

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Large fire activity continued in the Western Great Basin and California Areas as hot and dry weather conditions prevailed. New large fire activity was reported in the Northwest, California, Eastern Great Basin and Northern Rockies Areas. Initial attack activity decreased and was moderate in most areas. Competition exists for airtankers, leadplanes, type I and II helicopters and type I crews. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized airtankers, helicopters, lead planes, infrared aircraft, radio equipment, caterers, showers, engines, crews, smokejumpers and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES

SHASTA-TRINITY COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This complex consists of the Rock (700 acres), East (288 acres), Mammoth (400 acres), Burney LCA (100 acres), Donkey (60 acres) and Backbone (20 acres) fires. The Rock fire is three miles south of Shingletown and is threatening that community along with the community of Manton. The Mammoth fire is two miles west of Shasta Lake and is threatening watershed resources.

BUTTE COMPLEX, Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Team (Walters) is assigned. The Limpach, Upper Misty Buck and Lower Misty Buck fires have burned together. Fifty residences remain threatened. No other information was reported.

TEHAMA-GLENN COMPLEX, Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. The DeHaven Gulch fire, the only uncontained fire, is 10 miles east of Red Bluff. Backfire operations increased the acreage an additional 2,000 acres.

MHRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. The complex consists of 12 fires of which five are contained and six remain unstaffed. The Horton 2 fire is threatening 50-75 structures in the Dixie Valley. Structure protection is in place. This fire is burning in 50% dead standing timber with heavy logging slash.

FRRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. This complex consists of six lightning fires north and west of Lake Oroville. Two of the fires are almost contained. Structures, recreational sites and private improvements around the Little Grass Valley Reservoir are currently threatened. One campground was evacuated as a precaution. The fires exhibited extreme fire behavior through the night.

WILLOW, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Hoppis) is assigned. This fire is threatening timber, rangeland and archeological sites 20 miles northeast of Susanville. Crews worked on reestablishing lost fireline. A section of State Highway 139 is closed.

HIGH COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. This complex consists of 19 lightning fires 22 miles north of Redding. Low relative humidities and high temperatures contributed to large acreage gains on several of the fires in the complex. Structures are threatened on three of the fires. Other threats are to private property, recreational areas and high value resources.

YELLOW PINE COMPLEX, Modoc National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. This complex consists of the Yellow (4,400 acres) and Pine (7,000 acres) fires which are 20 miles south of Tulelake. The fires experienced very active fire behavior through the night. The Yellow fire is threatening private land, eagle habitat and goshawk nesting sites.

BIG BAR COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bacon) is assigned. This complex is 28 miles northwest of Weaverville. The complex consists of five lightning fires, the Onion (600+ acres), Fawn (100+ acres), Soldier (15 acres), Dee's (1.5 acres) and Megram (.5 acres). The fires are burning in steep, inaccessible terrain. Smokejumpers are being utilized on four of the fires. Structure protection is in place to protect 12 threatened residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SHASTA-TRINITY	CA	SHU	1275	16	UNK	600	32	25	5	0	NR	NR
BUTTE COMPLEX	CA	BTU	12165	UNK	UNK	625	17	109	3	0	NR	NR
TEHAMA-GLENN CM	CA	TGU	12000	75	UNK	500	20	25	4	0	NR	NR
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	2866	10	UNK	384	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	346K
FRRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	3210	20	UNK	416	13	17	0	0	NR	550K
WILLOW	CA	LMU	5300	30	UNK	192	11	9	1	0	NR	NR
HIGH COMPLEX	CA	SHF	2100	10	UNK	586	38	20	4	0	NR	NR
YELLOW PINE COM	CA	MDF	11400	0	UNK	340	9	15	2	0	NR	419K
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	715	UNK	UNK	199	8	3	0	0	NR	NR
LASSEN-MODOC LG	CA	LMU	400	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

RED ROCK, Carson City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lianardos) is assigned. This fire is threatening numerous structures in an urban interface area 10 miles north of Reno. Fire suppression resources made excellent progress on containing the fire with limited aircraft support due to a smoke inversion on the fire. Flare-ups and hotspots near the fireline are causing concern. The priority is to secure unburned islands around residences.

PASS CREEK, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management

Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 70 miles northwest of Winnemucca. The team took over the fire at 1800 yesterday. The fire made a 350 acre run on the southwest flank.

FISH COMPLEX, Carson City Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, sage and juniper 45 miles north of Reno. The complex was covered by a smoke inversion all day. Retardant was used to protect a ranch at Pyramid Lake. The fire is estimated to have doubled in size. A few ranches and homesteads remain threatened.

DIDO COMPLEX, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. These fires are burning in grass, sage, pinyon pine and juniper six miles northwest of Jiggs. Because of extensive fingers on the fire perimeter, mopup operations are taking longer than normal.

BOULDER, Elko Field Office, BLM. The Incident Commander believes that the current resources will be able to contain the fire within the next 24 hours. Three light airtankers, one heavy airtanker, heli-rappelers and smokejumpers are being used.

RAIL SPRINGS, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM. Initial attack is in progress with engines and handcrews. Smokejumpers have been ordered.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
RED ROCK	NV	CCD	6500	80	8/27	242	5	30	1	0	NR	125K
PASS CREEK	NV	WID	4500	50	UNK	282	9	12	2	0	NR	122K
FISH COMPLEX	NV	CCD	30000	10	8/29	372	13	12	3	0	NR	NR
DIDO COMPLEX	NV	EKD	16250	100	----	734	21	28	2	0	NR	2.1M
BOULDER	NV	EKD	500	UNK	UNK	110	2	10	2	0	NR	NR
RAIL SPRINGS	NV	BMD	600	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

BADGER, Sheldon-Hart National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. This fire is actively burning in mahogany and sage 120 miles southeast of Lakeview. Low fuel moisture and poor access are hampering control efforts.

PLACEDER GULCH, Oregon State Department of Forestry. This fire is burning in steep terrain 12 miles south of Dayville. Spotting across the fireline is causing control problems.

SOAP LAKE MOUNTAIN, Colville Agency, BIA. This fire is 8 miles south of Okanogan. The fire is thought to be started by a catalytic converter. No other information was reported.

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BADGER	OR	SHR	10500	0	UNK	140	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

PLACEDER GULCH	OR	ORS	675	0	UNK	88	4	1	1	0	NR	NR
SOAP LAKE MOUNT	WA	COA	350	50	8/26	60	1	6	1	0	NR	NR
ELLIOT RIDGE	OR	BUD	129	100	----	50	0	6	1	0	NR	NR
TIMM BROTHERS R	WA	COA	2000	100	----	60	1	3	0	0	NR	NR
BUCK CREEK	OR	PRD	1700	100	----	6	0	3	0	0	NR	12K

BUD = Burns District, BLM.

PRD = Prineville District, BLM.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

PILOT, Stanislaus National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. This fire is east of the Buck Meadows/Groveland area, burning in steep terrain. The fire was spotting and burned intensely in the afternoon with continued spread at night. The fire made a major run toward Camp Tawonga. Two tent cabins and an outbuilding were destroyed. The fire spotted across the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River in several locations and made major runs toward Highway 120. The fire has burned into Spotted Owl habitat. Additional threats are to a lodge, residences and the community of Mather.

SHINN, Angeles National Forest. This fire is burning in brush north of Clairmont. Current threats are to Mt. Baldy Village, cabins and an electronic site. Steep, rocky terrain is hindering suppression efforts.

CARMOKE, Stanislaus National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. These lightning ignited wildland fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fires are in the Mokelumne and Carson- Iceberg Wilderness Area. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

SOUTH PARK COMPLEX, Yosemite National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This complex consists of several fires being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

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PILOT	CA	STF	3320	50	UNK	1247	44	40	10	1	NR	NR
SHINN	CA	ANF	500	20	UNK	280	13	22	7	0	NR	NR
CARMOKE	CA	STF	511	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
SOUTH PARK COMP	CA	YNP	470	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
NORTH PARK COMP	CA	YNP	6980	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SILENT, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. This fire is 17 miles west,

northwest of St. George, UT. Crews made good progress despite afternoon lightning activity over the fire area. Full containment was expected last night.

COW CREEK, Upper Snake River District, BLM. This fire is 12 miles from the community of Rockland. No other information was reported.

FLOYD'S COMPLEX. Payette National Forest. This complex of 19 fires is 50 miles east of McCall burning in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. These lightning ignited wildland fires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The large active fires in the complex are the Ramey (400 acres), Lodgepole (300 acres), Little Ramey (900 acres), Copper Camp (600 acres) and Big Ramey (160 acres).

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SILENT	UT	CCD	2100	75	8/25	95	2	8	2	0	NR	155K
COW CREEK	ID	IFD	300	25	UNK	100	4	8	1	0	NR	NR
FLOYD'S COMPLEX	ID	PAF	2360	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
WEST SHOOFLY	ID	BOD	2500	100	----	38	0	5	2	0	9K	38K

BOD = Lower Snake River District, BLM

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

STEPHENS HILL, Montana Department of Forestry and Conservation, Southern Land Office. Two residences were evacuated due to this fire northeast of Big Timber. No other information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STEPHENS HILL	MT	SOS	200	0	8/26	28	0	1	0	0	70K	1K
SHIRLEY'S	MT	RBA	1200	100	----	87	1	14	0	0	NR	NR

RBA = Rockey Boy's Agency, Chippewa Cree Tribe.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SRINGTOWN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located 35 miles southwest of McAlester. Extreme fire behavior was reported on the fire yesterday. There were 14 structures saved. Two firefighters deployed shelters Tuesday when the fire crossed dozer lines and cut off their escape routes. No injuries were sustained from the burnover.

KNOX, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is located in Shackelford County. The fire experienced high winds. No other information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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SRINGTROWN	OK	OKS	700	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
KNOX	TX	TXS	450	50	8/25	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR DRY LIGHTING THIS AFTERNOON THROUGH MIDNIGHT FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON AND NORTHERN NEVADA.

High pressure is building from the four corners area. At the same time a deepening thermal low at the surface will allow monsoon moisture to spread north. This will result in a few high based dry thunderstorms across northern California, northern Nevada, northern Utah, southern Oregon and southern Idaho. Farther south thunderstorms are expected to be scattered and mainly wet. The same high pressure will maintain hot and dry weather with isolated afternoon thunderstorms across Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Temperatures will be one to five degrees warmer and humidities will be drier with minimum readings in the single digits and teens across the Great Basin, northern California, eastern Oregon and southern Idaho. Humidities will be in the teens and 20's across Northern Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The trend remains for warming and drying.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2	17			23	19	61
	ACRES	2400	32			792	20	3244
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				20	12	33
	ACRES	0				7737	2123	9860
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		3			11	5	19
	ACRES		1			0	2721	2722
NORTHERN	FIRES	6	2			8	22	38
	ACRES	42	2			3	14	61
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	11		1	1	4	18
	ACRES	0	431		8	2	1	442
GB-WEST	FIRES		13				3	16
	ACRES		16111				0	16111
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					3	4
	ACRES	2					0	2
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	2					4
	ACRES	4	0					4

EASTERN	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						3	3
SOUTHERN	FIRES			1		96	4	101
	ACRES			2		2080	25	2107
TOTAL	FIRES	13	48	1	1	159	74	296
	ACRES	2448	16577	2	8	10614	4907	34556

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	31	13	386	0	474
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155932	282964	0	1026302
NORTHWEST	FIRES	321	342	15	44	1329	1213	3264
	ACRES	6489	28020	14233	89	7377	3975	60183
CA-NORTH	FIRES	118	49	7	22	2463	874	3533
	ACRES	147	14001	33	130	38354	14098	66763
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	59	133	9	49	2418	719	3387
	ACRES	1306	6039	12	13950	20791	24943	67041
NORTHERN	FIRES	460	58	15	10	631	1086	2260
	ACRES	4713	4977	130	2	38993	5471	54286
GB-EAST	FIRES	49	634		19	246	551	1499
	ACRES	4235	368729		23	38371	5946	417304
GB-WEST	FIRES	30	562	3	5	79	163	842
	ACRES	751	1380535	116	3	25622	5922	1412949
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	789	117	9	45	752	1389	3101
	ACRES	13082	27129	225	410	69298	11406	121550
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	475	340	33	39	948	213	2048
	ACRES	8813	12844	705	27	51753	2869	77011
EASTERN	FIRES	513			85	14471	313	15382
	ACRES	2947			810	91843	4255	99855
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		69	96	31508	929	32637
	ACRES	627		19956	11125	601945	44773	678426
TOTALS	FIRES	2851	2277	191	427	55231	7450	68427
	ACRES	43111	2144485	320604	182501	1267311	123658	4081670
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								57302
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								2377952

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERNRO	FIRES						1	1

GB-EAST	ACRES						35	35
	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
TOTAL	ACRES							0
	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	35	35

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				2050			2050
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				25		0	25
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
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	2075	0	0	2075

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

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	5	43	968	7338
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	159	185941
ALBERTA	12	0	1145	117823
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	8355	164	525174
SASKATCHEWAN	7	206	672	177111
MANITOBA	7	5	520	96670
ONTARIO	3	1	819	306707
QUEBEC	9	9	787	95527
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	212	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	14	548	1260
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	411	1675
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	39	65368
TOTALS	44	8633	6469	1624141

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	11	6	59	15	12	1	6		44	8
CA-NORTH	72	113	105	211	10	23	3	7	227	136
CA-SOUTH	46	14	45	15	19	3	3		193	58
NORTHERN	9	6	22	28	5	1			2	8
GB-EAST	6	2	38	5	10	1	4		30	
GB-WEST	41	14	48	72	9	8			218	72
SOUTHWEST										
ROCKY MTN	6				2					
EASTERN									2	
SOUTHERN									13	
TOTAL	191	155	317	346	67	37	16	7	729	282

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