

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity nationwide was light. Nationally, 106 new fires were reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Northwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Northern Rockies, Northwest and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Blackfoot Lake Complex, Wedge Canyon, Robert, Middle Fork Complex, Trapper Creek Complex, Crazy Horse, Rampage Complex, and Little Salmon Creek Complex. An Area Command Team (Rounsaville) is assigned to manage Lincoln Complex, Winslow, East Complex, Rough Draw Complex, Cathedral Peak Complex, Rathbone and Burnt Ridge/Sheep Camp Complex. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Cherry Creek Complex, Mineral-Primm, Fish Creek Complex, Black Mountain 2, Cooney Ridge and Gold 1. An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Sapp, Slim's Complex, Beaver Lake Complex, Cayuse Lake Complex, and Clear/Nez Fire Use Complex.

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Lost Johnny, Ball Creek, Wounded Buck, Doe, Dead Buck and Blackfoot Lake fires, is in timber 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT. The Mid fire has been added to the complex. Backing fires made uphill runs through unburned and partially burned fuels. Structure protection is in place for 34 residences.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Belton, Center and Harrison fires, is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. Moderate ground fire with occasional torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A transfer of command from Paul's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Saleen's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today at 1800. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 14 miles northwest of Polebridge, MT. Interior torching, spotting and crowning were observed. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

RAMPAGE COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Double Mountain 1, Double Mountain 2, Riverview 1, Riverview 2 and Rampage, is in timber 15 miles southeast of West Glacier, MT. Moderate surface fire with occasional torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Fire behavior was minimal, characterized by slow burning ground fire with occasional torching. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned to the Trapper Creek, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires; a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned to the Wolf Gun fire. The complex is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Smoldering, creeping and short upslope runs were observed. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, eight miles southwest of Condon, MT. Increased individual and group torching resulted in the burn out of unburned islands within the fire perimeter.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Active surface fire, multiple tree torching, short duration crown runs and short range spotting were observed. Evacuation orders have been lifted for the area north of Highway 200 from Lincoln to Martins Mountain. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences.

RATHBONE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 17 miles northwest of West Yellowstone, MT. Moderate fire behavior with torching and short runs was observed. Highway 191 is open through the fire area with a pilot car.

WINSLOW, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A transfer of command from Kearney's Type 2 Incident Management Team to two Type 3 organizations, one in Idaho and one in Montana, will occur today at 0600. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is in place for 15 residences and one commercial property. A voluntary evacuation of Lakeview remains in place.

CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX, Custer National Forest. A transfer of command from Humphrey's Type 1 Incident Management Team to a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) will begin on 9/1 at 0600. This incident, comprised of the Cathedral Peak, Oliver and Salderbalm fires, is in timber 10 miles south of Nye, MT. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A transfer of command from Hendricks' Type 2 Incident Management Team to Larsen's Type 2 Incident Management Team occurred yesterday. This complex, comprised of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park, Sheep Camp and Pioneer Ridge fires, is 12 miles southeast of Neihart, MT. Individual torching, low intensity backing fires and low to moderate fire activity on exposed slopes and ridges were observed.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A transfer of command from Gray's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization occurred yesterday. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT is comprised of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2, Elbow, Brundage, Walbrun and Hawley fires. Minimal fire behavior was observed due to cloud cover and increased humidity levels.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. A transfer of command from Gardner's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur today at 0700. This incident, comprised of the East and Grizzly fires, is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Fire behavior was minimal. Highway 20 was open for public use for three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon yesterday; open hours will be extended today to 0600 to 2000 hours.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. U.S. Army Task Force Steel Dragon (2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by Lt. Col. Gregory Schultz, at Fort Hood, TX is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, is 35 miles west of Missoula, MT. Active fire behavior with backing, occasional torching and short upslope runs within the perimeter was observed on the east, west and south flanks. Residents of Petty Creek, the West Fork of Petty Creek and Ed's Creek are allowed to return to their homes. Structure protection is in place for 195 residences and one commercial property.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was minimal. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. This incident, comprised of the Cherry Creek and Tepee Creek fires, is in lodgepole pine with heavy ground fuels, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. A transfer of command from Bennett's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Broyles' Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today at 0600. This incident, comprised of the Mineral-Primm, Stuart Peak, Upper Rattlesnake, and Boles Meadows fires, is in timber 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Active surface fire with isolated torching occurred in unburned interior islands.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in timber eleven miles east of Florence, MT. Creeping ground fire with occasional single tree torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is in heavy timber, nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Fire activity was minimal with occasional torching.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lakes, Bears Oil, Cayuse, Eagle Creek, Eagle Creek East, Fish, Queen Creek, North Howard and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Higher temperatures and lower humidity levels resulted in continued drying across the incident. Fire behavior was moderate with surface fire and single and small group torching. Structure protection is in place for 12 residences and four commercial properties.

SLIM'S COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Slim's, Stillman and Poet fires, is 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Fire activity was minimal. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

SAPP, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Sapp and Richardson fires, is in timber and grass, 22 miles south/southeast of Elk City, ID. Fire behavior was minimal. Structure protection is in place for two residences.

CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This incident, comprised of 44 fires, is in timber 41 miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Fire behavior was minimal with some group fire and individual and group torching. The complex is being managed with a confinement/suppression strategy.

MOLLMAN, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Ronan, MT. Individual torching and down slope backing fire were observed.

UNION, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 35 miles east of Ashton, ID. Some torching without any fire spread was observed.

FIDDLE, Nez Perce National Forest. This fire is in timber, six miles northeast of Riggins, ID. No visible fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	14,743	5	9/30	1,046	43	21	1	0	2.2M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	4,913	0	9/15	40	1	5	0	0	19M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	48,763	73	9/15	545	11	27	7	36	27.5M
RAMPAGE COMPLEX	MT	GNP	11,768	0	10/01	131	5	2	3	0	.8K
ROBERT	MT	FNF	49,339	70	9/20	423	4	3	2	3	23M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	18,883	65	9/05	0	0	0	0	1	3.4M
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	10,500	70	9/15	407	9	19	3	0	9.9M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	36,760	69	10/01	796	19	33	6	1	8.1M
RATHBONE	MT	GNF	3,010	65	9/15	403	12	15	0	0	1.9M
WINSLOW	MT	CES	13,438	50	10/01	189	3	2	1	0	4.9M
CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX	MT	CNF	2,778	20	10/01	192	2	8	4	0	4.1M
BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX	MT	LCF	3,102	85	9/3	467	14	16	2	0	4.6M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	3,080	85	UNK	74	2	3	1	0	6.2M
EAST COMPLEX	WY	YNP	23,500	90	9/15	265	6	4	3	0	6.6M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	31,456	40	9/12	1,025	14	75	9	0	10.7M
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	7,061	85	9/02	776	19	21	4	5	11.3M
CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	4,088	85	9/29	141	3	2	1	0	8.3M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	22,542	70	10/15	636	15	22	7	0	14.9M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	22,870	55	10/15	934	29	42	4	0	10.9M
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	8,296	80	9/10	369	10	3	5	0	7.3M
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	24,577	60	UNK	780	14	35	4	0	13.8M
SLIM'S COMPLEX	ID	NPF	14,627	75	UNK	603	17	7	7	0	19.7M
SAPP	ID	NPF	11,463	65	UNK	100	3	4	0	0	1.9M
CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	10,618	NR	UNK	21	0	0	1	0	79K
MOLLMAN	MT	FHA	158	35	UNK	7	0	0	2	0	60K
UNION	WY	YNP	762	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	11K
FIDDLE	ID	NPF	708	90	9/01	48	2	0	0	0	560K
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX -WFU	MT	FNF	34,710	N/A	N/A	82	0	0	1	1	1.5M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX -WFU	ID	CWF	10,350	N/A	N/A	15	0	0	0	0	360K
3 MILE	MT	EAS	3,000	100	---	4	0	5	1	0	30K

EAS = Eastern Land Office, Montana Dept of Natural Resources & Conservation

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. The fires are in timber with heavy ground fuels. Active fire with torching, spotting up to ¼ mile and wind-driven crown runs was observed. Structure protection is in place for 1,000 residences and 12 commercial properties. The Camp Sherman south of USFS Road 1217 evacuation has been lifted, Camp Sherman north of USFS Road 1217 remains evacuated. State Highway 20 remains closed for through traffic.

SQUARE LAKE FIRE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in continuous old growth forest, heavy brush and downed fuels, 20 miles west of Leavenworth, WA. Backing fire with group torching and short range spotting was observed. Trail closures for Icicle Creek drainage remain in effect.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in timber, brush and heavy downed fuels, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. The complex is comprised of 19 fires: 12 active fires and seven fires in monitor status. The Mineral Park fire was active and made a major run. Sonny Boy and Dome Creek fires had significant acreage growth.

MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX, Mount Rainer National Park. This complex, comprised of the Panther, Redstone and Chenuis fires, is in timber with heavy down fuels 13 miles northeast of Packwood, WA. Minimal activity was observed on the Panther fire. The Chenuis fire is in monitor status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	45,673	40	UNK	2,291	66	79	12	13	10M
SQUARE LAKE FIRE	WA	OWF	436	10	UNK	192	4	0	6	0	585K
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	1,150	35	9/15	20	1	0	3	0	151K
MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX	WA	MRP	106	52	UNK	80	1	1	1	0	NR
LIGHTNING COMPLEX	OR	WWF	16,028	100	---	191	2	1	3	1	2.9M

WWF = Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKWATER COMPLEX, Shoshone National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Blackwater and Norris fires, is 30 miles west of Cody, WY. No fire behavior was reported due to low cloud cover which prevented a reconnaissance flight.

BOULDER BASIN 2, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is in grass, sagebrush and timber, 25 miles southwest of Cody, WY. Minimal fire activity was observed due to light rain over the area. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and 20 commercial properties.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKWATER COMPLEX	WY	SHF	6,805	85	9/15	50	2	0	1	0	1.1M
BOULDER BASIN 2	WY	SHF	11,553	65	9/15	36	1	0	2	0	1.7M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Marble and North Fork Lick fires, is in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is in place for 123 residences and two commercial properties.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. The complex, comprised of the Cougar, Marble, Prospect, Mahoney, Teapot, Falconberry and Trapper fires, is 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Limited fire activity was observed within the complex. The complex is in monitor status.

MOSS RIDGE, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fires Use (WFU) incident, which began on 8/15, is nine miles northeast of Moran, WY. This incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Precipitation ranging from .07 to .82 of an inch fell over the area resulting in no fire activity.

SOUTH RIDGE, Southeast State, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands. This fire is in mixed conifer and logging slash, 25 miles northwest of Wellington, UT. Smoldering and individual tree torching were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	8,614	30	UNK	115	2	2	1	0	5.9M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	ID	SCF	24,979	NR	UNK	59	0	0	1	6	1M
MOSS RIDGE – WFU	WY	BTF	3,370	N/A	N/A	38	0	0	1	0	148K
SOUTH RIDGE	UT	SES	170	20	9/4	54	2	4	0	0	NR
CLEAR CREEK – WFU	WY	BTF	330	N/A	N/A	NR	0	0	0	0	126K

BTF = Bridger-Teton National Forest

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SANTA CLARA COMPLEX, Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. A CDF Type 1 Incident Management Team (Chuchel) is assigned. This complex, composed of 23 lightning fires, seven active large fires and 16 contained fires within the area, is in chaparral, timber and grass, ten miles south of Livermore, CA. The Devil and Annie fires are contained. Structure protection is in place for 40 residences.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SANTA CLARA COMPLEX	CA	SCU	23,696	75	9/2	2,344	80	170	17	0	5.5M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

HART, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in rough terrain with heavy fuels, 100 miles northwest of Dallas, TX. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HART	TX	TXS	110	80	8/30	45	0	6	0	0	NR
U4-03-1	LA	SBR	400	100	---	9	0	2	1	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	1,105	N/A	N/A	25	2	0	0	0	86K
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	725	N/A	N/A	16	0	0	0	0	20K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will continue to build into the west, with temperatures warming gradually over the next few days. Flow around a high pressure in the west central states and weak low pressure off the California coast will provide some moisture over the Sierras today. The moisture may spark thunderstorms in the southern California mountains.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Mostly sunny.	Idaho: mid 80s to mid 90s. Montana: mid 70s to mid 80s. North Dakota: 70s.	Idaho: 10 to 20%. Montana: 10 to 20% west and 20 to 30% east. North Dakota: 30 to 40%.	Idaho: South 5 to 10 mph. Montana: Southeast to southwest 5 to 10 mph. North Dakota: Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph
NORTHWEST AREA Sunny, except brief morning clouds along the coast and Puget Sound.	Washington: 80s east, with 75 to 85 west, but 60s coast. Oregon: 85 to 95, coolest northwest. Coast highs 65 to 75, but 80s far south.	25 to 35% over west Washington and northwest Oregon, but 30 to 50% coast. Relative humidity 8 to 20% southwest Oregon and east of Cascades, lowest on ridges of southwest Oregon.	Washington: Light and variable winds becoming north to northwest 5 to 15 mph by afternoon. In Oregon, north to northeast 5 to 15 mph, becoming north to northwest 5 to 15 mph. Over southwest Oregon east to east to northeast 10 to 25 mph, highest on ridges.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Partly sunny. Dry over Wyoming and northwest Colorado. Isolated morning showers and scattered afternoon thunderstorms elsewhere.	Highs 70 to 80, with 60s in the mountains.	25 to 35% over lower elevations of western Colorado and western Wyoming, with 35 to 45% elsewhere.	Variable 5 to 15 mph, except northerly 10 to 20 mph over the southeast plains.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny and warmer. Patchy	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 64 to 78	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 7 to 21% west, 14 to 26%	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: light and variable.

<p>morning fog in the Bridger-Teton. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny and warmer.</p>	<p>mountains, 78 to 94 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 64 to 80 higher elevations, 80 to 98 valleys.</p>	<p>east. Utah, Arizona Strip: 13 to 25% valleys, 18 to 35% mountains.</p>	<p>Utah, Arizona Strip: light upslope.</p>
<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Sunny. Areas of fog and low clouds along the coast.</p>	<p>Warmest inland valleys 90s to around 101. 60s to mid 70s near the coast.</p>	<p>8 to 20% driest inland areas in the afternoon. Areas of poor nighttime humidity recovery.</p>	<p>Mostly northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.</p>	<p>70 to 80 coastal areas. 80 to 92 mountains. 92 to 100 valleys. 95 to 102 upper desert. 104 to 110 low desert.</p>	<p>15 to 30% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 25% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.</p>	<p>Southwest 8 to 15 mph.</p>



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OUR DRIVING RESPONSIBILITY

To aid firefighters, supervisors and managers during an extended fire season, the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center is publishing a special reprint edition. Articles on **Driving Safety, Tools of the Trade – Best Practices for Driving During Wildland Fires, Driving – A Shared Responsibility, Supervising Vehicle Operators, and Vehicle Operations and Accident Response** are contained in this newsletter.

With Labor Day weekend here and thousands of firefighters driving to and from incidents around the country, we need to stop and remind each other about the significant responsibility we take on once we sit behind the wheel or in the passenger seat of a vehicle.

As of August 25, 2003 there have been six reported motor vehicle accidents involving 23 firefighters this year. Twelve firefighters have died and one was injured in these accidents. In 2002, nine firefighters died and 26 were injured in vehicle accidents.

Based on Predictive Services' projections, there are three to four weeks of continuing hot and dry weather ahead. Many fire personnel feel the stress and fatigue that comes this time of year. The wildland fire community has continued with a strong, professional effort and commitment to manage the wildland fires across the United States. Cumulative fatigue should be addressed for all our personnel, including ourselves, as the 2003 fire season continues.

All agencies and cooperators at all levels of the fire organization are encouraged to use these articles as "tools to teach with." Please ensure that this special edition is widely distributed in fire camps and at home units.

To view or download the articles, click on: <http://www.wildfirelessons.net/Scratchline.htm> and select Special Reprint Edition, Summer 2003.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			4	4	9
	ACRES		0			2	0	2
Northern California	FIRES					16	5	21
	ACRES					5,275	2	5,277
Southern California	FIRES		1			17	1	19
	ACRES		0			90	0	90
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6			0	2	13	21
	ACRES	54			4,794	3	14,550	19,401
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			9	4	17
	ACRES		0			173	1	174
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		3				0	3
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	1				4	8
	ACRES	0	0				2	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					13		13
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		3		5
	ACRES	1		518		7		526
TOTAL	FIRES	10	8	1	0	53	34	106
	ACRES	55	3	518	4,794	5,563	14,555	25,488

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	382	12	440
	ACRES	20	40,271	227,975	3,712	258,505	2	530,485
Northwest	FIRES	204	194	10	38	1,434	993	2,873
	ACRES	18,254	17,891	9	368	45,749	168,846	251,117
Northern California	FIRES	105	67	7	6	1,923	729	2,837
	ACRES	56	11,581	2	6,511	42,069	16,559	76,778
Southern California	FIRES	51	117	10	55	2,190	696	3,119
	ACRES	854	2,581	360	222	35,297	7,148	46,462
Northern Rockies	FIRES	825	59	32	79	898	1,405	3,298
	ACRES	56,225	107,422	23,115	76,541	147,468	271,975	682,746
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	735	4	35	580	888	2,294
	ACRES	18,460	131,436	1,060	2,633	30,004	134,513	318,106
Western Great Basin	FIRES	6	382	1	11	109	137	646
	ACRES	1	10,909	0	6	1,938	2,866	15,720
Southwest	FIRES	781	179	5	56	866	1,992	3,879
	ACRES	36,600	5,887	284	3,550	16,165	202,796	265,282
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	179	746	39	45	952	624	2,585
	ACRES	15,564	14,323	1,963	783	16,923	40,688	90,244
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	32	9,275	447	10,725
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	703	109,449	5,552	174,780
Southern Area	FIRES	143		45	11	11,460	329	11,988
	ACRES	21,696		11,767	756	185,704	8,832	228,755
TOTAL	FIRES	3,252	2,493	240	378	30,069	8,252	44,684
	ACRES	219,916	342,301	273,425	95,785	889,271	859,777	2,680,475

Ten Year Average Fires	62,672
Ten Year Average Acres	3,546,440

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	19	3		9	24	56
	ACRES	18	12,291	300		910	6,200	19,719
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	232	308
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,300	118,154
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		314	16	452	201	1,006
	ACRES	10,562		56,649	1,823	78,537	26,889	174,460
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,200	14,759
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,147	1,886,984
TOTAL	FIRES	172	178	897	133	13,669	2,562	17,611
	ACRES	43,733	55,632	240,459	106,508	848,220	1,073,079	2,367,631

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			41,600				41,600
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						152	152
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				42		22	64
	ACRES				1,199		2,684	3,883
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		70	73
	ACRES				602		52,715	53,317
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				4		26	30
	ACRES				435		16,531	16,966
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24		2		3	29
	ACRES		1,566		0		1,869	3,435
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	30	1	68	0	147	246
	ACRES	0	1,568	41,600	8,434	0	233,560	285,162

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,265	182,008
Yukon Territory			69	32,411
Alberta			1,013	48,986
Northwest Territory			157	124,860
Saskatchewan			601	126,978
Manitoba			1,118	429,958
Ontario			861	300,128
Quebec			648	81,554
Newfoundland			160	24,893
New Brunswick			198	187
Nova Scotia			247	1,287
Prince Edward Island			0	0
National Parks			102	136,140
Total			7,439	1,489,390

*** Yesterday was the last information update for CIFFC until 9/06/2003 ***

RESOURCES 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	5									
Northwest	44	44	26	81	6	28			679	349
Northern California	2	82	33	154	4	18			2	346
Southern California	8		9		4	1			20	
Northern Rockies	164	100	119	304	35	58			1962	1373
Eastern Great Basin	2	2	16	1	5				155	20
Western Great Basin			3							
Southwest		1							1	
Rocky Mountain	5		3	2	5				19	6
Eastern Area									10	
Southern Area			2			1			5	
Total	230	229	211	542	59	106	0	0	2853	2094

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