

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2001 - 0530 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Three new large fires were reported, one in Northern Rockies and two in Rocky Mountain Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Initial attack activity is light nationwide. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ELK MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Black Hills National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hartman) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) will transition today. This complex of fires consisting of Elk Mountain 2 and Rogers Shack, is ten miles southeast of Newcastle, WY. Significant runs occurred, with crowning, torching and spotting up to 1/4 mile was observed. Homes were evacuated in the Pass Creek Road area and US Highway 16 was closed due to smoke.

DUCK CREEK, Rawlins District, BLM. This fire is 35 miles west of Wheatland, WY. Containment efforts are hampered by shifting winds, steep terrain, beetle killed timber and lack of access. Current threats include ranch structures, summer cabins, a Wyoming Fish and Game facility and wildlife habitat.

DINWOODY, Shoshone National Forest. This fire, located in the Fitzpatrick Wilderness, is 22 miles south of Dubois, WY. Limited suppression action was completed due to evacuation of back country visitors.

MAD CREEK, Routt National Forest. This fire is in the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area, 11 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Lower temperatures and higher humidity has assisted crews with containment efforts.

ECKLUND COMPLEX, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex of lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fires is in the Diamond Breaks Wilderness Study Area, 50 miles east of Vernal, UT. The Ecklund fire is exhibiting a slow creeping surface fire on the northwest perimeter, and no fire behavior was observed on the Davis Draw fire.

WEST PLATEAU, San Juan National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 20 miles northeast of Dolores, CO. Minimal fire activity was observed due to increased cloud cover and higher humidity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ELK MOUNTAIN	CO	SD	BKF	16000	15	8/10	548	13	51	1	5 350K

MAD CREEK	CO	RTF	1025	85	8/2	99	3	0	2	0	416K
ECKLUND COMPLEX	CO	LSD	3240	30	10/1	43	1	2	1	0	672K
WEST PLATEAU	CO	SJF	450	0	10/1	12	0	0	0	0	NR
DINWOODY	WY	SHF	318	0	9/20	12	0	0	0	0	2K
DUCK CREEK	WY	RAD	650	30	8/5	59	1	6	1	0	NR
KAYE FIELD	WY	CAD	3797	100	8/1	0	0	0	0	0	NR

CAD = Casper District, BLM

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

ARTHUR, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 55 miles west of Cody, WY. Evacuation of the east entrance remains in place although some employees have been allowed to return. The east entrance road remains closed. Difficult access with limited opportunities for direct attack due to steep, inaccessible terrain and heavy fuels are impeding containment effort.

SMALL, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Corbin) is assigned. This fire is 10 miles southwest of Busby, MT. Observed fire behavior consisted of creeping ground fire and occasional torching. Good progress was made with fireline construction.

NINE MILE, Blackfeet Agency, BIA. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) has been ordered. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Browning, MT. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
ARTHUR	WY	YNP	1800	10	UNK	571	14	16	11	0	1M	
SMALL	MT	NCA	650	10	8/4	259	8	13	2	0	NR	
NINE MILE	MT	BFA	25	0	UNK	46	0	9	0	0	NR	

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GREEN KNOLL, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is located along Mosquito Creek, southwest of Wilson and approximately six miles southwest of Jackson, WY. A Unified Command with Teton County Fire Department is in effect. Residents have been allowed back into their homes except in the Indian Paintbrush subdivision. Assigned resources assisted with initial attack on a new fire 8 miles northwest of Green Knoll.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
GREEN KNOLL	WY	BTF	4470	90	8/2	1148	35	41	6	0	9.8M	
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	1450	100	---	151	4	0	1	0	1.2M	

SCF = Salmon-Challis National Forest

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

UNION VALLEY, Southeast Washington State. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is assigned and has assumed a Unified Command with Chelan Fire Department #7, the City of Chelan and the Chelan County Sheriff. This fire is four miles north of Chelan, WA. Evacuations of residences continues in upper Union Valley and in Washington Creek drainage. The fire continues to spread north into Washington Creek drainage. Burnout operations on the northeast flank of the fire were successfully completed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
UNION VALLEY	WA	SES	4800	70	8/3	934	30	31	7	3	3.2M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BRICEBURG, Sierra National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) is assigned. This fire is 8 miles northeast of Mariposa, CA. Radiometric airborne mapping (RAM) continues to assist with locating and extinguishing hot spots. Helicopters and crews continue to make progress with containment efforts in the Sweetwater drainage. Rehabilitation of the fireline continues and should be completed tonight.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BRICEBURG	CA	SNF	728	85	8/3	481	11	7	6	0	3.3M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

VISTA, Grand Canyon National Park. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is five miles east of North Rim, AZ. The Walhalla Plateau remains closed to visitor use. The western check line has been prepped for burnout operations as a precautionary measure if the fire threatens the fireline. Burnout operations along the northern check line have been successful.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VISTA	AZ	GCP	1002	0	UNK	89	3	3	1	0	571K

OUTLOOK:

High pressure centered over the plains will create a southerly flow with tropical moisture trailing into Colorado and southeast Wyoming. The rest of Wyoming and western South Dakota remaining dry and warm. Wyoming and the Black Hills of South Dakota will be sunny and warmer with isolated dry afternoon thunderstorms. Colorado and southeast Wyoming will be mostly cloudy with scattered afternoon thunderstorms and a few heavy showers. High temperatures will be 80 to 95 at lower elevations, and 70's in the mountains. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in western Wyoming, and 20 to 30 percent in eastern Wyoming and Colorado. Winds will be south to southwest at 10 to 20 mph in Wyoming and western South Dakota, and variable at 5 to 15 mph in Colorado.

Eastern Great Basin will remain under the southerly flow, providing some monsoonal moisture to eastern portions of Utah although little rainfall is expected. This southerly flow will bring partly cloudy skies with isolated dry thunderstorms to the eastern portions of Utah, and mostly sunny and dry conditions elsewhere. High temperatures will be 75 to 85 in the mountains, 85 to 95 at lower elevations, and 100 to 105 in central and southwest Utah. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 15 percent, and 15 to 20 percent in the mountains of Idaho. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 20 mph.

High pressure will remain over eastern Washington and eastern Oregon, with a weak cold front moving into western Washington and northwestern Oregon in the afternoon. Western Washington and northwestern Oregon will have light rain in the afternoon. Eastern Washington and Oregon will have partly cloudy skies, with mostly sunny conditions in southwestern Oregon. High temperatures will be 65 to 78 west of the Cascades, and 78 to 92 east. Minimum relative humidity will range above 50 percent west of the Cascade range, and 10 to 25 percent eastside. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph with gust up to 20 mph near the east end of the Columbia River Gorge.

High pressure will continue to reside over Southern California bringing mostly clear skies with some coastal fog, low clouds and some cumulus buildup over the southern mountains. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's along the coast, 90's to 104 inland, and 100 to 110 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 25 percent inland and 8 to 14 percent in the deserts. Winds will be south to southwest at 8 to 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	4				4	2	10
NORTHWEST	ACRES	1				0	0	1
CA-NORTH	FIRES	2				17	2	21

CA-NORTH	ACRES	1				21	0	22
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				1	19	2	22
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				1	21	1	23
NORTHERN	FIRES	3	0	0		3	4	10
NORTHERN	ACRES	28	2468	108		0	20	2624
GB-EAST	FIRES		3			4	3	10
GB-EAST	ACRES		2			3	65	70
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
GB-WEST	ACRES		3					3
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1					3	4
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	0					1	1
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	6	3		1	4	6	20
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	9	652		0	1	318	980
EASTERN	FIRES			1		1		2
EASTERN	ACRES			0		0		0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					8	1	9
SOUTHERN	ACRES					37	12	49
TOTAL	FIRES	16	7	1	2	60	23	109
TOTAL	ACRES	39	3125	108	1	83	417	3773

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	14	2	297	3	320
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210137	3263	221938
NORTHWEST	FIRES	190	203	22	26	1025	730	2196
NORTHWEST	ACRES	9192	66680	3486	7	22393	11514	113272
CA-NORTH	FIRES	98	25	3	19	1869	700	2714
CA-NORTH	ACRES	154	1282	4368	5	34231	7255	47295
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	32	56	16	42	1341	430	1917
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	23	1348	1263	59	12442	17765	32900
NORTHERN	FIRES	650	25	11	10	439	359	1494
NORTHERN	ACRES	7349	3925	385	1502	9439	844	23444
GB-EAST	FIRES	47	595		37	424	499	1602
GB-EAST	ACRES	573	76746		879	98384	10691	187273
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	310	2	13	82	122	538
GB-WEST	ACRES	8930	56297	1	104	36454	12171	113957
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1106	145	15	34	647	1319	3266
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5323	5015	4478	1074	26369	18673	60932
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	219	400	28	29	310	386	1372
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1260	8461	300	169	9574	6539	26303
EASTERN	FIRES	329		10	47	9643	414	10443
EASTERN	ACRES	14853		18	496	39305	5331	60003
SOUTHERN	FIRES	56		58	1081	22476	662	24333
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4859		19298	37329	578014	18604	658104
TOTALS	FIRES	2738	1761	179	1340	38553	5624	50195
TOTALS	ACRES	52516	220839	35208	47466	1076742	112650	1545421

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 54,662
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 2,047,697

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							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						1	1
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						319	319
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						1	1
SOUTHERN	ACRES						100	100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	419	419

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	65	9			314	405
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4799	7194			50057	66406
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	4	1		41	72
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	495	10		9512	10379
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		41	48
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		5498	5892
NORTHERN	FIRES	18	7	82		44	301	452
NORTHERN	ACRES	1723	5840	10303		4309	29881	52056
GB-EAST	FIRES		7	4	3	9	40	63
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8874	13248
GB-WEST	FIRES		5		1		2	8
GB-WEST	ACRES		804		0		182	986
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	25	11		2	183	234
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21167	35634		500	56122	115625
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	91	3	2	49	166

ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	13582	303	762	26746	48285
EASTERN	FIRES	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRES	12		177	13	145	877	1224
SOUTHERN	ACRES	1408		52350	30099	87919	701982	873758
TOTAL	FIRES	92	137	450	33	525	1975	3212
TOTAL	ACRES	21092	37936	140262	32118	139297	906020	1276725

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				2		1	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				27		8	35
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				46		30	76
NORTHERN	FIRES				7		10	17
NORTHERN	ACRES				0		28	28
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES		15					15
GB-WEST	ACRES		1161					1161
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		20	22
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1050		7185	8235
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		13	1	2		8	24
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2808	48	934		602	4392
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	28	1	40	0	47	116
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	3969	48	2031	0	7846	13894

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	2	5	813	2720
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	59	16161
ALBERTA	0	77	750	151586
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	10	120	87995
SASKATCHEWAN	0	133	595	170453
MANITOBA	2	855	409	70572
ONTARIO	12	7	759	9970

QUEBEC	8	4301	615	20287
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	117	349
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	2	288	366
NOVA SCOTIA	3	1	270	225
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	11	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	58	7655
TOTALS	31	5391	4864	538361

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	11	36	10	101	8	3			98	174
CA-NORTH	15	18	6	13	1				129	191
CA-SOUTH	24	4	25	4	15				172	130
NORTHERN	41	1	27	28	10	6	5		220	49
GB-EAST	44	2	26	24	8	3			212	32
GB-WEST	8	4	5	12	2				40	29
SOUTHWEST	4		4		1	1			21	
ROCKY MTN	18	5	42	38	6		1		160	33
EASTERN									22	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	165	70	145	220	51	13	6	0	1074	638

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