

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2005 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 119 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern Rockies and Northern California Areas. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Northwest, Northern Rockies, Western Great Basin and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

An Area Command Team (Rounsaville) has been tasked by the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group to evaluate radio communications on incidents with consideration to training and education, maintenance and replacement of equipment, narrow banding, communication and coordination with cooperators, and usability.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

BARREL, Northern California Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northeast of Fort Bidwell, CA in brush and timber. Structures and wildlife habitat are threatened. Heavy fine fuel loading, rugged terrain, poor access, winds and low relative humidity are hampering containment efforts. Active burning in the interior was reported. Continued burn out operations along the east flank are planned.

HARDING, Tahoe National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sinclear) is assigned. This fire is two miles northeast of Sierraville, CA in sagebrush and mixed conifer. A subdivision is potentially threatened. Interior torching was observed. No further information was received.

MANTON, Tehama-Glenn Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is 30 miles northeast of Red Bluff, CA in grass, brush and timber. Thirty two structures have been lost. Evacuations and road closures are in effect. Extreme fire behavior with long range spotting was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BARREL	CA	NOD	24,800	60	8/29	866	19	55	6	0	2.0M	BLM
HARDING	CA	TNF	2,200	50	8/30	1,136	31	45	7	0	975K	FS
MANTON	CA	TGU	2,300	20	UNK	510	9	22	1	32	NR	PRI

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

DEER CREEK, Southwest District, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Savage) is assigned. This fire is eight miles north of Cave Junction, OR in grass, brush and timber. Residences and other structures remain threatened.

Residents have been evacuated. Steep terrain, hot, windy weather and heavy fuels are hampering containment efforts. Running and spotting were observed after the inversion lifted.

BURNT CABIN, Umatilla National Forest. This fire is 16 miles southeast of Milton-Freewater, OR in timber. Minimal fire behavior was observed. No further information was received.

GRANITE COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Wildland Fire Use Team (Cones) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is 30 miles east of Enterprise, OR in timber and grass. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Structure protection remains in place for historic cabins in the area. An area closure remains in effect. Active backing fire, moderate rates of spread and individual tree torching were observed. Burn out operations are planned if the fire threatens to cross Sheep Creek or if structures are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
DEER CREEK	OR	71S	1,800	10	UNK	872	34	29	10	15	500K	PRI
BURNT CABIN	OR	UMF	1,990	95	UNK	140	4	10	3	0	5.4M	FS
GRANITE COMPLEX - WFU	OR	WWF	18,368	N/A	N/A	42	0	0	2	0	696K	FS
FLY	OR	WWF	838	100	---	442	15	19	1	0	1M	FS

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

PROSPECT, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles south of Superior, MT in timber. Poor access, steep terrain, and heavy fuels continue to hinder containment efforts. Structures and historic features remain threatened. The fire continues to creep and smolder in pockets of heavier fuels; isolated torching was observed.

SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the El Capitan, Wapiti, Beaverjack, Reynolds Lake and numerous other fires, is 26 miles southwest of Hamilton, MT in timber. This complex, burning on both the Salmon-Challis and Bitterroot National Forests, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. A ranch, campground, work center, historic ranger station, cabin and two lookouts are potentially threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Magruder Corridor Road is closed to through traffic. Trail closures remain in effect in active fire areas. Increased fire activity was observed with torching and short range spotting.

SIGNAL ROCK, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. The fire is 17 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT in timber and is burning on both the Bitterroot and Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forests. Active spotting was reported. Continued burn out operations are planned.

LONG BLACK COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Long Creek and Black Canyon fires, is 38 miles northeast of Pierce, ID in timber. Steep terrain, numerous snags and limited access continue to hamper containment efforts. Smoldering, group torching and short upslope runs were observed on the south flank of the Black Canyon fire. The Long Creek fire continues to be monitored by air.

RED RIVER COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Burnt, Center and several other fires is 23 miles southeast of Elk City, ID in timber. This complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Structure protection is being implemented for trail facilities and a lookout. Short crown runs were observed. The team is also supporting prescribed burns on the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PROSPECT	MT	LNF	3,210	80	8/30	356	8	5	1	0	6.0M	FS
SELWAY-SALMON COMPLEX - WFU	MT	BRF	8,246	N/A	N/A	76	1	1	1	0	407K	FS
SIGNAL ROCK	MT	BRF	2,100	15	UNK	197	3	0	2	0	1.3M	FS
LONG BLACK COMPLEX	ID	CWF	963	35	UNK	52	1	2	2	0	1.7M	FS
RED RIVER COMPLEX - WFU	ID	NPF	1,044	N/A	N/A	15	0	0	0	0	29K	FS
ERICKSON SPRING	MT	MCD	3,000	100	---	94	2	17	2	0	NR	FS

MCD – Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

PELICAN POINT, Northwest State, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands. This fire is ten miles southeast of Fairfield, UT in grass. Residences, communication towers, an explosives plant, a VHF omnidirectional range navigation beacon (VOR), and cultural resources are potentially threatened. State Route 68 is open. Steep terrain, heavy fine fuel loading, and strong gusty winds continue to hamper containment efforts. Decreased fire behavior was observed with creeping and smoldering.

FRANK CHURCH, Payette National Forest. A Wildland Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, comprised of the Bear Creek, Root Creek, West Fork/Joe, Missouri Ridge and several other fires is 50 miles northeast of McCall, ID in timber. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Commercial property, residences and historical structures are threatened; structure protection is in place. Fire activity increased on five of the fires, with low rates of spread observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PELICAN POINT	UT	NWS	2,574	80	8/27	245	9	11	5	0	350K	ST
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	10,756	N/A	N/A	120	1	0	3	0	1.1M	FS
STODDARD CREEK POINT - WFU	ID	SCF	4,003	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
FIVE SPRING	UT	NWS	700	100	---	1	0	1	0	0	12K	ST

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

TALBIKSOK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Southwest Area Forestry Dispatch. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 15 miles southeast of Russian Mission, AK in mature white spruce, birch and black spruce. The southern perimeter of the fire was active with four foot flame lengths.

COLEEN MOUNTAIN, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 40 miles northeast of Chalkyitsik, AK in black spruce, hardwoods and grasses. Native allotments and cabins at Canyon Village and Old Rampart are threatened. Structure protection measures are in place. Burn out operations are continuing at both locations. Backing, running and crowning fire behavior was observed. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TALBIKSOK	AK	SWS	76,369	90	8/27	32	1	0	0	0	194K	FWS
COLEEN MOUNTAIN	AK	UYD	65,261	NR	UNK	36	1	0	0	0	NR	FWS

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function #4 is staffed at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA. A Planning Team has been activated to the Long Term Recovery Center in Orlando, FL. Two Logistics Management Teams have been activated to Lakeland and Homestead, FL.

WF UNIT 11 2005, McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is located 20 miles east of Winnie, TX in grass, peat and duff. Hot spots surfacing in the peat are a concern. Smoldering fire behavior was observed. No further information was received.

CANEY CREEK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is located five miles northeast of Gilmer, TX in plantation timber. The fire is being monitored. No further information was received.

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WF UNIT 11 2005	TX	MCR	1,475	95	UNK	7	0	1	1	0	10K	FWS
CANEY CREEK	TX	TXS	110	95	8/27	9	0	4	0	0	NR	ST

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SHERMAN	NV	EKD	7,460	100	---	278	6	12	3	0	1.3M	BLM

EKD – Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: A Fire Weather Watch is in effect from Sunday afternoon to evening for gusty winds and low humidity in extreme northeast California and extreme northwestern Nevada.

Weather Discussion: Continued dry and warm conditions over the Pacific Northwest, the interior of California, Great Basin, and Northern Rockies. Breezy conditions out ahead of the next storm system approaching the Pacific Northwest coast will emerge over the Columbia Basin across the panhandle of Idaho today. Thunderstorm activity will be confined to Colorado and New Mexico eastward. Alaska will see a mostly dry day between storm systems. Hurricane Katrina is forecast to strengthen to a Category 3 hurricane today over the east-central portion of the Gulf of Mexico. Katrina is forecast to be a Category 4 hurricane by the time it makes landfall on the Mississippi/Alabama coastline on Monday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Northern Rockies High pressure over the Area will bring hot temperatures and low humidity values under sunny skies.	West of Divide: 85 to 95 East of Divide: 85 to 95 North Dakota: 80s	West of divide: 10 to 20% East of divide: 10 to 20% North Dakota: 25 to 40%	West of divide: West 5 to 10 mph East of divide: Southwest 5 to 10 mph North Dakota: Variable 5 to 10 mph
Northern California Sunny except for fog areas along and near the coast.	Mostly 80s and 90s, near 103 warmest inland valleys and 60s to mid 70s near the coast.	8 to 20% in drier inland areas.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 12 mph with gusts to 22 mph in afternoon for coastal areas and east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.
Southern California Patchy low clouds and fog lower coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	85 to 100 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper deserts. 110 to 120 lower deserts.	5 to 15%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
Rocky Mountain Isolated thunderstorm activity across the southern half of Colorado and portions of western and southern Kansas.	Mid 80s to low 90s lower elevations, with mid 60s to mid 70s in the mountains.	RH below 20% is expected across central and northeast Wyoming, western South Dakota, western Colorado and northeast Colorado.	Variable 5 to 15mph.
Western Great Basin Mostly sunny skies with some afternoon cumulus.	North valleys: 84 to 99. South valleys: 88 to 111. Mountains: 74 to 90.	North valleys: 7 to 16%. South valleys: 10 to 18%. Mountains: 14 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 10 mph with afternoon gusts of 15 to 20 mph.
Eastern Great Basin Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Isolated afternoon mountain thunderstorms. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny, isolated mountain thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 63 to 80 mountains, 80 to 93 valleys. Northern Utah: 71 to 82 mountains, 80 to 91 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 72 to 88 mountains, 88 to 101 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 15 to 25% mountains, 9 to 20% valleys. Northern Utah: 22 to 35% mountains, 12 to 25% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 22 to 35% mountains, 12 to 25% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West 5 to 10 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Alaska Interior Alaska: Mostly sunny with a chance of an isolated shower.	50s and mid 60s.	30 to 45%.	Southeast 5 to 15 mph.



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TOPIC OF CHOICE

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		0		0
	ACRES		10,898	177,017		1,970		189,885
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			7	6	15
	ACRES	1	0			11	0	12
Northern California	FIRES					19	2	21
	ACRES					345	3	348
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				81		10	91
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	74	74
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	4			12	1	19
	ACRES	1	36			64	80	181
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			2	6	13
	ACRES		0			2	5	7
Eastern Area	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					32	2	34
	ACRES					866	4	870
TOTAL	FIRES	3	10	0	1	83	22	119
	ACRES	2	10,934	177,017	81	3,259	176	191,469

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	18	386	21	584
	ACRES	4	1,642,565	1,320,767	3,484	699,683	336	3,666,839
Northwest	FIRES	159	214	25	30	1,049	742	2,219
	ACRES	27,942	45,021	5,773	121	60,635	82,404	221,896
Northern California	FIRES	105	28	9	12	1,378	309	1,841
	ACRES	163	24,896	14	100	19,711	2,086	46,970
Southern California	FIRES	33	99	10	42	1,846	496	2,526
	ACRES	961	5,304	131	73,814	28,343	3,048	111,601
Northern Rockies	FIRES	445	41	28	12	528	519	1,573
	ACRES	11,085	2,159	3,257	25	21,650	33,685	71,861
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	34	573	6	29	544	435	1,621
	ACRES	2,756	644,108	24	625	107,829	54,571	809,913
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	433	19	24	83	104	668
	ACRES	27	981,505	13,312	258	100,357	8,755	1,104,214
Southwest	FIRES	1,490	331	24	51	1,256	1,378	4,530
	ACRES	33,653	158,561	9,573	364	129,443	415,437	747,031
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	258	407	30	21	467	416	1,599
	ACRES	3,003	6,788	553	25	20,354	22,519	53,242
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	9,181	507	10,369
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	66,423	8,167	84,389
Southern Area	FIRES	213		174	37	16,602	467	17,493
	ACRES	26,883		31,385	2,474	220,977	11,549	293,268
TOTAL	FIRES	3,341	2,222	420	326	33,320	5,394	45,023
	ACRES	113,591	3,510,907	1,386,521	82,243	1,475,405	642,557	7,211,224

Ten Year Average Fires	61,665
Ten Year Average Acres	3,932,805

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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	0
	ACRES						800	800
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		1,171					1,171
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,100	1,100
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					10		10
Southern Area	FIRES			0			1	1
	ACRES			34			2	36
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	1,171	34	0	10	1,902	3,117

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	94	80	2		209	403
	ACRES	5,651	12,408	3,871	249		17,973	40,152
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	138	24		169	364
	ACRES	188	1,101	24,845	2,690		18,439	47,263
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	13		79	103
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	2,726		6,819	11,235
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	28	96	3	31	243	407
	ACRES	275	3,244	19,497	22	2,131	24,132	49,301
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	19	4	3	11	42	80
	ACRES	1	6,062	711	21	138	10,267	17,200
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		4,297	2,711			2,903	9,911
Southwest	FIRES	7	45	2	10		244	308
	ACRES	2,342	41,105	3,210	15,014		65,177	126,848
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	41	101	16	21	100	308
	ACRES	3,709	10,274	20,315	10,342	2,526	28,639	75,805
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		459	36	1,080	137	1,752
	ACRES	17,579		67,662	4,423	68,996	25,542	184,202
Southern Area	FIRES	34		155	58	404	1,111	1,762
	ACRES	7,180		82,006	54,868	270,630	900,426	1,315,110
TOTAL	FIRES	148	265	1,050	165	1,551	2,336	5,515
	ACRES	37,925	78,773	225,236	90,355	345,047	1,100,317	1,877,653

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	11			13
	ACRES			27,225	138,283			165,508
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		18,563	18,565
Northern California	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		11	23
	ACRES				4,506		1,296	5,802
Northern Rockies	FIRES				9		76	85
	ACRES				25		14,302	14,327
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		71	74
	ACRES				166		22,153	22,319
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	700			9,278	5	105,863	115,846
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		27		5	2	5	39
	ACRES		2,590		1	1,762	1,561	5,914
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	35	2	58	3	203	302
	ACRES	700	2,591	27,225	156,043	1,767	163,739	352,065

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	6	0	868	34,402
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	1	0	1,208	60,508
Northwest Territory	0	0	256	200,638
Saskatchewan	0	0	319	212,746
Manitoba	0	0	231	45,021
Ontario	19	10	1,693	41,105
Quebec	6	4	1,237	831,596
Newfoundland	0	1	138	21,429
New Brunswick	2	0	284	282
Nova Scotia	1	0	266	504
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	0	0	88	36,100
Total	35	15	6,680	1,671,811

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	1	1							18	16
Northwest	18	53	16	79	5	20	3		175	104
Northern California	43	34	104	75	12	10	6		295	224
Southern California	4		13		6					
Northern Rockies	20	2	22	19	14	4	3		243	81
Eastern Great Basin	6	5	17	9	7	3	3		113	14
Western Great Basin	7	4	21	11	4	2	1		59	8
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			8	3					8	2
Eastern Area					1				45	
Southern Area			1	4		1			2	3
Total	99	99	202	200	49	40	16	0	958	452

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