

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2003 – 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in Northern California and light elsewhere. Nationally, 61 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, New Mexico, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

**NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage Blackfoot Lake Complex, Wedge Canyon, Robert, Trapper Creek Complex and Little Salmon Creek Complex.

MYRTLE CREEK, Idaho Panhandle National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is in logging slash, mixed conifer and brush, five miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, ID. An increase in temperature and a decrease in humidity caused more smoke. Fire continued to smolder and creep with some open flame observed.

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This incident in timber is 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT and is comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Ball Creek, Wounded Buck, Doe, Wildcat, Upper Lid, Dead Buck and Blackfoot Lake fires. The fires continued to creep and smolder in stump holes. Scattered showers kept fire activity to a minimum.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is 42 miles north of Columbia Falls, MT and approximately two miles south of the international border. The fire continued to creep and smolder.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This complex now includes the Middle Fork, Rampage and Trapper Creek Complexes. The incidents are in mixed conifer with heavy dead and downed fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The fires continued to creep and smolder.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. This complex is 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The incident, comprised of the Gordon, Molly Creek, Leota Peak, Gyp Mountain, Crimson, High, Mid and Some Creek fires, is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. The fire smoldered in heavy fuels.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK FIRE USE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. This Wildland Fire Use (WFU) is 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. This fire, in mixed conifer, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire continued to smolder in heavy fuels. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Fire activity consisted mostly of creeping and smoldering in heavy dead and downed woody fuels. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) 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. The fires continued to smolder mostly in the backcountry.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cooney Ridge, Gratton Gulch, Gilbert and Strawberry fires, is in timber, 11 miles east of Florence, MT. Smoldering ground fires continued.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Larsen) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Mineral-Primm, Stewart Peak, Upper Rattlesnake, and Boles Meadows fires, is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was minimal.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Fire behavior reduced due to cooler temperatures and higher humidities. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and downed fuels, eight miles southwest of Condon, MT. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MYRTLE CREEK	ID	IPF	3,700	90	9/15	493	14	15	5	0	4.2M
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	29,836	35	9/30	899	26	13	5	0	17.7M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	53,315	87	9/15	46	1	2	1	29	34M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	45,861	0	UNK	22	1	0	0	0	611K
LITTLE SALMON CREEK FIRE USE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	41,732	N/A	N/A	11	0	0	1	1	1.2M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	57,570	60	10/1	484	5	15	3	3	29.3M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	70,406	30	10/1	38	1	6	0	1	3.5M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	36,956	75	9/28	474	6	22	3	0	23.5M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	25,793	97	9/16	339	6	7	2	0	18.5M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	25,202	78	9/20	416	10	8	3	0	22M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	218	5	5	3	1	15.5M
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	11,300	95	9/15	42	1	1	0	0	NR

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage the B&B Complex.

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The fire continued to back through downed logs to the east. Torching was observed in pockets of trees exposed to easterly winds. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned to the portion of the Booth fire that is west of the Cascade Divide. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels. The complex is 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Active surface fire was observed within interior islands.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from Reed's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur on 9/15. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Successful burn out operations were conducted from Atkinson Flats south.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in timber, brush and heavy downed fuels, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. No new information was reported.

MINERAL PARK, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is in heavy timber, brush and deep duff, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. No new information was reported.

MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX, Mount Rainer National Park. This complex, comprised of the Panther, Redstone and Chenuis fires, is in heavy timber with heavy downed fuels, 13 miles northeast of Packwood, WA. Fire activity was minimal.

LOST LAKE, Gifford Pinchot National Forest. This fire is in brush and timber, seven miles east/southeast of Packwood, WA. No new information was reported.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	21,250	65	UNK	636	16	11	9	0	4M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,824	78	9/19	1,991	46	60	11	13	30.6M
MAPLE	WA	OWF	1,625	70	10/1	313	7	0	6	0	1.6M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	704	50	10/31	7	0	0	1	0	186K
MINERAL PARK	WA	MSF	3,651	50	10/31	3	0	0	1	0	80K
MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX	WA	MRP	376	18	10/31	34	1	2	1	0	1.5M
LOST LAKE	WA	GPF	321	0	10/15	2	0	0	1	0	57K
ISABEL	WA	OWF	200	NR	UNK	NR	4	0	2	0	NR

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

GRINDSTONE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This complex, comprised of 39 confirmed fires, is in chaparral and mixed conifer, 30 miles west of Willows, CA. Rapid fire spread, group torching and frequent spotting up to ¼ mile were observed on the Deafy fire. Crews conducted burn out operations on the north side of Anderson Creek down to the Eel River.

HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This fire is in timber and logging slash, near Fortuna, CA. Fires were more active due to decreased humidity levels; no major sustained runs were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	5,881	30	UNK	1,385	32	74	12	0	8.3M
HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES	CA	HUU	832	55	UNK	800	31	25	8	0	6.2M

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

KAWEAH – KERN COMPLEX, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This Wildland Fire Use (WFU) Complex, comprised of the Williams, West Kern, Grant and nine other small fires, is 15 miles east of Grant Grove in Kings Canyon National Park. This complex, in mixed conifer timber and chaparral, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The West Kern fire made a run into Coyote Creek; the Williams fire was active with isolating torching in lodgepole thickets; and the Grant fire had minimal activity. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	1,907	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	110K
MUD - WFU	CA	STF	693	N/A	N/A	26	1	0	1	0	27K
DEXTER – WFU	CA	INF	470	N/A	N/A	12	1	0	0	0	NR
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX	CA	STF	1,800	NA	N/A	18	1	0	0	0	140K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

INF = Inyo National Forest

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

SID FIRE, Upper Snake River District, Southern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and sage, 17 miles east/southeast of Dietrich, ID. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SID FIRE	ID	SID	2,680	90	UNK	81	0	16	0	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** For gusty north to northeast winds and low humidity through the morning for much of northern California including Sacramento Valley and surrounding foothills, coastal mountains and East Bay hills.

**Weather Discussion:** In central and northern California, early morning northeast wind will subside slowly today as the gradient producing the wind relaxes. The flow will become more onshore with higher relative humidity overnight. Over the rest of the west, high pressure will lead to warmer conditions with little chance of showers. The exception will be western Washington, where a cold front with light showers will move onto the coast. Hurricane Isabel will slowly move toward the east coast today, taking a turn toward the northwest.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Increasing clouds west side and mostly sunny east side. Chance of light rain increasing western Washington.	West side highs near 70 in Washington ranging to 85 in southwest Oregon. Warmer east side with highs warmer generally in the 70s to lower 80s.	Minimum humidity mostly 30 to 50% west side except as low as 10 to 15% in sections of southwest Oregon. East side generally 10 to 20%.	Generally north or northeast winds less than 10 mph east of the Cascades. West of the Cascades expect easterly morning winds 10 to 15 mph except 15 to 20 mph in southwest Oregon with gusts to 30 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Sunny.	Mostly mid 80s to mid 90s warmest inland valleys and canyons, mostly upper 60s and 70s near the coast.	12 to 25%	Moderate to strong northeast to east/southeast winds in the morning becoming southwest to northwest 5 to 10 mph around midday through the afternoon.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 45 to 65 mountains, 65 to 82 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 54 to 75 higher elevations, 65 to 92 lower elevations.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 30% mountains, 8 to 20% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 18 to 32% mountains, 9 to 22% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph except southwest 10 to 15 mph in Snake River Plain. Utah, Arizona Strip: southwest 10 to 15 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Sunny except night and morning fog lower coastal areas.	75 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 90 to 105 valleys. 90 to 100 upper desert. 95 to 105 low desert.	8 to 15% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 12 to 25% valleys. 30 to 40% coast.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.



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TOPIC OF CHOICE

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	0				1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES					18	7	25
	ACRES					43	5	48
Southern California	FIRES					5	3	8
	ACRES					2	1	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	4	7
	ACRES	0				0	1,548	1,548
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	3	5
	ACRES		4			1	6	11
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	3						3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	3	3	0	0	37	18	61
	ACRES	3	4	0	0	50	1,560	1,617

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	384	14	444
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,055	3,712	248,106	2	575,166
Northwest	FIRES	288	232	11	55	1,697	1,201	3,484
	ACRES	20,245	18,023	12	3,081	48,145	292,937	382,443
Northern California	FIRES	133	69	7	17	2,449	1,140	3,815
	ACRES	216	11,583	2	6,562	48,906	22,274	89,543
Southern California	FIRES	64	130	10	73	2,387	800	3,464
	ACRES	854	2,585	360	326	35,891	7,210	47,226
Northern Rockies	FIRES	948	61	33	84	923	1,463	3,512
	ACRES	77,876	107,435	23,265	166,669	155,564	365,600	896,409
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	808	4	45	604	927	2,446
	ACRES	17,518	141,943	1,060	2,634	29,982	136,989	330,126
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	427	1	11	111	165	720
	ACRES	1	11,096	79	6	1,939	2,873	15,994
Southwest	FIRES	792	186	5	70	872	2,058	3,983
	ACRES	36,582	5,893	284	3,553	16,168	202,724	265,204
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	774	39	47	965	666	2,673
	ACRES	17,414	16,911	1,963	783	16,928	46,901	100,900
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,480	457	10,946
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	109,826	5,575	175,185
Southern Area	FIRES	146		46	12	11,539	330	12,073
	ACRES	21,738		12,130	764	185,854	8,832	229,318
TOTAL	FIRES	3,525	2,701	243	459	31,411	9,221	47,560
	ACRES	244,652	355,740	329,100	188,796	897,309	1,091,917	3,107,514

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,165</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,845,725</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**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		2		0			2
	ACRES		40		334			374
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	2	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	40	0	334	0	0	374



**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	28	92	17	3		217	357
	ACRES	5,351	10,907	4,484	123		29,009	49,874
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	6		170	182
	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	23	3		10	24	61
	ACRES	18	13,355	300		1,510	6,200	21,383
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5		2		1	8
	ACRES		180		1,034		230	1,444
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	237	313
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	6,927	12	43,513	120,054
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	15	90	9	10	75	227
	ACRES	1,730	2,386	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	32,451
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		314	16	456	201	1,010
	ACRES	10,562		56,649	1,823	79,304	26,889	175,227
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	14,130	1,206	15,729
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	779,616	932,302	1,910,431
TOTAL	FIRES	160	187	898	133	14,638	2,574	18,590
	ACRES	40,906	57,826	240,459	108,909	863,879	1,082,448	2,394,427

**\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\***

**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			50		37	89
	ACRES	0			3,906		4,927	8,833
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		70	73
	ACRES				602		51,974	52,576
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		29	35
	ACRES				435		14,787	15,222
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		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	30	1	79	0	165	277
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	11,158	0	233,417	289,023

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,467	255,468
Yukon Territory			70	32,411
Alberta			1,066	55,822
Northwest Territory			158	126,068
Saskatchewan			618	128,228
Manitoba			1,132	430,109
Ontario			992	301,109
Quebec			660	83,089
Newfoundland			164	24,893
New Brunswick			207	188
Nova Scotia			248	1,362
Prince Edward Island			0	0
National Parks			110	135,393
Total			7,892	1,574,140

\*\*\* The next weekly update for CIFFC will be on 9/18/2003 \*\*\*

**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										
Northwest	57	47	34	67	16	18			578	494
Northern California	30	40	77	47	16	9			117	295
Southern California	13	1	9	6	5	2			23	4
Northern Rockies	43	34	12	95	9	25			841	393
Eastern Great Basin	4	2	20	1	5				4	
Western Great Basin		1	2							
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1			2					6	5
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	148	125	154	218	51	54	0	0	1569	1191

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