

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1997 - 0900 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: New large fires were reported in the Southern and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Initial attack fire activity continues to decrease in Alaska and favorable weather has aided suppression efforts on some of the large fires.

Dense smoke over the fires have made mapping difficult, so acreage increases have not been available. Minimal fire activity occurred elsewhere. Very High to extreme fire indices continue to be reported in California, the Great Basin, Southwest and Rocky Mountain Areas.

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

INOWAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dube) is assigned. Taking advantage of higher humidities and rain showers, crews began direct attack on the southwest perimeter. Crews continued native allotment protection in Stony River and Sleetmute. Burnout operations are in progress to protect the George River mine site.

OSKAWALIK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. This fire is located 30 miles southwest of Red Devil, AK. This fire is being managed by the Type II Incident Management Team on the Inowak fire. The fire is smoldering in moss and sparse spruce. Twenty-five percent of the perimeter was active yesterday, spreading toward the east at 4 chains per hour.

CHINIKLIK MOUNTAIN, Galena District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wehking) is assigned. This fire is in the lower Yukon near Russian Mission, AK. Efforts were concentrated on the south side of the fire and on the east side of Carnation Creek. Partial cloud cover and cooler temperatures have lessened fire activity, but the fire continued to burn actively on the northern perimeter.

PAIMIUT, Galena District, BLM. This fire is in the Lower Yukon area, between Russian Mission and Holy Cross, AK. This fire is being managed by the Type II Incident Management Team on the Chiniklik fire. Suppression efforts were concentrated on securing the southern perimeter and stopping the fire from spreading to the east. Southerly winds pushed the fire toward the north and west.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
INOWAK	SWS	AK	475,000	0	UNK	345	15	0	4	3	NR	1.6M
OSKAWALIK	SWS	AK	1,320	75	7/26	87	5	0	1	0	NR	68K
CHINIKLIK MT	GAD	AK	3,350	10	8/03	126	6	0	3	0	NR	28K
PAIMIUT	GAD	AK	950	0	UNK	63	4	0	0	0	NR	NR

Alaska has 50 other large fires burning for a total of 1,300,729 acres.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

NORTH HILLS, Cedar City District, BLM. This fire is located 30 miles west of Cedar City, UT. The fire grew rapidly in flashy fuels due to high winds.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
NORTH HILLS	CCD	UT	500	70	7/26	44	1	9	1	0	NR	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

EAST EASEMENT, McFaddin NWR. This fire is located near Sabine Pass, TX. The fire is actively burning within containment lines. Current threats are to wildlife habitat. The fire will continue to be monitored; no control problems are anticipated.

BAYOU, Sabine, NWR. This fire is located northwest of Cameron, LA. Reconnaissance of the fire showed active burning in the east flank. The fire has the potential to burn another 150 acres.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
EAST EASEMENT	MCR	TX	1,000	90	7/27	7	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
BAYOU	SBR	LA	1,000	50	7/26	4	0	0	0	0	NR	6K

OUTLOOK:

Alaska will be partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. The Galena area will have light rain showers. High temperatures will be in the 60's to upper 70's, except the Galena area which will be in the 50's.

Washington and Oregon will be mostly sunny with areas of morning fog and low clouds west of the Cascades. Southeast and south-central Oregon will have isolated afternoon thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 65 to 75 west of the Cascades with 80's and 90's east of the Cascades and the southwest Oregon valleys.

California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico will be partly cloudy with scattered, mostly wet, thunderstorms from the Sierra Mountains in California eastward across the Great Basin and Southern Rockies. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains, 80's and 90's in the valleys, and near 105 in the Southern deserts.

Arizona will be mostly sunny with scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the central and eastern mountains. Temperatures will continue to be very warm with highs in the lower 80's in the mountains to 113 in the hottest deserts.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		0	0		3		3
NORTHWEST	2	2			4	2	10
CA-NORTH					14	12	26
CA-SOUTH					14	1	15
NORTHERN	1				1		2
GB-EAST		3			1	3	7
GB-WEST		6					6
SOUTHWEST						4	4
ROCKY MTN	1	3				8	12
EASTERN						3	3
SOUTHERN					2		2
USA	4	14	0	0	39	33	90

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		5,499	157		86		5,742
NORTHWEST	14	1			1	13	29
CA-NORTH					37	1	38
CA-SOUTH					82	0	82
NORTHERN	3				1		4
GB-EAST		522			2	1	525
GB-WEST		413					413
SOUTHWEST						16	16
ROCKY MTN	1	6				7	14
EASTERN						33	33
SOUTHERN					30		30
USA	18	6,441	157	0	239	71	6,926

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O
ALASKA	24	14			5	11	2	2	74	79
NORTHWEST	1								12	1
CA-NORTH		2	4		1					
CA-SOUTH					1					
NORTHERN	1		4	2						
GB-EAST	1		14	2	3		3		4	
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST			6		4					
ROCKY MTN			13		2					
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN			1						4	
USA	27	16	42	4	16	11	5	2	94	80

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

ST/O = STATE OR OTHER RESOURCES

NR = NO REPORT

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	6	77	47	10	479	9	628
NORTHWEST	107	99	12	21	450	259	948
CA-NORTH	64	27		11	1,506	312	1,920
CA-SOUTH	29	70	2	31	2,478	491	3,101
NORTHERN	323	16	22	1	111	121	594
GB-EAST	5	222		10	98	170	505
GB-WEST		146		16	38	76	276
SOUTHWEST	773	120	16	56	686	1,216	2,867
ROCKY MTN	323	276	1	25	681	262	1,568
EASTERN	548			20	8,742	344	9,654
SOUTHERN	4		78	44	16,648	545	17,319
USA	2,182	1,053	178	245	31,917	3,805	39,380
10 YEAR AVERAGE							49,151

AREA	BIA	ACRES BURNED: Year to date					USFS	TOTAL
		BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES			
ALASKA	28	532,535	536,138	18,333	268,858	32	1,355,924	
NORTHWEST	365	5,636	5,411	2	1,809	393	13,616	
CA-NORTH	98	511		24	4,245	790	5,668	
CA-SOUTH	553	3,561	18	50	17,914	10,105	32,201	
NORTHERN	1,818	425	1,104		1,033	297	4,677	
GB-EAST	39	20,001		37	5,933	402	26,412	
GB-WEST		23,596		2	183	704	24,485	
SOUTHWEST	3,905	3,633	1,769	935	114,524	10,263	135,029	
ROCKY MTN	14,318	5,694	20	1,391	24,192	840	46,455	
EASTERN	3,190			75	42,683	5,148	51,096	
SOUTHERN	12		8,249	1,413	218,573	13,210	241,457	
USA	24,326	595,592	552,709	22,262	699,947	42,184	1,937,020	
10 YEAR AVERAGE							1,613,771	

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES				
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	5	0	453	10,112
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	92	10,124
ALBERTA	3	0	303	749
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	81	11,827
SASKATCHEWAN	1	4	272	2,489
MANITOBA	4	1	264	9,595
ONTARIO	13	23	896	26,370
QUEBEC	9	2	594	324,876
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	68	8,703
NEW BRUNSWICK	7	7	201	108
NOVA SCOTIA	2	13	221	470
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	28	93
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	19	276
TOTALS	45	50	3,492	405,792

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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