	13	33	0	4	76	95	221
	ACRES	5,054	2,008	120	776	3,085	16,405	27,448

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	373	12	432
	ACRES	20	40,271	246,098	3,712	258,271	2	548,374
Northwest	FIRES	191	176	9	37	1,261	803	2,477
	ACRES	17,815	15,863	9	14	44,023	112,503	190,227
Northern California	FIRES	100	58	7	6	1,623	620	2,414
	ACRES	53	11,579	2	6,511	17,812	16,550	52,507
Southern California	FIRES	47	82	10	46	1,903	620	2,708
	ACRES	853	2,497	360	213	30,022	6,806	40,751
Northern Rockies	FIRES	770	57	31	61	687	1,060	2,666
	ACRES	16,147	96,983	22,865	27,198	76,638	140,939	380,770
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	611	3	30	496	660	1,843
	ACRES	18,359	119,518	160	2,631	28,323	91,475	260,466
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	323	1	11	102	125	567
	ACRES	1	10,857	0	5	1,863	2,849	15,575
Southwest	FIRES	724	165	5	28	778	1,791	3,491
	ACRES	36,497	5,673	284	3,550	14,840	202,367	263,211
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	144	651	39	40	896	522	2,292
	ACRES	8,970	12,191	1,963	778	14,343	25,397	63,642
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	20	9,085	426	10,502
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	108,850	5,526	174,137
Southern Area	FIRES	127		38	11	11,132	325	11,633
	ACRES	21,318		6,279	756	174,598	8,799	211,750
TOTAL	FIRES	3,057	2,137	231	300	28,336	6,964	41,025
	ACRES	172,219	315,432	284,910	46,053	769,583	613,213	2,201,410

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>57,992</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,040,179</b>

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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					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,184		13,675	17,507
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
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	13	34	19	7	3	231	307
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,299	118,153
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	448	201	998
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,510	26,889	173,848
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,192	14,751
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	922,457	1,886,294
TOTAL	FIRES	172	176	893	133	13,665	2,553	17,592
	ACRES	43,733	47,132	239,874	106,474	848,193	1,072,388	2,357,794

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						151	151
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				39		16	55
	ACRES				246		899	1,145
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		49	52
	ACRES				1,230		23,241	24,471
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				364		3,706	4,070
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				5		15	20
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,869	3,420
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	20	0	60	0	101	181
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	8,038	0	189,475	199,066

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	30	9,432	2,022	103,134
Yukon Territory	0	0	68	30,758
Alberta	6	1	950	46,486
Northwest Territory	0	66	148	108,373
Saskatchewan	7	7	533	106,440
Manitoba	5	8	990	356,046
Ontario	2	49	785	299,469
Quebec	3	324	604	58,988
Newfoundland	4	0	151	23,887
New Brunswick	0	0	173	181
Nova Scotia	0	0	232	1,284
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	55	78	44,623
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9,941</b>	<b>6,734</b>	<b>1,179,670</b>

**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	4				1			12	2
Northwest	44	77	28	132		26			679	552
Northern California	2		8							
Southern California	12	4	3	17	4	1			16	6
Northern Rockies	215	81	119	324	39	33		3	1469	904
Eastern Great Basin	48	41	69	55	28	10	1		399	68
Western Great Basin			1		1					
Southwest	6	2	9		1				28	2
Rocky Mountain	17	4	55	50	12	4			42	42
Eastern Area			5							
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2645</b>	<b>1576</b>

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