

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1998 - 0530 MDT

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Significant fire activity persisted in the Southern Area. Wildfires have affected all of the 67 counties in Florida. The Rocky Mountain and Southwest Areas continue to battle large fires. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for an Area Command Team, equipment, aircraft, crews, smokejumpers and miscellaneous overhead for these Areas. Minor initial attack activity was reported in most other Areas. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, California and Nevada.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

JACKSONVILLE COMPLEX, Florida State. This complex is southwest of Jacksonville. Lightning started these fires, and arson and illegal debris burns have caused additional problems.

ORLANDO COMPLEX, Florida State, Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is assigned. Extreme fire behavior on the Farmington (previously called the Break) fire required residents in the area to be evacuated. Low relative humidity, high temperatures and variable winds are hindering control efforts.

WACCASASSA COMPLEX, Florida State, Alachua, Putnam and Marion Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hebb) is assigned. Four new fires were added to this complex.

BUNNELL COMPLEX, Florida State, Flagler and St. Johns Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hendricks) is assigned. Firefighters are concentrating on the Rodeo Road fire, which straddles the Volusia and Flagler County lines. Fire activity has increased on numerous fires in the complex, causing them to escape containment boundaries. Weather conditions are challenging suppression efforts.

BUNNELL-VOLUSIA COMPLEX, Florida State, Volusia County. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The fires were very active yesterday. Burnout operations were postponed due to extreme weather conditions. A subdivision one mile north of Lake Ashby was evacuated due to a new start. Helicopter bucket drops provided structure protection for homes in this area.

WITHLACOOCHEE, Florida State, Hernando, Pasco, Lake Sumter and Citrus Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Voltolina) is assigned. Seven fires in this complex are uncontrolled. More than 200 homes in the vicinity are threatened.

SUWANNEE COMPLEX, Florida State, Columbia, Union, Bradford, Baker Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. Unified Command is in effect with Florida State. This complex consists of 30 fires, six of which are not contained. Additional fires were ignited by a passing thunderstorm. Extremely low fuel moisture, high temperatures and strong winds have hampered suppression efforts.

OAK HEAD COMPLEX, Osceola National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. These fires are 20 miles north of Lake City. Two new starts were added to the complex yesterday. Mop-up continues on most fires in the complex. Demobilization of resources has begun.

MERRITT ISLAND COMPLEX, Merritt Island NWR. This fire is in Brevard County. Firefighters continue to mop-up the fires in this complex.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$
JACKSONVILLE	FLS	FL	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	U
ORLANDO COMPLEX	FLS	FL	NR	NR	NR	149	3	11	0	0	NR	
WACCASASSA CPX	FLS	FL	11,927	95	UNK	158	3	0	1	0	NR	5
BUNNELL COMPLEX	FLS	FL	20,556	UNK	UNK	456	2	40	3	3	NR	9
BUNNELL- VOLUSIA	FLS	FL	67,385	45	UNK	653	12	22	0	3	3M	4
WITHLACOOCHEE	FLS	FL	3,807	90	UNK	136	2	1	0	0	NR	
SUWANEE COMPLEX	FLS	FL	16,326	99	7/15	223	4	14	2	1	21M	1

OAK HEAD COMPLX	FNF	FL	20,120	90	7/3	284	7	16	0	0	NR	2
MERRITT ISLAND	MIR	FL	4,987	80	UNK	21	0	6	1	0	NR	
PERRY COMPLEX	FLS	FL	20,400	100	----	241	2	8	0	0	3M	4
CASH JOHNSON	TXS	TX	800	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

OSO, Santa Fe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This fire is ten miles north of Los Alamos. Strong, shifting winds from a thunderstorm caused the fire to make a significant run yesterday. Structure protection for the Santa Clara Ranger Station continues. Private property and structures on the north side of the fire are threatened.

RIVERBED, Pima Agency. This fire is 20 miles southwest of Phoenix. Heavy brush, salt cedar, mesquite and tamarack trees have fueled this blaze. Firefighters are making good progress on line construction. Containment was expected last night.

PALO DURO RANCH, Lake Meredith NRA. This fire is outside of Fritch. One picnic shelter was burned. Resource demobilization has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
OSO	SNF	NM	2,560	10	UNK	563	20	7	3	NR	NR	401K
RIVERBED	PMA	AZ	100	25	6/30	21	0	3	0	0	0	NR
PALO DURO	LAP	TX	5,000	75	7/1	143	3	10	0	1	NR	36K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

MUDDY CREEK, Pike-San Isabel NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is burning in heavy down fuels five miles west of Rye. Some torching was observed yesterday. Airtanker drops have prevented the fire from growing larger. Inaccessible terrain has hindered control efforts. Camp Jackson, a YMCA camp, is immediately threatened.

BEAR TRACKS, Arapaho-Roosevelt NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire is ten miles west of Evergreen. Steep, rocky terrain and numerous snags pose safety concerns. The interior of the fire continues to burn actively. Inaccessibility has made crew transport to the fire difficult.

WHITE, Pike-San Isabel NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hessler) is assigned. This fire is three miles northwest of Grants. Aggressive fire suppression and air support slowed the spread of the fire. Firefighters were aided by cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
MUDDY CREEK	PSF	CO	135	30	7/4	162	7	4	0	0	1M	UNK
BEAR TRACKS	ARF	CO	485	30	7/4	247	13	1	4	0	NR	382K
WHITE	PSF	CO	160	25	7/2	94	4	7	0	0	NR	50K

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

CARLA LAKE, Fort Greely Army Base. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Delta Junction. Crews worked to secure the eastern perimeter. The fire was active on the west side and firefighters were able to keep these flare-ups within the perimeter. Firefighters continued with rehabilitation efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
CARLA LAKE	DDQ	AK	60,520	80	UNK	125	8	0	2	0	UNK	15M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
BULLDOG	CCD	UT	6,375	100	---	212	7	4	3	0	NR	487K

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY IN NORTHERN FLORIDA. Florida and Georgia will be partly cloudy and hot with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will range from the 80's and 90's in Georgia and from the 90's to near 100 in Florida.

New Mexico and west Texas will be partly cloudy. New Mexico will have slightly lower temperatures and a few afternoon and evening thunderstorms in the central mountains and eastward. High temperatures will range from the 80's in the mountains to 105 in the southern lowlands.

Arizona will continue to be sunny and hot. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5-17%. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's for most of the state, with highs reaching 116 along the Colorado River.

Colorado will be mostly sunny in the morning. By afternoon, it will be partly cloudy in the west and mostly cloudy in the east. Scattered afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms are forecast east of the Rocky mountains. Temperatures will range from the 70's and 80's in the mountains, to 105 in the southwestern portion of the state.

Southern Nevada and southern Utah will be sunny and hot. Winds will be from the southwest at 5-15 MPH with gusts in southern Utah up to 30 MPH. Minimum relative humidity will range from 2-12%. High temperatures will range from the mid 90's to 116 in the deserts.

NR = NOT REPORTED UNK = UNKNOWN

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					60		60
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	1			60	3	65
	ACRES	1	0			101	0	102
CA-NORTH	FIRES					12	5	17

	ACRES					1	51	52
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				12	5	18
	ACRES	0				34	8	42
NORTHERN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
GB-EAST	FIRES		0			4	3	7
	ACRES		1,008			299	1	1,308
GB-WEST	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	9			1	2	4	16
	ACRES	2			0	23	2	27
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2					1	3
	ACRES	2				1	65	68
EASTERN	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES						20	20
SOUTHERN	FIRES					166	1	167
	ACRES					4,211	1	4,212
TOTAL	FIRES	13	3	0	1	262	23	302
	ACRES	5	1,008	0	0	4,730	148	5,891

* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	14	2		260	1	278
	ACRES	1	61,811	2		3,779	1	65,594
NORTHWEST	FIRES	36	27	2		168	95	328
	ACRES	8,437	6,519	4,500		430	72	19,958
CA-NORTH	FIRES	21	3		1	247	56	328
	ACRES	30	0		0	150	18	198

CA-SOUTH	FIRES	26	47	1	6	729	154	963
	ACRES	33	546	165	3	1,945	423	3,115
NORTHERN	FIRES	499	10	28		114	85	736
	ACRES	2,601	1,592	7,123		4,442	1,876	17,634
GB-EAST	FIRES	15	39		2	40	27	123
	ACRES	46	12,545		5	1,438	111	14,145
GB-WEST	FIRES		33		10	5	15	63
	ACRES		440		1	5	3	449
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,126	59	14	35	665	465	2,364
	ACRES	4,235	4,466	9	5,979	75,292	4,744	94,725
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	162	65	13		314	99	653
	ACRES	1,172	1,204	126		3,068	1,864	7,434
EASTERN	FIRES	499			12	8,150	341	9,002
	ACRES	9,814			174	67,043	5,585	82,616
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		50	27	17,593	557	18,235
	ACRES	35		8,582	5,614	403,891	18,811	436,933
TOTALS	FIRES	2,393	297	110	93	28,285	1,895	33,073
	ACRES	26,404	89,123	20,507	11,776	561,483	33,508	742,801
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								42,483
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								942,557

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1					21	22
	ACRES	3,282					3,550	6,832
CA-NORTH	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						408	408
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						40	40
NORTHERN	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0

	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	29	30
	ACRES	3,282	0	0	0	0	3,998	7,280

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational uses. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

NORTHWEST			6						3	
CA-NORTH	8	4	7	4	4	1		1		2
CA-SOUTH	2		4		2					
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST	12	3	13	6	7		2	2	24	
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	60		26	13	13		12	4	150	13
ROCKY MTN	20	4	5	7	4		1		79	22
EASTERN										5
SOUTHERN*	33	6	86	89	4	28		7	468	220
TOTAL	135	17	147	119	34	29	15	14	724	262

*Resource commitments were not reported from many fires in the Southern Area.

*** NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER ***