

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1994 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: Increased fire activity occurred in the Rocky Mountain Area. The Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and California continue to experience problems on large fires. Mobilization of resources continued through NICC to these areas. Sixteen crews will be mobilized today to northern California from the Southwest Area. A Type I Incident Management Team was mobilized to the Eastern Great Basin to replace a Type I Incident Management Team that had met the 21 day commitment. One Type I Incident Management Team was released from the Northwest.

The 6th Army has been tasked to provide a 6th Battalion of personnel for suppression assistance to the Little Wolf fire, Flathead NF in the Northern Rockies. Orientation and training is scheduled for 8/19 & 20, with deployment scheduled for 8/21.

Colonel Anthony Palermo USMC, is the Task Force Commander of the two Marine Battalions assigned to the Tyee fire and the West Koocanusa Complex. Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander for three Battalions and one Aviation Battalion assigned to the Corral Creek and 17 Mile fires and the Idaho City Complex.

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

CORRAL CREEK, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Johnson) is committed. The 14th Engineer Battalion, (Lt. Col. Perrenot, Commander) is committed. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). The fire continues to spread to the northeast. Line construction from upper Payette Lake to the south end of the fire is nearly complete. Structure protection is in place along the Salmon River.

BLACKWELL COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is committed. This is a unified command with Idaho State Department of Lands, represented by Bill Williams. All the fires in this complex have burned together into one fire. A major burnout operation was successfully completed on the west flank, additional burnout operations are planned for today. Active torching and spotting occurred after the inversion lifted. The threat of structure loss continues at Burgdorf and Secesh.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Liebersbach) is committed. The 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Bruce Porter, Commander) is committed. The complex consists of the BANNOCK, BEAR RIVER, RABBIT CREEK and NORTH FORK fires. No long range spotting or runs were reported yesterday. Crews and dozers were able to make good progress flanking the southeast side. Threats continue to structures at Barber Flat, Deer Park area, Sunset Lookout and numerous timber sales in the vicinity.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Butler) is transitioning to a Type I Incident Management Team (Denton). Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). The fire continued to run

past containment lines on the north and east sides, producing a 20,000 foot column. The fire is threatening the powerline to Yellowpine.

TIN CUP, Caribou NF. Three crews are on the fire with a Type II Incident Management Team, six crews and two helicopters on order.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is committed. Loon Creek Guard Station and Diamond D Ranch are less than 1/4 mile from the fire. Structure protection is the primary objective of suppression action. Historic townsites and a mine are also threatened.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN, Wasatch-Cache NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Coates) is committed. The fire is burning in heavy fuels near structures at Beaver Mountain Ski Area. Spotting is causing control problems.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	52,600	10	UNK	1,126	41	35	7	0	UNK	5.2M
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	35,395	10	UNK	1,071	29	44	14	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	29,100	20	8/28	1,437	37	26	7	0	UNK	17M
BEAVER MTN.	WCF	UT	1,000	5	UNK	79	2	5	1	0	UNK	625K
TIN CUP	CAF	ID	150	0	UNK	61	3	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	2,000	25	UNK	466	13	7	7	0	UNK	2.5M
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	4,650	0	UNK	87	2	5	0	0	UNK	680K
E. DEWEYVILLE	WCF	UT	450	100	UNK	31	1	3	0	0	40K	24K

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

YAAK-RED DRAGON COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Meuchel) is committed. The 3/82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Lt. Col. Marcus Dudley) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, GUNSIGHT PEAK, PULPIT RIDGE, STUDEBAKER, FISH LAKES, UPPER FOWLER, TURNER and numerous smaller fires. Many 5-50 acre fires have not yet been mapped. Structure protection continues on the Zimmerman, Skinner and Darby fires. Two lookouts have been fire proofed. The Army Battalion is doing hot line construction and line patrol. Action has been taken on all priority 1 fires, planning has begun to assess the priority 2 fires.

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is committed. The fire advanced 8 miles to the east, through convection firestorms with spotting 1 mile ahead of the main fire. The fire burned across the Sylvia Lake Campground Road. The fire is advancing towards Star Meadows with approximately 30 structures ranging from summer cabins to year around residences, a historic FS Guard Station and the Star Meadows Ranch.

WOLF MOUNTAIN II COMPLEX, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bosworth) is committed. Containment of the smaller fires is allowing re-allocation of resources to the larger Twin Meadows fire. Several of the small fires are in patrol status.

KOOCANUSA COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lee) is committed. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, (Lt. Col. Dave Bonwit, Commander) is assigned. The complex consists of 30+ fires ranging from .1 to 300 acres. High commercial timber values are at risk and numerous active timber sales are threatened.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered for a series of 34 fires on the Cabinet Ranger District. The PLICK fire is 100 acres and the SMITH MOUNTAIN fire is 600 acres. The complex has assumed responsibility for fires burning west of Troy and Libby.

MCDONALD, Flathead Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is committed. Extreme fire behavior with torching was reported. Extremely dry conditions with a warming trend for the weekend increases the chances of spotting. Helicopter bucket drops were very effective.

ST. JOE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is committed. The complex is comprised of 10 contained fires, 17 active holdover fires and 5 new starts. A 100 acre burnout is planned for today on the 1956 North fire. Very steep slopes, rolling materials and many burning and falling snags present safety and control problems on the 1956 North fire. The complex is providing protection to widespread urban interface and commercial timber (valued at 32K per acre).

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is committed. Moderate weather conditions allowed crews to continue to direct attack the Mankato fire. Fireline explosives were used to construct fireline along the southwest flank where retardant had successfully held during initial attack.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is committed. The fire is spreading in a northeasterly direction towards the Canadian border. Any blow-up or significant activity will seriously threaten the Canadian border, a culturally significant cabin and commercial timber on the Flathead NF.

BITTER-NEZ, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bullis) is committed. The complex consists of the SADDLE, MAGRUDER, NICK and SAWTOOTH fires. Crews are working on containment and mop-up. Four crews are working on the Nick fire, holding the line with limited burnout. Helicopter bucket drops on Nick and Magruder are helping cool hotspots.

FREEZEOUT, Clearwater NF. This fire is in confinement strategy and will no longer be reported unless significant activity occurs.

The Fisher Peak fire will no longer be reported unless its status changes and meets the reporting criteria.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	3,000	0	UNK	1,395	24	8	2	0	2.8M	253K
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	8,500	20	UNK	326	9	34	2	0	UNK	145K
WOLF MTN II C	MTS	MT	645	60	UNK	456	14	14	4	0	420K	677K
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	750	20	UNK	93	4	9	0	0	3.7M	15K
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	UNK	0	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
MCDONALD	FHA	MT	8,000	75	8/18	266	8	10	3	UNK	30K	421K
ST JOE FIRES	IPF	ID	700	0	UNK	587	16	27	4	0	UNK	3.7M
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	681	0	8/29	242	7	0	2	0	UNK	338K
STARVATION	GNP	MT	200	10	UNK	176	7	2	2	0	UNK	108K
BITTER-NEZ	BRF	MT	1,450	70	8/24	222	7	3	3	0	UNK	605K
FREEZEOUT	CWF	ID	5,650	0	UNK	15	0	0	1	0	UNK	20K
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	65	0	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	135K	UNK

Northwest Area Large Fires:

TYEE CREEK, Wenatchee NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Maupin) is committed, with a State Team (Flannigan) under unified command. The 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment (Lt. Col. Rick Lindsey, Commander) is assigned. Five CH-47 helicopters from the 214th Aviation Unit, Fort Lewis, WA are assigned. Crews continue burnout operations on the northwest area of the fire.

SNAKE RIVER COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is committed. Three CH-47 helicopters from the 214th Aviation Unit, USAR, Fort Lewis, WA are assigned. This complex is comprised of the RAPID RIVER, SADDLE CREEK, HAAS HOLLOW, and SWAMP CREEK fires. Crews reinforced line for a burnout planned for today. Lines have been constructed around historic cabins. Most firefighters are in spike camps due to access.

BOUNDARY, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Shaw) is committed. The current strategy is to line, burnout and mop-up areas that were previously burned out. Three helicopters will assist firefighters in this operation by dropping water as needed. The fire continues to burn in dead and down lodgepole pine and sub-alpine fir.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is committed. Tumwater Canyon continued to burn, but movement on top of Icicle Ridge was minimal. All accessible portions of the fires are well into final mop-up.

METHOW COMPLEX, Okanogan NF. The Mazama camp has been disassembled, operations are continuing from 8 Mile camp.

OKANOGAN COMPLEX, Okanogan NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is committed to the Boulder fire. The complex is comprised of the RAINBOW/BOULDER/BUTTE, POORMAN, BURNT SAW, FALLS CREEK and MISC. ABC fires. Mop-up and demobilization is continuing and expected to increase.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
TYEE CREEK	WEF	WA	126,500	90	8/22	2,391	70	36	12	94	UNK	31.8M
SNAKE RVR CPX	WWF	OR	6,574	50	8/19	545	17	5	8	0	UNK	5M
BOUNDARY	WWF	OR	5,919	60	8/20	1,314	36	41	4	0	UNK	5M
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,148	90	UNK	489	15	16	6	19	UNK	19M
METHOW CPLX	OKF	WA	16,634	80	8/19	170	8	8	4	0	5.6M	5.9M
OKANOGAN CPX	OKF	WA	4,631	50	9/30	37	1	1	3	0	UNK	10.9M

North Zone - California Large Fires:

COTTONWOOD, Tahoe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dougherty) is committed. The fire has burned into the Sierra Brooks subdivision, burning around residences. Engine strike teams are fighting the fire door to door. Constructed fireline on the south flank was lost and the fire jumped a major access road on the north and east sides.

FISH, Mendocino Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is located northeast of Gualala on Fish Rock Road on the northern California coast. Spotting has been a continuous problem.

DILLON COMPLEX, Klamath NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Caves) is committed. This complex is comprised of the JACK/XX/CEDAR, KELSEY/WILLIS, HARRINGTON/DIVIDE and 16 other contained fires. The fire continues to back into Dillon Creek, efforts are to minimize acreage loss in Late Successional Reserve and Elk Valley, a significant religious Karuk site. Burnout operations are being utilized to secure the line.

WIDDOW, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is located west of Adin near the community of Lookout. An estimated 60 structures are threatened; evacuations are in effect in the Lookout Ranchette subdivision. One unoccupied residence and 2 vehicles have been destroyed.

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COTTONWOOD	TNF	CA	8,500	0	UNK	642	14	33	5	0	UNK	7M
FISH	CAS	CA	635	85	8/18	706	23	51	3	0	175K	550K
DILLON CMPLX	KNF	CA	20,682	85	8/18	871	20	20	8	0	39.7M	25M
WIDDOW	CAS	CA	300	85	8/18	UNK	9	37	2	1	UNK	UNK

South Zone California Large Fires:

41, San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit, California State. No new information received.

HEATON, Angeles NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cooney) is committed. No new information received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
41	CAS	CA	48,531	48	8/22	2,835	62	324	10	37	10M	5M
HEATON	ANF	CA	600	50	8/19	527	29	3	3	0	UNK	57K

Rocky Mountain Area Large Fires

NEW GARVEY COMPLEX, Grand Junction District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Krugman) is committed. The complex is comprised of 10 fires; of these 4 are out and 2 are controlled. Access and multiple starts are hampering control efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
NEW GARVEY CX	GJD	CO	147	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
BIGELOW BENCH	RAD	WY	2,500	25	UNK	25	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
MUDDY MTN.	WYS	WY	350	UNK	UNK	UNK	1	6	1	UNK	UNK	UNK
BIG GULCH	CRD	CO	510	100	8/17	9	0	3	0	0	UNK	UNK

CRD = Craig BLM                      RAD = Rawlins BLM                      WYS = Wyoming State

Outlook: A dry westerly flow remains over the Pacific Northwest and the northern Intermountain area. The four corners high will pump monsoon moisture a bit further north today. Showers and thundershowers will concentrate over Arizona, New Mexico, southern Nevada, southern Utah, Colorado and extreme southern California. Demobilization is expected to continue from the Northwest and on crews that have met the 21 day commitment. Mobilization to fires in California, Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin is expected to continue.

New fire activity should decrease as lightning activity moves to the east and no red flag conditions are predicted. Burning conditions on large fires will remain active.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		0	0	1	0	1	2
NORTHWEST		1			4	5	10
CA-NORTHERN	4						4
CA-SOUTHERN						3	3
NORTHERN					13	16	29
GB-EASTERN		4			2	5	11
GB-WESTERN		2				1	3
SOUTHWEST	3	2				27	32
ROCKY MTN		20			6	5	31
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN							
USA	7	29		1	25	63	125

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		806	2	20	404	1	1,233
NORTHWEST		1			0	1	2
CA-NORTHERN	1						1
CA-SOUTHERN						1	1
NORTHERN					0	1,626	1,626
GB-EASTERN		0			0	1	1
GB-WESTERN		1				0	1
SOUTHWEST	6	23				8	37
ROCKY MTN		262			303	4	569
EASTERN							
SOUTHERN							
USA	7	1,093	2	20	707	1,642	3,471

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA	4									
NORTHWEST	#164	20	93	24	#38	1	7		#1,415	97
CA-NORTHERN	38	25	19	22	8		8	10	310	572
CA-SOUTHERN	10	75	22	186	2	10	1	8	31	262
NORTHERN	#128	23	58	45	25	6			#894	284
GB-EASTERN	#109	16	68	66	#11	17			#700	311
GB-WESTERN		4	4		2		1			
SOUTHWEST	3		13		5					
ROCKY MTN	3	1	35	8	9		1		35	3
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN*										
USA	459	164	312	351	100	34	18	18	3,385	1,529

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

\* No reports received.  
#Includes military

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	60	77	46	14	333	7	537
NORTHWEST	378	239	11	129	1,684	1,607	4,048
CA-NORTHERN	92	40	3	53		734	922
CA-SOUTHERN		99		24	2,509	576	3,208
NORTHERN	330	40		57	1,244	2,165	3,836
GB-EASTERN	83	591		24	258	1,034	1,990
GB-WESTERN		440			74	161	675
SOUTHWEST	1,387	372	17	191	1,580	2,401	5,948
ROCKY MTN	637	624		73	539	612	2,485
EASTERN	324			53	9,160	498	10,035
SOUTHERN	2		32	81	20,359	661	21,135
USA	3,293	2,522	109	699	37,740	10,456	54,819
5 YEAR AVERAGE							51,243

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,416	47,751	78,682	12,235	38,127	2	223,213
NORTHWEST	57,412	76,698	7,918	4,219	22,524	178,161	346,932
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,744	8,042	4,465		46,834	62,221
CA-SOUTHERN		22,057		15	43,274	55,367	120,713
NORTHERN	5,887	3,007		972	21,801	21,564	53,231
GB-EASTERN	1,345	213,442		44	62,762	79,022	356,615
GB-WESTERN		185,439			4,362	13,872	203,673
SOUTHWEST	31,449	119,153	7,683	23,995	206,523	145,882	534,685
ROCKY MTN	20,654	31,242		155	10,255	8,113	70,419
EASTERN	16,399			940	83,607	6,371	107,317
SOUTHERN	12		11,594	3,763	394,906	37,416	447,691
USA	179,710	701,533	113,919	50,803	888,141	592,604	2,526,710
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,940,407

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	106	597	3,221	22,771
YUKON TERRITORY	3	18,175	234	112,872
ALBERTA	5	1	682	27,971
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	30,008	586	1,857,367
SASKATCHEWAN	6	103	456	527,496
MANITOBA	2	23	446	445,162
ONTARIO	1	1	944	79,247
QUEBEC	2	0	417	115,891
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	280	107	110,601
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	239	137
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	185	121
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	17	14
NATIONAL PARKS	7	1,008	130	51,107
TOTALS	142	50,196	7,664	3,350,757

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