

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY AUGUST 26, 2004 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 60 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Alaska, Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Areas. One large fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Hurricane Charley, Florida. A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/13. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical and resource support. The team will work jointly with the General Services Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Army and Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida State Emergency Response Team, Florida National Guard, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Lakeland Airport Authority, the Salvation Army and state and local law enforcement agencies. A National Park Service All-Risk Incident Management Team (Panko) is assigned to conduct cleanup, stabilization and storm repair at Dry Tortugas National Park. Four Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp, Jones, Crow and Koehler) are assigned in Charlotte, Hardee and DeSoto Counties, and the city of Lakeland. The Teams are managing supply distribution centers, disaster recovery and two 300 person camps.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Active ground fire and torching were reported on all fires in the complex. Fire activity moderated on the Gardiner Creek fire. The Billy Creek and Porcupine fires have burned together.

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Rock Creek, Preacher Creek, Middle Birch, Big Bluff and Takoma Bluff fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. The fires became more active as the inversion lifted. Individual and group tree torching occurred on all fires within the complex. Crown runs

occurred in unburned portions of fire interiors.

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce. High winds resulted in increased fire activity with spotting.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Low fuel moisture, extreme drought conditions and the absence of natural barriers are major concerns. Very active fire behavior resulted in significant acreage growth.

TORS, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This fire is 30 miles east of Fairbanks, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Fire activity was light to moderate. No further information was received.

BOUNDARY, Alaska Division of Forestry, Fairbanks Area. This previously reported fire, which began 6/13, is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire behavior was moderate.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TAYLOR HIGHWAY	AK	TAS	1240K	2	UNK	349	9	11	7	6	11.5M
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	458600	20	UNK	339	7	7	6	15	8.6M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	161253	40	9/30	137	5	1	1	3	3.6M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	5000	NR	UNK	52	2	0	0	0	NR
TORS	AK	FAS	25985	0	UNK	8	0	2	1	0	34K
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	530867	75	UNK	43	2	0	0	30	17.4M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte, and Crescent Lake fires, is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. The Freezeout and Freezeout 2 fires and the Devil's Creek and Jacks Wildland Fire Use incidents are also now part of this complex and in monitor status. Precipitation limited fire behavior to creeping and smoldering.

BLAND MOUNTAIN #2, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Mair) is assigned. This fire is located ten miles east of Canyonville, OR in timber and grass. Low intensity ground fire was observed.

FISCHER, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) to a Type 3 organization will occur today. This fire is four miles southeast of Leavenworth, WA in grass, brush and timber. Large fuels continue to be consumed in the interior, otherwise minimal fire activity was observed.

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Precipitation limited fire behavior to creeping and smoldering.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WILLIAMS BUTTE	WA	OWF	2095	50	UNK	306	7	0	2	0	6.8M	
BLAND MOUNTAIN	OR	ORS	4705	75	UNK	1417	58	21	10	5	4.1M	
FISCHER	WA	OWF	16439	95	UNK	649	10	18	3	1	13.8M	
POT PEAK/SISI R	WA	OWF	47470	90	UNK	289	5	11	6	3	25.9M	

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ANDREW, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) has been ordered. This fire is ten miles south of Reno, NV in sage, juniper, pinyon pine and timber. High, gusty winds and low relative humidity levels resulted in extreme fire behavior. Evacuations and road closures are in effect.

BIG HORN, Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Glendale, NV in grass, brush, juniper and pinyon pine. Smoldering was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
ANDREW	NV	CCD	2600	10	8/28	555	11	57	6	4	NR	
BIG HORN	NV	ELD	1552	80	8/30	20	1	0	0	0	100K	

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. This previously

reported fire, which began 8/7, is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. High winds, low relative humidity levels and rough terrain have hampered suppression resources. Extreme fire behavior with major crown runs was reported.

PAYSON, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office. This fire is three miles west of Payson, UT in juniper and grass. Intermittent gusty winds resulted in backing fire behavior with short wind-driven runs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	500	0	UNK	29	0	5	1	0	NR	
PAYSON	UT	SLD	300	50	8/26	74	2	3	1	0	NR	

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILDSTEER, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, located 10 miles south of Williams, AZ in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
WILDSTEER-WFU	AZ	KNF	219	N/A	N/A	6	0	1	0	0	3K	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
PLUM CREEK	WY	WEX	305	100	---	70	2	1	5	0	NR	

WEX = Weston County

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: Gusty northeast winds and low relative humidity for the mountains and valleys of extreme eastern Mendocino County, CA. California's north coastal mountains, west slope of the Sierra Nevada and the northern Sacramento Valley floor for increasing northeast winds and low relative humidity.

North and East Bay as well as Santa Clara County, CA for strong offshore winds and very low relative humidity.

Red Flag Warning: Strong northeast winds over portions of the northwestern and northern interior of Alaska. Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough will continue to bring scattered showers and thunderstorms to the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. Further south, strong winds will prevail from the Sierra to the Rockies. In Alaska, gusty winds will persist over the interior as a low pressure system moves into the southwest corner of the state.

NORTHWEST AREA

Geographic Area Weather

Partly cloudy with decreasing showers.

High Temperatures

West of the Cascades: Lower 70s southwest Oregon. 50s to 60s elsewhere.

East of the Cascades: Upper 50s higher terrain. 60s to 70s valleys.

Minimum Relative Humidity

West of the Cascades: 35 to 60% or greater.

East of the Cascades: 30 to 50%.

Wind

West of the Cascades: Southwest-west 10 to 15 mph.

East of the Cascades: Northwest 10 to 15 mph with stronger gusts through the Columbia Gorge.

ALASKA AREA

Geographic Area Weather

Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior: Partly cloudy and breezy. Areas of smoke.

High Temperatures

Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior: Mid 50s to mid 60s.

Minimum Relative Humidity

Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior: 33 to 43%.

Wind

Portions of the Northwestern and Northern Interior: Northeast 15 to 25 mph.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA

Geographic Area Weather

Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Scattered to numerous rain showers, snow showers early above 9,000 feet. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms western Wyoming. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly to mostly cloudy northern and central Utah with widely scattered to scattered rain showers, snow showers early above 10,000 feet. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms east. Mostly sunny and windy south.

High Temperatures

Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 50 to 65 mountains. 58 to 72 valleys.
Utah and Arizona Strip: 60 to 85 mountains. 70 to 98 valleys. 98 to 105 Lake Mead.

Minimum Relative Humidity

Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 40 to 80% mountains. 30 to 50% valleys.
Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 45% mountains. 10 to 30% valleys.

Wind

Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Northwest to west 6 to 12 mph.
Utah, Arizona Strip: Northwest to west 10 to 20 mph and gusty north. West to southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 mph south.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA

Geographic Area Weather

Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise sunny.

High Temperatures

65 to 75 coastal areas.
70 to 85 mountains.
80 to 90 valleys.
85 to 95 upper deserts.
95 to 105 lower deserts.

Minimum Relative Humidity

30 to 45% valleys.
15 to 30% mountains.
10 to 20% deserts.

Wind

Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA

Geographic Area Weather

A chance of showers north coast and nearby coastal mountains as well as north and northeast of the Sacramento Valley. Partly cloudy to mostly sunny elsewhere.

High Temperatures

60s higher elevations and coast.

Upper 70s to near 90 lower elevations inland.

Minimum Relative Humidity

25 to 40% driest inland areas.

Wind

Northwest-northeast 5 to 10 mph with gusts 17 to 25 mph over the higher elevations, especially in the northern and eastern areas.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA

Geographic Area Weather

West of Continental Divide: Rain showers likely.

East of Continental Divide: Scattered thunderstorms.

High Temperatures

West of Continental Divide: 60s Idaho. 58 to 68 elsewhere.

East of Continental Divide: 60s north. 70s south. 70s western North Dakota. 73 to 83 eastern North Dakota.

Minimum Relative Humidity

West of Continental Divide: 49 to 65% Idaho. 45 to 55% elsewhere.

East of Continental Divide: 40 to 50% north. 30 to 40% south. 40 to 55% North Dakota.

Wind

West of Continental Divide: West 10 to 15 mph in Idaho. Southwest-west 10 to 15 mph elsewhere.

East of Continental Divide: West 15 to 25 mph north. West 10 to 20 mph south. West 10 to 20 mph in North Dakota.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		4		4
	ACRES		129	751		29359		30239
Northwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern California	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES		3		1	9	4	17
	ACRES		36		0	43	0	79
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			5	1	7
	ACRES		1			310	1	312
Eastern Great Basi	FIRES	1	1				1	3
	ACRES	0	650				0	650
Western Great Basi	FIRES		1	1		1		3
	ACRES		2600	1		0		2601
Southwest	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		1			1	1	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					6		6
TOTAL	FIRES	1	8	1	2	37	11	60
	ACRES	0	3417	752	0	29720	3	33892

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	71	18	459	21	633
	ACRES	6065	1117629	1432053	29121	2909152	5	5494025

Northwest	FIRES	325	291	40	61	1498	1214	3429
	ACRES	22653	2751	881	258	13977	57665	98185
Northern California	FIRES	106	85	10	31	2090	861	3183
	ACRES	142	8894	7	472	37664	9612	56791
Southern California	FIRES	36	93	19	45	2414	653	3260
	ACRES	668	5925	1866	29	61797	8015	78300
Northern Rockies	FIRES	921	70	19	13	750	785	2558
	ACRES	5162	1450	1062	3	15461	7262	30400
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	742	6	44	449	743	2036
	ACRES	455	33757	11	57	7342	47268	88890
Western Great Basin	FIRES	15	590	12	17	95	139	868
	ACRES	315	21816	2665	50	7856	8109	40811
Southwest	FIRES	666	138	5	74	642	1508	3033
	ACRES	5175	5626	201	514	6926	281860	300302
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	324	445	34	45	394	412	1654
	ACRES	4029	9066	1272	37	21403	4477	40284
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	29	7336	451	8352
	ACRES	5094		2335	109	56850	5623	70011
Southern Area	FIRES	130		59	42	24667	579	25477
	ACRES	15806		13712	1067	314588	73315	418488
TOTAL	FIRES	3070	2512	322	419	40794	7366	54483
	ACRES	65564	1206914	1456065	31717	3453016	503211	6716487

Ten Year Average Fires 61,364
Ten Year Average Acres 3,422,695

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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			1					1
	ACRES			26					26
Southern California	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1		1
	ACRES						10		10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
Western Great Basin	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
Southwest	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0						0
	ACRES		20						20
Eastern Area	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
Southern Area	FIRES								0
	ACRES								0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1		2
	ACRES	0	20	26	0	0	10		56

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		32000			17027		49027
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	44	1		262	423
	ACRES	7626	6823	4071	30		58329	76879
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14164	2690		22617	40453

Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1686	718		6213	8644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	368	535
	ACRES	1885	2631	12502	1046	3066	42545	63675
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	18	48	96
	ACRES	149	7852	547	1102	1490	18115	29255
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	5			5	17
	ACRES		1248	541			971	2760
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	10		298	344
	ACRES	2896	4846	12769	7779		67181	95471
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	114	374
	ACRES	5117	11881	22280	13264	3947	45672	102161
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		369	23	1066	196	1674
	ACRES	14454		43499	4443	73607	28353	164356
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	75	393	1122	1845
	ACRES	8503		91851	70652	212745	999456	1383207
TOTAL	FIRES	217	216	970	161	1539	2672	5775
	ACRES	40881	68039	203910	101724	311882	1289452	2015888

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				52266			52266
Northwest	FIRES				5		7	12
	ACRES				200		1545	1745
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIRES				9		2	11
	ACRES				4346		222	4568
Northern California	FIRES				14		62	76

Rockies	ACRES					0		2406	2406
Eastern	FIRES					1		92	93
Great Basi	ACRES					0		8464	8464
Western	FIRES		12			2			14
Great Basi	ACRES		493			0			493
Southwest	FIRES					9		25	34
	ACRES					320		10444	10764
Rocky	FIRES		24	3		2	0	5	34
Mountain	ACRES		6996	295		0	2271	612	10174
Eastern	FIRES					3		1	4
Area	ACRES					1436		1	1437
Southern	FIRES					1			1
Area	ACRES					3007			3007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	36	3		50	0	197	286
	ACRES	0	7489	295		61590	2271	23694	95339

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
British Columbia	2	0	2315	213514
Yukon Territory	1	80	270	1453181
Alberta	3	0	1511	234421
Northwest Territory	2	4164	284	289035
Saskatchewan	0	0	317	225129
Manitoba	0	0	221	4894
Ontario	2	0	355	1492
Quebec	1	0	246	2930
Newfoundland	0	0	141	8432
New Brunswick	0	0	235	289
Nova Scotia	1	2	242	243
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197904
Total	12	4246	6243	2631479

RESOURCES 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	20	6	7	14	2	14			234	142
Northwest	17	69	4	54	2	21			431	355
Northern		7	4	13		2			20	47
Southern	1	3	1	5	1					16
Northern					1					
Eastern G	1	1	9	1	2				11	8
Western G	11	2	8	51	3	4	6		10	31
Southwest	2									
Rocky Mou		2	1	2		5			11	10
Eastern A									11	1
Southern										
Total	52	94	34	140	11	46	6	0	728	610

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