

## *Fires of 2003*

### *Northwest Area Command gets a Surprise visit from Conrad Burns, US Senator*

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Montana Senator Conrad Burns visited the Northwest Area Command Wednesday (August 27, 2003). The US Senator had the opportunity to sit in on an early morning conference call with the Incident Commanders offering him an update on the status of each of the fires in the area.

The Senator was in Kalispell for a conference unrelated to the fires. He took advantage of the opportunity to drop in at the Roberts Fire Incident Command Post on Tuesday evening. He visited with Incident Commander Joe Ferguson of the Southern Area Incident Management Team where he received a briefing on the status of the Robert, Middle Fork, Trapper and Rampage Fires.

Area Commander Rex Mann stated “The team enjoyed having the opportunity to update the US Senator first hand after a very active day of fire.” On Tuesday several fires within the Area Command grew in size due to high winds and high temperatures.



*Rex Mann's Area Command Members during an early morning conference call with Conrad Burns, US Senator and Incident Commanders.*