From: Noreen Walsh
To: Jeff Rupert
Subject: RE: Joint USDA Forest Service and DOI Office of Wildland Fire Incident Brief for July 8, 2015
Date: Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:35:00 AM

Thank you so much Jeff.

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From: Jeff Rupert [mailto:jeff_rupert@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Thabault, Michael
Cc: Grim, Mary; Theresa Rabot; Noreen Walsh; Dawn Davis; Richard Hannan; Ren Lohoefener; Nicole Alt; Matt Kales
Subject: Re: Joint USDA Forest Service and DOI Office of Wildland Fire Incident Brief for July 8, 2015

Quick note(s) about the sit report.

The DOI Watch Office simply forwards the information contained in I-209 reports which are completed by incident staff who ultimately work under the authority of the line officer (senior unit manager).

The sit report only reports large fires, over 100 acres.

Poet me know if I can help with anything more--Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 8, 2015, at 11:09 AM, Jeff Rupert <jeff_rupert@fws.gov> wrote:

> Can do.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 8, 2015, at 11:06 AM, Thabault, Michael <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:
>
> > Thanks Jeff. I would be good to see if ewe can get some key regional and field people added to the distribution.
> >
> > Michael Thabault
> > Assistant Regional Director

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On Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 11:01 AM, Jeff Rupert <jeff_rupert@fws.gov> wrote:
I have fairly recently been added to the distribution list for the sit reports and have seen the sage grouse tag. I'm in an Interior Fire Executive Council meeting today and will ask about consistency. Anything else you all would like me ask our colleagues?

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On Jul 8, 2015, at 8:47 AM, Grim, Mary <mary_grim@fws.gov> wrote:

> If they included in the daily SIT report that provides information about all active fires in the country, it would be pretty easy for us track that information. The SIT report is posted online every day at:
>
> http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
>
> I've seen "sagebrush threatened" included for fires on the SIT report before, but they don't appear to be consistently reporting it. Wonder how hard it would be if we asked?
>
> **Mary Grim**
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> Sacramento, CA 95825
> 916-414-6574
> 530-320-1300 (cell)
>
> On Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 7:27 AM, Theresa Rabot <theresa_rabot@fws.gov> wrote:
> I'm not seeing them, but will talk to Ron Dunton about it next week. Probably Jeff Rupert sees them?
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> **From:** Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2015 7:24 AM
> **To:** Theresa Rabot; Dawn Davis; Richard Hannan; Ren Lohoefener; Mary Grim; Michael Thabault; Nicole Alt; Matt Kales
>
> **Subject:** Fwd: Joint USDA Forest Service and DOI Office of Wildland Fire Incident Brief for July 8, 2015

Take a look at the attachment. Please share as appropriate.

Terry and Dawn, as well as others, can you confirm that someone in FWS (working on sage grouse) is receiving these briefings as part of a regular mailing list or in some other fashion so that we are systematically tracking fire impacts range wide during this season?

Thanks
Noreen

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Noreen

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Lyons, James" <james_lyons@ios.doi.gov>
> **Date:** July 8, 2015 at 10:09:25 AM EDT
> **To:** Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov>, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov>, Gary Frazer <gary_frazer@fws.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: Joint USDA Forest Service and DOI Office of Wildland Fire Incident Brief for July 8, 2015**
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> FYI --
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> You will notice that in our fire incident command daily reports this year, we have added a note (actually a sage grouse) to highlight fires that may impact SG habitat. This information is on all related communications in fire ops and information -- including maps of sage grouse habitat areas -- have been shared with relevant fire management staff from the ground up to NIFC.
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> So, the word is out.
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> Jim
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **DOI, WatchOffice** <doi_watch_office@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 9:52 AM
Subject: Joint USDA Forest Service and DOI Office of Wildland Fire Incident Brief for July 8, 2015
To: WatchOffice DOI
<doi_watch_office@ios.doi.gov>

Overview **Date:** July 8, 2015 10:00 a.m. EDT
National Preparedness Level 3

Initial attack activity	Light - 183
New large fires	1
Large fires contained	5
Uncontained large fires	20
NIMOs committed	1
Type 1 IMTs committed	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	12
Personnel (approximate)	6,400
Helicopters committed:	74
Air tankers available:	15
(LAT: 13 VLAT: 2 MAFFS: 0)	
Fires year-to-date	30,017
The above numbers come from NIFC's daily Situation Report and represent all agencies except for air tanker numbers, which are Forest Service. **Air Tanker numbers come from daily Air Tanker Spreadsheet. **	

Red Flag Warnings
Red Flag warnings are in effect for southwestern Idaho, southern Oregon and northern California.

Weather Discussion
Scattered thunderstorms will develop over most of the Interior West covering the central and southern Rockies, the Great Basin, northern California and southern Oregon. Most thunderstorms will produce rain with lighter amounts in California and Oregon. Isolated thunderstorms will also form over the far Northwest and the northern Rockies. East of the Rockies, thunderstorms will form along a decaying front from Texas to New England. Some storms could produce heavy rains and flooding. Temperatures will cool across most of West with hot conditions remaining in the Southwest deserts and in the Columbia Basin. Warm and humid conditions will persist in the Southeast while cooler weather spreads through the Plains, the Midwest and New England. In Alaska, scattered rain and thunderstorms will form along the Brooks Range while showers and few thunderstorms move across the southern third of the state. Temperatures will cool over most of the state.

Wildfire Activity
Tanker 02 is currently supporting Canadian firefighting efforts in Grand Prairie, Alberta.

Alaska (PL5)
Tanana Area Fires (9 fires),
(06/28/2015), Tanana Zone BLM, Multiple fires in close proximity up to 60 miles from

Tanana, AK, IMT2 (Staats)

- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Size:** 334,600 Acres **Cost**: $5.6M
- **Containment:** 0%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 500 – residences, 17 – commercial properties, 0 – other

Middle Yukon Fires, (06/21/2015), Galena Zone, DOF, near Nulato, AK, IMT2 (Hutton)

- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Size:** 116,100 Acres **Cost**: $4.9M
- **Containment:** 0%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 3/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 159 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 1 – other
- Includes the Nulato, Big Creek Two, Bruno Creek, and Ruby Slough fires.

<u>Northwest Area (PL4)</u>

Corner Creek