

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in most areas. New large fire activity was reported in the Southern California, Eastern Great Basin, Western Great Basin, Northern Rockies and Southern Areas. Large fire activity continued in the Northern California, Southern California, Eastern Great Basin, Western Great Basin and Southern Areas. Competition exists for Type I crews. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized helicopters, infrared aircraft, telecommunications equipment, commissary, engines, shower unit, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Arkansas, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

PINE, Riverside Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is located on State Highway 243 at the junction of Twin Pine Road near the town of Silent Valley. Current threats are to a watershed and structures. There have been six out buildings, one travel trailer, one motor home, three autos and one sailboat lost.

WILLOW, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. This fire is located near Willow Creek, northeast of Lake Arrowhead. Current threats are to communication sites and underground gas lines. Intense winds and steep terrain are causing control problems. Evacuations of the Oak Springs and Bowens Ranch are in place. The fire has switched directions and is heading north, northeast toward the Apple and Lucerne Valleys. Mandatory evacuations are in place for High Road in Lucrene and the town of Patzer Butte. The town of Milpas is on a voluntary evacuation. The National Forest is closed at Highway 138 west of Silverwood Lake, through Crestine up to Highway 18 below Big Bear Lake and to Cushmanberry Springs.

MIXING, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Conrad) is assigned. This fire is located on State Highway 243 near Mountain Center, CA. Steep terrain and heavy fuels are contributing to control problems. State Highway 74 between Mountain Center and Lake Hemet is open to residents by escort only. An evacuation center is set up in Idyllwild school.

BRIDGE, Angeles National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is located on Highway 39 north of the city of Azusa, CA. Steep terrain and high fire intensities are causing control problems. A mandatory evacuation for the town of Falling Springs and Crystal Lake is in place. State Highway 39 is open to residents with identification.

COULTERVILLE, Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit, California Department of

Forestry. This fire is located one mile west of Coulterville, CA. The fire is burning on the down slope side of Highway 132. The town of Coulterville is threatened.

WIND, Kern County Fire Department. This fire is located in Sand Canyon at the junction of Highway 58 and Cameron Road. Strong winds are causing control problems. MERCED, Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is located at the junction of Merced Falls and Coronado Roads. The fire is moving quickly through grass in rolling hills. Firing operations are in progress. Structures at Lake McClure are threatened.

SHANNON, Los Angeles County. This fire is located in the town of Acton, CA. Three out buildings and one residence was destroyed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PINE	CA	RRU	1523	80	8/31	772	25	47	6	6	NR	NR
WILLOW	CA	BDF	44000	10	UNK	299	7	21	2	NR	NR	NR
MIXING	CA	BDF	3000	70	UNK	371	19	47	4	NR	NR	NR
BRIDGE	CA	ANF	2000	10	UNK	NR	6	16	1	NR	NR	NR
COULTERVILLE	CA	MMU	500	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WIND	CA	KRN	300	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MERCED	CA	MMU	500	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SHANNON	CA	LAC	1650	40	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	NR	NR

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 (500 acres), Burney LCA (118 acres), Donkey (60 acres), Spring (875 acres) and Backbone (20 acres) fires. No other information was reported.

MHRD COMPLEX, Plumas National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. The complex consists of nine fires of which four are contained. Current threats are to structures in the State Highway 70 corridor and the Dixie Valley.

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. Personnel continue to make good progress on the Bean and Devil's Gap fires.

HIGH COMPLEX, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Foster) is assigned. Unified Command with the California Department of Forestry (Young) is in effect. This complex consists of 19 lightning fires 22 miles north of Redding. Continued burnout of indirect fireline is planned for today.

YELLOW PINE COMPLEX, Modoc National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. This complex consists of the Yellow (4,669

acres), Pine (29,772 acres) and Boles (523 acres) fires which are 20 miles south of Tulalake. The fire received rain yesterday. Activities are focused on mopup and rehabilitation. Demobilization of the complex is beginning.

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 (2,620 acres), Fawn (1,780 acres), Soldier/Megram (285 acres) and Dee's (1 acre). Indirect fireline construction continues. Burnout of fireline has been initiated and will continue with higher relative humidity assisting.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SHASTA-TRINITY	CA	SHU	2500	95	8/31	600	22	25	5	0	NR	NR
MHRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	12587	30	UNK	1935	54	75	0	0	NR	5.4M
FRRD COMPLEX	CA	PNF	3755	72	UNK	1467	46	54	9	0	NR	3.1M
HIGH COMPLEX	CA	SHF	18500	15	UNK	1743	52	91	9	0	NR	NR
YELLOW PINE COM	CA	MDF	34441	50	UNK	425	10	25	2	0	NR	1.4M
BIG BAR COMPLEX	CA	SHF	4685	10	UNK	929	27	32	7	0	NR	NR
BUTTE COMPLEX	CA	BTU	32879	100	----	2382	61	198	0	0	1.6M	4.0M

BTU = Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN FIRES:

FLAT, Salt Lake District, BLM. This fire is located 40 miles west of Salt Lake City, UT. Extremely low fuel moisture caused extreme fire behavior. Wetting rains were received on the fire, which allowed firefighters to speed up containment objectives. Containment was expected last night.

EAST SLICK, Lower Snake River District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is ordered. This fire is five miles south of Glens Ferry, ID. The fire is being driven by wind from a cold front. Steep terrain and sandy soil are causing control problems.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FLAT	UT	SLD	3000	85	8/30	32	0	6	2	0	NR	NR
EAST SLICK	ID	BOD	1000	5	8/31	50	0	14	0	0	NR	NR
NICKY	ID	IFD	350	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
MARBLEHEAD	UT	SLD	750	100	----	10	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
CLAY PIT II	UT	NWS	500	100	----	105	5	4	0	0	NR	NR

IFD = Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM.
 NWS = Northwest, Utah State.
 SLD = Salt Lake Field Office, BLM.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SELLEM, Ely Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This fire is 80 miles southwest of Ely, NV. The fire received wetting rain in the morning, but high winds dried fuels by afternoon and fire behavior increased. Fire crews continue to mopup and improve the firelines.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SELLEM	NV	ELD	10000	70	8/31	305	9	7	4	0	NR	NR
LOWER GRANITE C	NV	WID	300	100	----	56	2	5	0	0	NR	935K

WID = Winnemucca Field Office, BLM.

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
INCIDENT 64	WA	SPA	100	100	----	50	2	0	0	0	NR	NR

SPA = Spokane Agency BIA, Washington State.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES

ASH CREEK, Crow Agency, BIA. This fire is located near Wyola, MT. Predicted winds up to 50 MPH is a major concern.

ANACONDA, Glacier National Park, NPS. This fire is located near West Glacier, MT. This lightning ignited wildland fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Very little fire activity occurred yesterday.

BRINEY, Southern Land Office, Montana State. Limited information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ASH CREEK	MT	CRA	500	80	8/31	85	3	4	1	NR	NR	NR
ANACONDA	MT	GNP	540	0	UNK	20	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
BRINEY	MT	SOS	800	30	UNK	50	0	0	1	0	NR	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PITCHFORK, Texas State. A Texas State Incident Management Team (Davis) is assigned. This fire is located in King County, TX. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

MCCORMACK, Texas State. This fire is located ten miles north of Lake Meredith Re-creation Area, TX. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

CORBETT RANCH, Texas State. This fire is located near Possum Kingdom Lake. Very active fire behavior and dry fuels are contributing to control problems.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PITCHFORK	TX	TXS	1500	20	UNK	46	0	3	0	NR	NR	NR
MCCORRMACK	TX	TXS	2000	50	8/30	40	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CORBETT RANCH	TX	TXS	140	80	8/31	33	0	10	2	0	NR	NR
TOPEKA	TX	TXS	1700	100	----	8	0	0	0	NR	NR	NR

TXS = Texas State.

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR GUSTY NORTHEAST WINDS AND DECREASING RELATIVE HUMIDITY. ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR SOUTHEAST MONTANA FOR STRONG WEST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY. ***

A deep upper level trough will bring cooler conditions, scattered showers and high mountain snow showers to Washington, Oregon, Idaho and northwestern Montana. Breezy conditions will remain through this morning. In the lee of the Rocky Mountains, over eastern Montana and Wyoming, strong west to southwest winds of 20 to 30 mph are expected along a cold front. The front will trigger scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. As high pressure builds over Oregon, northern California will experience northeast winds which will reduce relative humidities in the valleys. Winds are expected to be 15 to 25 mph over the Sacramento valley. Monsoonal moisture will bring widely scattered showers and thunderstorms to New Mexico, southeast Utah and Colorado, as well as the higher terrain of Arizona.

Mostly sunny conditions will range over the Great Basin, with southwest winds of 15 to 20 mph.

Texas and Oklahoma will be sunny and hot with temperatures in the 90's. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandle as well as west Texas, with mainly south winds at 10 to 20 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				166			166
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							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	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	166	0	0	166

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						2	2
NORTHERN	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				290		18	308
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
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1
	ACRES	0	0	0	290	0	0	20		310

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		Hectares	
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	11	23	1008	7725
YUKON TERRITORY	1		159	185941
ALBERTA	2	10	1167	117792
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			164	533529
SASKATCHEWAN	6	1344	720	179023
MANITOBA	10	2626	576	117698
ONTARIO	10	4137	883	316094
QUEBEC	11	5	863	95583
NEWFOUNDLAND			214	43490
NEW BRUNSWICK			557	1249
NOVA SCOTIA			413	1695
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			25	57
NATIONAL PARKS			40	65368
TOTALS	51	8145	6789	1665244

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	2	9	30	16	3				42	95
CA-NORTH	165	166	139	490	9	42	2	3	759	802
CA-SOUTH	26	16	32	16	12	4			145	46
NORTHERN	18	2	19		8	3			35	1
GB-EAST	8		26	15	7	2			7	3
GB-WEST	16	1	29	14	5	5			59	4
SOUTHWEST	1			10						18
ROCKY MTN			6		2					
EASTERN									9	
SOUTHERN	11		2	5					31	3
TOTAL	247	194	283	566	46	56	2	3	1087	972

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