

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 1997 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION: Precipitation has aided suppression efforts on several large fires in Alaska. Containment objectives were achieved on the large fires in southern California. Increased initial attack activity was reported in the Northern Rockies, NICC mobilized a caterer to a 60 acre fire on the Helena NF. Initial attack activity was minimal for most other Geographic Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices continue to be reported on many units in California.

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

SIMELS, Galena District, BLM. This fire is on the east side of the Innoko Flats, between Galena and McGrath. The eastern perimeter remains active where it crossed the Innoko river. Crews continue to make good progress despite strong winds and low relative humidity. Structure protection is now in place at Graham mine.

MAGITCHLIE CREEK, Galena District, BLM. This fire is located in the Innoko Flats, 35 miles south of Kaltag. Dampened fuels made burnout operations difficult. Firefighters will try to resume burnout operations on the west and southeast flanks when weather conditions improve.

CHINIKLIK MOUNTAIN, Galena District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wehking) is assigned. Firefighters mopped-up hot spots along the western perimeter. No significant increase in fire activity was observed.

GARFIELD CREEK, Galena District, BLM. This fire is located on the Seward Peninsula, 65 miles north of Nome. Recent precipitation has stopped the spread of the fire. Firefighters continue to mop-up hot spots inside the containment lines. Demobilization of personnel has begun.

PAIMIUT, Galena District, BLM. The fire is located in the lower Yukon, between Holy Cross and Russian Mission, AK. This blaze escaped containment lines due to high winds and dry conditions. Firefighters were assisted by retardant drops on the south and east flanks.

INOWAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dube) is assigned. Strong winds increased fire activity along the northern and eastern perimeters. The fire is progressing slowly, but the thick organic mat has stored intense heat. Firefighters continue to protect native allotments.

BUTTE CREEK, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska State. This fire is located 25 miles east of Eilson Air Force Base, near the Salcha River. Minimal fire activity was observed yesterday. Structure protection objectives have been met. Demobilization of resources has begun.

DEVILS PEAK, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska State. This fire is located west of the Kuskokwim River, 60 miles south of McGrath. Firefighters

continue to mop-up hot spots. Demobilization is in progress. Full containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
SIMELS	GAD	AK	365,865	0	NR	55	3	0	2	0	NR	220K
MAGITCHLIE	GAD	AK	209,409	0	NR	8	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
CHINIKLIK MTN	GAD	AK	3,283	85	8/05	113	3	0	3	0	NR	1M
GARFIELD CREEK	GAD	AK	53,000	0	NR	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
PAIMIUT	GAD	AK	1,540	70	8/15	100	2	0	2	0	NR	337K
INOWAK	SWS	AK	521,900	5	NR	232	8	0	4	3	NR	3M
BUTTE CREEK	FAS	AK	4,222	0	NR	40	2	0	2	0	NR	65K
DEVILS PEAK	SWS	AK	660	80	8/03	41	2	0	0	0	NR	72K

Alaska has 55 other large fires burning for a total of 1,613,240 acres.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

REINHART, Elko District, BLM. This lightning holdover fire is burning in grass and pinyon-juniper 20 miles southwest of Elko, NV. Crews were able to make good progress, despite strong winds.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
REINHART	EKD	NV	650	50	8/4	175	7	7	1	0	NR	NR

The Western Great Basin has 1 other large fire burning for a total of 600 acres.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
LAURAL	MVU	CA	723	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	72K	NR
WOHLFORD	MVU	CA	457	100	---	0	0	0	0	31	1.7M	NR

MVU = San Diego Ranger Unit, California State

OUTLOOK:

Eastern Alaska will be dry and warm. The remainder of the state will be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Eastern temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's, with highs in the 50's and 60's elsewhere.

Nevada and Utah will have mostly cloudy skies with numerous showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's, with highs reaching 105 in the Nevada deserts.

California will be very warm and dry. A slight chance of thunderstorms exists over the central and southern mountains and southern deserts. Temperatures will be in the 60's along the coast, the 80's in the mountains, and up to 114 in the valleys and deserts.





CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	494	1,743
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	94	10,124
ALBERTA	1	0	326	757
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	92	20,876
SASKATCHEWAN	5	1	314	2,792
MANITOBA	3	25	281	10,336
ONTARIO	14	84	1,110	27,464
QUEBEC	3	0	663	366,399
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	3	79	8,728
NEW BRUNSWICK	6	0	244	123
NOVA SCOTIA	4	0	268	466
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	31	93
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	26	283
TOTALS	37	113	4,022	450,184

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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