

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1994 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: Moderate initial attack activity continued; however, active burning conditions resulted in significant acreage increases on most large fires in the Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin. Three Type I Incident Management Teams were ordered; 2 for the Northern Rockies and 1 for the Eastern Great Basin.

Colonel Anthony Palermo USMC, is the Task Force Commander of one Marine Battalion assigned to the Tye fire. Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander of two Battalions and one Aviation Company assigned to the Corral Creek fire and the Idaho City Complex. Colonel Joseph Leigh, USA, is the Task Force Commander of Battalions assigned on the 17 Mile fire, Little Wolf fire and the Kooconusa Complex.

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is committed. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) has been ordered. The 3-11th Field Artillery Battalion, I CORPS, USA, (Lt. Col. Dan Patterson) is assigned. Afternoon winds and low humidities pushed the fire across the lines in 5 divisions and also caused the fire to expand in 2 divisions that had incomplete lines. Crews and equipment were forced off the line due to rapid spread and spotting. The fire was within 2 miles of Star Meadows last night and residents were given voluntary evacuation notices.

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 17 active fires including the 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, PULPIT, STUDEBAKER, FISHPRY, FOWLER, TURNER and many other smaller fires. Heavy structure protection is in place along the Yaak River and South Fork of the Yaak. Winds and lower relative humidities resulted in significant activity and increases for several of the fires yesterday.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Groshong) is committed. The complex consists of 13 fires. The Porcupine fire has been contained. All fires except the Porcupine increased in size yesterday.

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. Eight fires have been contained and line construction is continuing on 2 fires. Long travel times and heavy fuels continue to hinder suppression efforts.

WILDERNESS COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. The complex consists of the WILLIAMS, SCENERY, LEIGH and MCKAY fires. The Scenery and Williams fires have burned together. Structural protection engines and an evacuation plan are in place.

ANN, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is committed. The fire continued to grow on the north and northeast sides yesterday afternoon. Crews worked to hold line on the southern end and began flanking on the western perimeter. Contingency dozer lines have been identified outside of the proposed Strong Mtn. Wilderness area.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is committed. A successful burnout operation by U.S. and Canadian crews resulted in reducing the threat to a historic cabin and national forest timber. All crews will be utilized to secure the west and north firelines. The south and east flanks are still very active.

TROUT CREEK COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suenram) is committed. Modification of fuels around structures adjacent to the Pillick fire was accomplished. A structure protection specialist and Rural Fire Departments continue working with local landowners.

WOLF MOUNTAIN II COMPLEX, Montana State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bosworth) is committed. A slopover resulted in the reconstruction of 5 chains of fireline. Helicopter bucket drops and hoselays reinforced the line.

BITTER-NEZ, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wetzsteon) is committed. The complex consists of the SADDLE, MAGRUDER, NICK, SAWTOOTH and WOOD HUMP fires. The Saddle fire has been declared controlled.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is committed. Acreage decrease is due to better mapping. The fire was pushed by south winds yesterday and continues to threaten the Colville NF, approaching within 1/8 mile. Despite torching and spotting all constructed line held.

POWELL COMPLEX, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team is committed. The complex is comprised of the FREEZEOUT, FERN CREEK, SPONGE, BIG SAND LAKE/HIDDEN CREEK and GOLD MEADOWS. Helicopter bucket work was effective at containing the south flank of the Sponge fire.

ST. JOE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is committed. The complex is managing 4 contained fires, 3 active holdovers and 1 new start. The 1956 North fire has been contained.

FISHER PEAK, Idaho Panhandle NF. The fire is actively burning in heavy alpine fuels on very steep terrain which is only accessible by helicopter.

NORTHWEST PEAK, Idaho Panhandle NF. The fire is burning and torching in an inaccessible area that poses a threat of spreading into Canada.

SCOTCHMAN PEAK, Idaho Panhandle NF. The fire is burning in a proposed wilderness area approximately 5 miles from Clark Fork.

LIBBY COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) has been ordered. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	14,000	40	UNK	1,386	44	45	3	0	UNK	1.6M
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	9,250	1	UNK	1,209	36	28	5	0	8M	6M
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	3,000	1	UNK	284	7	9	2	0	UNK	335K
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	8,420	9	UNK	848	24	17	1	0	7.8M	706K
WILDERNESS C	KNF	MT	4,000	2	9/10	119	3	14	0	0	UNK	100K
ANN	BRF	MT	740	10	UNK	347	12	6	3	0	UNK	429K
STARVATION	GNP	MT	2,000	10	UNK	242	9	4	2	0	UNK	369K
TROUT CREEK C	KNF	MT	510	0	UNK	70	1	2	1	0	UNK	61K
WOLF MTN II C	MTS	MT	826	70	UNK	488	14	15	4	0	550K	1.5M

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
BITTER-NEZ	BRF	MT	1,925	70	8/24	170	5	3	3	0	UNK	960K
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	815	20	9/5	440	16	0	3	0	UNK	1.1M
POWELL Cmplx	CWF	ID	12,167	0	UNK	72	2	0	4	0	UNK	130K
ST JOE FIRES	IPF	ID	850	0	UNK	273	4	21	2	0	UNK	4.3M
HIGH ONE	KNF	MT	455	0	9/5	0	0	0	0	0	UNK	1K
NORTHWEST PK	IPF	ID	100	50	8/26	15	1	0	1	0	UNK	34K
SCOTCHMAN PK	IPF	ID	275	60	8/28	54	2	0	0	0	UNK	80K
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	356	0	UNK	140	4	0	2	0	300K	74K

#### Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

STAR GULCH, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is committed. Plume dominated fire behavior occurred yesterday. Spotting of nearly one mile occurred. Continued threats exist to rural structures, FS Campground, Cottonwood Guard Station and Idaho City.

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). Continued favorable weather assisted forces in holding and progressing northward on the west flank. As new resources become available operations will focus on the east flank to secure the perimeter and stop the advance toward Burgdorf.

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. The fire continued to spread by spotting and making short runs on the eastern side. Mop-up and patrol of the west flank continued.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Eddy) 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. The Star Gulch fire is 3 miles to the southwest and it is likely that these incidents will merge. The Rabbit fire continues to burn actively on the north and east flanks and is exhibiting extreme fire behavior.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Denton) is committed. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). The powerline to Yellowpine was shut down in coordination with Idaho Power to insure firefighter safety as they remove hazardous trees. Power was expected to be restored at 2000 MDT. This will continue on a daily basis until the threat subsides.

CHICKEN COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Harbour) has been ordered. The complex consists of 5 fires and is approximately 4,000 acres. The fire is threatening Smith Mountain Lookout. No other information was received.

TIN CUP COMPLEX, Caribou NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is committed. The complex is comprised of the TIN CUP and BROWNS fires. The Tin Cup fire was contained yesterday. Spotting and runs occurred due to increase in winds.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is committed. The line in Trail Creek held and progress was made in Rat Creek with the support of a type I helicopter.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN, Wasatch-Cache NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Coates) is committed. Extensive air operations have been successful in assisting ground forces in reducing the threat to Beaver Mountain Ski Area.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
STAR GULCH	BOF	ID	16,000	60	UNK	504	18	30	4	2	UNK	UNK
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	56,200	20	UNK	1,199	37	31	8	0	UNK	6.9M
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	39,450	45	UNK	812	17	43	7	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	44,700	33	UNK	1,128	38	22	7	0	58.7M	24M
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	6,912	21	UNK	491	14	7	5	0	UNK	5.2M
CHICKEN CMLPX	PAF	ID	4,000	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TIN CUP	CAF	ID	503	18	8/24	174	6	0	1	0	UNK	157K
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	6,250	10	UNK	138	2	5	2	0	UNK	680K
BEAVER MTN.	WCF	UT	617	85	8/22	223	7	4	4	0	UNK	625K

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. Three CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158 Aviation Unit are assigned, two additional CH-47 helicopters are expected to arrive on 8/23. There was no substantial increase in the size of the fire today. Fire activity continued in the Billy and Cougar Creek drainages. Burnout, mop-up and rehab operations are in progress. Strong winds over the fire are causing some concern of spotting; however, all lines are holding.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is committed. The fire made no significant advances today. The two active fronts remain in Eightmile Creek and at the top of Tumwater Canyon in Cabin Creek. A significant portion of fire remains unlined in the wilderness portions of the complex.

OKANOGAN COMPLEX, Okanogan NF. The complex is comprised of the RAINBOW/BOULDER/BUTTE, POORMAN, BURNT SAW, FALLS CREEK and MISC. ABC fires. The Boulder fire is the last active fire in this complex. Demobilization is continuing. Transition to the NPS is planned for Tuesday, August 23.

SNAKE RIVER COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is committed. Three CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158 Aviation Unit are assigned. This complex is comprised of the RAPID RIVER, SADDLE CREEK, HAAS HOLLOW, and SWAMP CREEK fires. Cooler temperatures moderated fire activity on the Northern Flank. Demobilization has begun.

BOUNDARY, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Shaw) is committed. Successful burnout operations on the southeast corner of the fire

were conducted. Flame lengths of up to 150 ft were observed with spotting occurring up to 1/2 mile from burnout operations. All lines are currently holding. Anticipate heavy demob to begin today if the perimeter holds through the night.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
TYEE CREEK	WEF	WA	127,500	95	8/24	1,469	43	21	14	94	UNK	44M
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,316	90	UNK	509	17	15	6	19	UNK	20M
OKANOGAN CPX	OKF	WA	3,770	50	9/30	25	1	1	2	0	UNK	12M
SNAKE RVR CPX	WWF	OR	6,574	100		546	16	5	8	0	UNK	5M
BOUNDARY	WWF	OR	11,013	85	8/24	1,680	46	61	3	0	UNK	8.6M

North Zone - California Large Fires:

COTTONWOOD, Tahoe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dougherty) is committed. Excellent accomplishments were made and the outlook for containment has improved. The east flank of the fire continues to threaten scattered structures and subdivisions 15 miles northwest of Reno, NV. Confirmed losses include a barn under construction, mobile home, bulldozer, travel trailer, pick-up and several outbuildings.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
COTTONWOOD	TNF	CA	43,700	50	8/24	2,389	79	199	13	2	15M	10M

Southern Area Large Fires

CENTRAL PEAK, Wichita Mtns. NWR. Some structures are threatened. Three crews are currently on the fire. Two type III helicopters have been ordered to support crews.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
CENTRAL PEAK	WMR	OK	3,200	70	8/24	92	3	4	2	0	105K	150K

Outlook: A RED FLAG WARNING has been posted for Idaho, Wyoming and western and central Montana for strong winds and low relative humidity. A dry Pacific cold front and associated upper level trough will continue moving across the Northwest states today causing strong, gusty west to northwest winds by this afternoon. As the cooler air comes in contact with the warmer air over the northern mountains a few thunderstorms will occur. Moisture will be limited with this front and very little precipitation is expected. This cool trough will extend as far south as central California. Strong winds will again test the lines and cause increased activity on most large fires.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			1	0	4		5
NORTHWEST	1	1			6	9	17

CA-NORTHERN				1			1
CA-SOUTHERN				1	35		36
NORTHERN					13	12	25
GB-EASTERN		5			4	8	17
GB-WESTERN		7				1	8
SOUTHWEST	12	1				9	22
ROCKY MTN		2				4	6
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	13	16	1	2	62	43	137

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			1	358	12		371
NORTHWEST	0	0			41	1	42
CA-NORTHERN				0			0
CA-SOUTHERN				0	196		196
NORTHERN					5	1	6
GB-EASTERN		3			5	0	8
GB-WESTERN		2				0	2
SOUTHWEST	1	0				81	82
ROCKY MTN		1				2	3
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	1	6	1	358	259	85	710

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA		4								
NORTHWEST	#105	18	85	18	#35	2	4		#754	85
CA-NORTHERN	79	20	70	154	9	4	6		335	311
CA-SOUTHERN	60		87		19		10			
NORTHERN	#169	30	72	89	33	4			#1,410	158
GB-EASTERN	#129	11	#73	69	#20	19			#844	253
GB-WESTERN		1	6		2					
SOUTHWEST	2		9		3					
ROCKY MTN	4	2	3	1	11		7		53	16
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	1	2	4			2			19	
USA	549	88	409	331	132	31	27		3,415	823

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
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ALASKA	61	76	47	15	351	7	557
NORTHWEST	385	342	11	128	1,712	1,641	4,219
CA-NORTHERN	92	40	3	57		756	948
CA-SOUTHERN		100		24	2,584	541	3,249
NORTHERN	330	44		55	1,281	2,249	3,959
GB-EASTERN	83	623		35	271	1,086	2,098
GB-WESTERN		465			82	164	711
SOUTHWEST	1,432	377	17	207	1,595	2,467	6,095
ROCKY MTN	640	666		77	547	639	2,569
EASTERN	324			53	9,160	498	10,035
SOUTHERN	2		33	81	20,359	661	21,136
USA	3,349	2,733	111	732	37,942	10,709	55,576
5 YEAR AVERAGE							52,568

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,419	48,324	78,682	12,829	42,243	2	228,499
NORTHWEST	65,417	83,632	7,918	4,219	22,670	231,509	415,365
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,744	8,042	4,465		94,236	109,623
CA-SOUTHERN		26,057		15	43,470	56,394	125,936
NORTHERN	5,887	3,711		3,634	22,165	39,585	74,982
GB-EASTERN	1,345	212,895		46	64,482	179,595	458,363
GB-WESTERN		185,682			4,416	13,886	203,984
SOUTHWEST	31,551	120,066	7,683	24,057	209,839	147,026	540,222
ROCKY MTN	20,656	33,803		157	10,466	10,396	75,478
EASTERN	16,399			940	83,607	6,371	107,317
SOUTHERN	12		14,594	3,763	394,906	37,416	450,691
USA	187,822	716,914	116,919	54,125	898,264	816,416	2,790,460
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,999,849

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	62	217	3,497	23,796
YUKON TERRITORY	3	2,400	243	149,863
ALBERTA	5	252	690	28,223
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	86,300	595	2,281,998
SASKATCHEWAN	5	10	481	527,611
MANITOBA	2	7	457	445,703
ONTARIO	2	1	958	79,250
QUEBEC	1	0	422	115,893
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	0	120	110,552
NEW BRUNSWICK	5	1	270	142
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	190	122
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	14
NATIONAL PARKS	4	0	144	57,193
TOTALS	96	89,188	8,085	3,820,360

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