

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2000 - 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Southern Area reported three new large fires in Kentucky. Initial attack activity was heavy in Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Two large fires were contained, one in Alabama and one in Kentucky. A chance of showers and higher relative humidity should moderate fire behavior on most of the Southern Area large fires. The National Interagency Coordination Center mobilized a Type I Incident Management Team, helicopters, tactical aircraft, radio equipment, engines, crews, crew transport vehicles and overhead resources for the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type I Incident Management Team (Gage) has been ordered to stage in Knoxville, TN.

SHENANDOAH COMPLEX, Shenandoah National Park. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. A Unified Command is in place with the Virginia Department of Forestry and Page, Rappahannock and Madison Counties. This complex consists of the Pinnacles and the Old Rag fires, which are five miles southeast of Luray, VA. The Old Rag fire has extended beyond the park boundary and structure protection efforts have been initiated. Roads and trails have been closed in all three counties. Current threats are to structures in the area.

BRUSHY RIDGE COMPLEX, National Forests in North Carolina. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. These fires are burning in the Linville Gorge Wilderness 20 miles north of Marion, NC. Highway 1238 has been closed. Burnout and mopup operations are ongoing to secure constructed firelines. Steep terrain, inaccessibility and very dry fuels are challenging containment efforts.

WATERVILLE COMPLEX, National Forests in North Carolina. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. These fires are burning near the North Carolina-Tennessee state line 25 miles west of Waynesville, NC. Included in the complex are the Barnes Valley, Dead Dog Ridge, Tobes Creek and Miller Town fires. A burnout operation is underway with suppression efforts emphasizing structure protection.

BIG SOUTH FORK COMPLEX, Big South Fork National Recreation Area. A Type I Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. The fires are 50 miles northwest of Knoxville, TN. The complex consists of the Schoolhouse, Camp and Darrow Ridge fires. Higher relative humidity, cloud cover and smoke have lessened the fires' intensity. A minor slopover occurred on the Schoolhouse fire which crews have been able to contain.

HONEY BEE COMPLEX, Daniel Boone National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. These fires are within a 15 mile

radius of Whitley City, KY. Fires included in the complex are the Bicycle, Honey Bee, Maybe Later, Lot, Journey's End, Sanders Creek, Jackson Setup, River, and several others less than 100 acres. Five new starts have been added to the complex with four of the fires now contained.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT COMPLEX, Kentucky State Division of Forestry. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. These fires are near Pineville, KY. TIPTON HILL, National Forests in North Carolina. This fire is northwest of Bakersville, NC. Limited access, steep terrain and dry conditions are hindering containment efforts. Structures in the area are currently threatened.

THOUSANDSTICKS, Daniel Boone National Forest. This fire, which started on 10/30, is two miles northeast of Hyden, KY.

BLUFTON, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is near Hartford, TN. The fire continues to make runs. Crews are conducting a burnout operation.

GREENEVILLE COMPLEX, Tennessee State Division of Forestry. This complex includes the Clinch Mountain fire (500 acres) in Grainger County and the Barnes Valley fire (300 acres) in Cooke County.

KNOXVILLE COMPLEX, Tennessee State Division of Forestry. Included in this complex are the Indian Creek fire in Anderson County and the Sheilds Mountain and Bluff Mountain fires in Sevier County. Water drops by a National Guard helicopter are assisting firefighters with suppression efforts. Residences in the area are threatened.

COOKEVILLE COMPLEX, Tennessee State Division of Forestry. Nine fires in Fentress County make up this complex. Two of the fires are burning toward the Big South Fork National Recreation Area.

CHATTANOOGA COMPLEX, Tennessee State Division of Forestry. This complex is made up four fires of 75 to 200 acres each.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
SHENANDOAH COMP	VA	SHP	11292	10	11/17	662	24	8	4	3	NR	987K
BRUSHY RIDGE CP	NC	NCF	4890	65	11/4	469	17	7	4	0	NR	746K
WATERVILLE COMP	NC	NCF	800	0	UNK	217	8	4	0	0	NR	NR
BIG SOUTH FORK	TN	BSP	5000	0	UNK	116	3	0	1	0	NR	NR
HONEY BEE COMPL	KY	DBF	4410	50	UNK	203	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SOUTHEAST DISTR	KY	KYS	UNK	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TIPTON HILL	NC	NCF	2000	60	UNK	320	10	17	1	0	NR	139K
THOUSANDSTICKS	KY	DBF	3000	UNK	UNK	57	3	2	1	0	NR	NR
BLUFTON	TN	CNF	500	90	UNK	80	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GREENEVILLE CPL	TN	TNS	800	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
KNOXVILLE COMPL	TN	TNS	5130	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
COOKEVILLE COMP	TN	TNS	5000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CHATTANOOGA CPL	TN	TNS	337	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SOUTH FORK	KY	DBF	257	100	---	13	1	1	0	0	NR	NR
CHEROKEE	AL	ALS	1385	100	---	NR	2	6	0	0	NR	NR

ALS = Alabama State Forestry Commission

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN THE ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS OF VIRGINIA AND EAST INTO THE SOUTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY AND THE BLUE RIDGE FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND STRONG WINDS ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN MOST OF MISSISSIPPI EXCEPT FOR THE NORTHWEST FORESTS FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY ***

A frontal boundary stretches from west to east across the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Combined with an increasingly moist flow from the southwest, this frontal boundary will bring cloudy skies, increased relative humidity and a chance of some precipitation to the region. Western areas will have scattered showers and thunderstorms, while in the east showers and thunderstorms will be isolated.

Temperatures will be cooler, with highs ranging from 55 to 60 degrees in the western portions of the Carolina's, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, and into the 70's in the east. Minimum relative humidity will be 55 to 65 percent in the west and in the Appalachians, while relative humidity in the east will be 35 to 45 percent. Winds will generally be north at 5 to 10 mph except near the Atlantic coast, where winds will be southeast to southwest at 5 to 10 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						3	3
EASTERN	ACRES						8	8
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1	197	9	207
SOUTHERN	ACRES				6692	7323	3544	17559
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	197	12	210

TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	6692	7323	3552	17567
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FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	13	22	8	302	5	351
ALASKA	ACRES	6	143076	246961	43763	317427	0	751233
NORTHWEST	FIRES	228	251	41	20	1508	1039	3087
NORTHWEST	ACRES	24062	223016	83023	10	256116	147809	734036
CA-NORTH	FIRES	227	14	6	10	2425	721	3403
CA-NORTH	ACRES	276	142	254	1	30761	58326	89760
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	31	86	6	72	2737	872	3804
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	53	41086	98	132	28187	69802	139358
NORTHERN	FIRE	969	79	34	53	1246	1684	4065
NORTHERN	ACRES	41227	12904	3008	6098	231114	789512	1083863
GB-EAST	FIRES	84	1159	5	54	619	1194	3115
GB-EAST	ACRES	42680	497884	2393	10517	136369	811728	1501571
GB-WEST	FIRES	8	674	5	9	105	262	1063
GB-WEST	ACRES	2380	597608	1106	13	7211	27424	635742
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1373	310	23	88	1335	2777	5906
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	18782	71212	16091	11403	338098	145955	601541
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	657	857	40	60	891	851	3356
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	164413	109493	25585	33334	54617	114602	502044
EASTERN	FIRES	776		11	28	10580	505	11900
EASTERN	ACRES	15910		1325	519	109374	16896	144024
SOUTHERN	FIRES	163		92	112	47835	1478	49680
SOUTHERN	ACRES	12353		16305	17396	905397	55262	1006713
TOTALS	FIRES	4517	3443	285	514	69583	11388	89730
TOTALS	ACRES	322142	1696421	396149	123186	2414671	2237316	7189885

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES						8	8
CA-NORTH	ACRES						57	57
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0

SOUTHWEST	FIRES										0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES										0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES										0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES										0
EASTERN	FIRES										0
EASTERN	ACRES										0
SOUTHERN	FIRES										0
SOUTHERN	ACRES										0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8		8
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57		57

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST										
CA-NORTH	1									
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST									1	
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN									1	
SOUTHERN	78	16	18	50	11	6			389	213
TOTAL	79	16	18	50	11	6	0	0	391	213

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