

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

*** SAFETY COMES FIRST ON EVERY FIRE, EVERY TIME ***

CURRENT SITUATION: Most Areas in the western U.S. experienced increased initial attack activity with a few Areas reporting new large fires. Resource mobilization through NICC remained steady.

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

DISAPPOINTMENT, San Juan NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hefner) is assigned. This fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine, Pinyon/Juniper, scrub oak and sage brush approximately 20 miles northwest of Delores, CO. Erratic fire behavior was experienced during the latest burning period. Airtankers were utilized on the fire most of the day supporting ground crews, engines and helicopters. Threats include a ranch house, private land, a lookout and range improvements.

TWIN BUTTES, Craig District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The fire is burning in heavy Pinyon/Juniper and oak brush 30 miles south of Rangely, CO. Burnout operations were conducted along major roads. Harts Team will also be managing the Hatchet fire (500 acres) on the Grand Junction District. The Team is relocating to Grand Junction to manage these fires.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
DISAPPOINTMENT	SJF	CO	3,100	25	7/31	283	13	6	1	0	NR	NR
TWIN BUTTES	CRD	CO	1,500	30	7/25	NR	7	6	2	0	NR	NR
HATCHET	GJD	CO	500	0	7/26	50	1	2	3	0	NR	NR
MOOSEHEAD	CRD	CO	200	100	----	32	1	2	2	0	NR	NR

Southern California Large Fires:

WHITE OAK, Kern County, California State. This fire is burning approximately 2 miles southwest of the community of Tahatchapi. Winds pushed the fire to the east into the west flank of the 1995 Lopez fire. The fire is backing on the west side into heavy fuels. Two structures have been confirmed lost, the type of structures and extent of loss are unknown.

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WHITE OAK	KRN	CA	4,800	40	7/24	314	7	13	5	2	NR	NR
OTAY #268	MVU	CA	670	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

MVU = San Diego Ranger Unit, California State

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

WILDCAT, Zion NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The fire is burning approximately 27 miles south of Cedar City,

UT. A significant increase in activity occurred yesterday afternoon, including torching and short rapid runs. Burnout operations of the northeast flank were successful. The northern flank is very secure. The southern flank is channeled by natural barriers within the maximum manageable area of the prescription boundary. Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 1,446 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
WILDCAT	ZIP	UT	4,642	0	UNK	250	6	4	3	0	NR	NR
CRANE	BOD	ID	110	100	---	35	0	9	0	0	NR	NR

BOD = Boise District, BLM

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

GASS PEAK, Las Vegas District, BLM. This fire is burning within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, approximately 20 miles north of Las Vegas, NV. The fire is being managed under a modified suppression strategy by the BLM under a initial/extended attack agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service. The fire is currently being monitored by air.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
GASS PEAK	LVD	NV	600	0	UNK	4	0	0	1	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SPRING CREEK	MTS	MT	3,200	100	---	11	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
MALDANADO	FPA	MT	252	100	---	9	0	3	0	0	NR	NR

MTS = Montana State

FPA = Fort Peck Agency, BIA

Alaska Large Fires: Thirty-one fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 468,207 acres.

Southwest Large Fires: Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 19,736 acres.

OUTLOOK:

*** FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED IN SOUTHWEST ***
 *** AND SOUTH-CENTRAL OREGON, NORTHEAST CALIFORNIA AND ***
 *** WESTERN NEVADA FOR DRY LIGHTNING AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ***

Strong high pressure remains over the West with hot and dry conditions persisting. A band of mid-level moisture and unstable air will produce widely scattered dry thunderstorms from western Nevada and the east slopes of the Sierras northward into southern Oregon. Increasing monsoon moisture will result in more widespread showers and thunderstorms in Arizona and New Mexico. Isolated afternoon and evening dry thunderstorms

are possible in southern Utah, Colorado and extreme southwest Idaho. Western Washington and western Oregon will be abnormally hot with high temperatures in the 90's to near 100. High temperatures will range from the 80's in eastern Montana, Wyoming and eastern Colorado to the 90's and 100's in the remainder of the West, with the desert Southwest experiencing highs from 105-115. Increased fire activity is anticipated as hot and dry weather conditions prevail, coupled with forecasted dry lightning.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		0	0		4		4
NORTHWEST	1				9	3	13
CA-NORTHERN					13	2	15
CA-SOUTHERN		3		2	53	5	63
NORTHERN	6				7	6	19
GB-EASTERN		5			1	5	11
GB-WESTERN		6		2		11	19
SOUTHWEST	2				7	16	25
ROCKY MTN		2		2		2	6
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	9	16	0	6	94	50	175

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		1,000	6,059		60		7,119
NORTHWEST	1,000				5	0	1,005
CA-NORTHERN					64	0	64
CA-SOUTHERN		2,015		0	6,824	10	8,849
NORTHERN	260				3,203	0	3,463
GB-EASTERN		125			4	0	129
GB-WESTERN		711		2		3	716
SOUTHWEST	1				2	54	57
ROCKY MTN		501		2		75	578
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	1,261	4,352	6,059	4	10,162	142	21,980

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA	1	2								4
NORTHWEST	1		3						2	

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	4	0	487	15,440
YUKON TERRITORY	0	83	125	90,087
ALBERTA	0	15	248	1,424
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	6	162	260	182,980
SASKATCHEWAN	3	0	329	6,040
MANITOBA	1	0	297	53,025
ONTARIO	5	1	1,004	417,230
QUEBEC	2	0	897	465,209
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	60	4,346
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	241	1,600
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	231	628
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	21	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	46	14,649
TOTALS	21	263	4,222	1,252,725

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

NR = No Report

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