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## Poll: Voters have doubts about Bush's running mate

NEW YORK (AP) — The Republican convention boosted George Bush to a narrow lead in the presidential race, although many voters harbor doubts about Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana as his running mate, a national poll said Monday.

Half the respondents in the CBS News survey said they did not believe Quayle has the experience to be a good president, and another 28 percent were unsure. Thirty-nine percent said they wished Bush chose someone else.

Bush nonetheless led Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis by 46 percent to 40 percent in the poll of 1,221 registered voters nationwide. Dukakis, enjoying his own convention bounce, had led by 17 points early this month.

The survey was the first conducted entirely after the GOP convention in New Orleans ended Thursday with a well-received speech by Bush. It found favorable views of Bush and confidence in his

## GOP leaders urge Bush to back Quayle

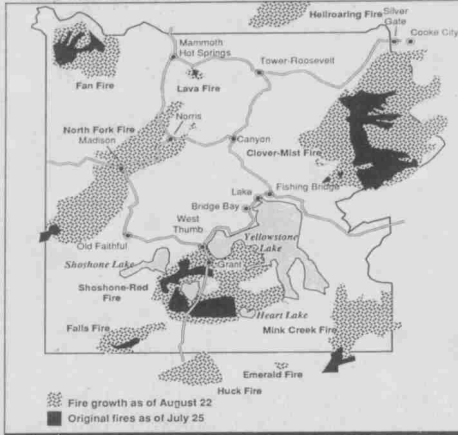
WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Party officials urged George Bush on Monday to stand by his choice of Sen. Dan Quayle as a running mate, but a top Bush supporter in Florida said the Indiana senator ought to consider stepping aside.

"This thing has to be over before Labor Day, one way or the other," said Tommy Thomas, chairman of the Bush steering committee in Florida.

Thomas, who joined the Marines on his 17th birthday in World War II, said, "I think Quayle should assess and if he feels like he's hurting the ticket, he ought to be man enough to step aside."

Many of those backing the Republican vice presidential nominee qualified their support by saying it hinged on the assumption there

## Yellowstone National Park fire growth



Star-Tribune graphics by Greg Korman

## Army troops arrive to help firefighters battle park blazes

From staff and wire reports  
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — U.S. Army troops were hauled into action Monday to help keep flames from moving outside of Yellowstone National Park boundaries.

More than 600 soldiers reached Bozeman, Montana, and boarded buses for Yellowstone, where they were to help firefighters laboring to control the expanding Clover-Mist fire in the park.

But almost 3,000 acres of Wyoming's Shoshone National Forest land in the Upper Crandall area were already burning Monday after Clover-Mist jumped park boundaries at several locations sometime Saturday.

The 612 infantrymen from Fort Lewis, Wash., were expected to reach the 157,000-acre fire in the park's northeastern corner by mid-afternoon Monday.

Paul Randolph, forester for the Shoshone's Clark's Fork District, said that a fire camp to handle more than 1,500 firefighters was being es-

tablished across the highway from the Crandall Ranger Station Monday.

Soldiers were to help weary firefighters prevent the fire, one of 10 burning in the park involving about 355,000 acres, from crossing into Montana's Custer National Forest or commercial areas of the Shoshone.

Park spokeswoman Joan Arzolino said it was possible some of the soldiers might remain in the southern Montana towns of Cooke City and Silvergate to protect them from the flames burning less than 2 miles to the south.

Some residents in those communities fear that the Clover-Mist fire might force them to leave their homes.

As Clover-Mist moved within two miles Monday, some residents of those communities say the National Park Service is not doing enough to stop the fire's advance.

On Sunday, some crews were taken by helicopter to the towering

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## Park fires have exceeded limits predicted by experts

Officials call blazes 'worse case scenario'

By KATHARINE COLLINS  
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**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK** — Forest fires in Yellowstone National Park — fueled by "unprecedented conditions" — have grown far beyond the "most likely worst case scenario" predictions of fire experts, park officials say.

While indicating that at times it is "difficult if not impossible" to contain or suppress the fires, officials stopped short of saying they

have lost control of the situation.

More than 355,000 acres of the park — about 16 percent of Yellowstone's total acreage — have now been affected by the fires, according to estimates Monday.

Only three weeks ago, fire behavior experts brought in to assess the future growth of the Yellowstone fires projected that 250,000 acres of the park would be consumed this season under their "most likely worst case scenario."

John Varley, park research director, said there is good reason why

experts miscalculated the anticipated extent of the blazes. He said they could only rely upon historical patterns and then current conditions in making predictions. But conditions have worsened significantly even within the past two weeks, he said.

"When you get into unprecedented conditions then of course their models won't work," Varley said. "The fuels on the forest floor are drier. The humidity during the course of the afternoon goes down

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## Missing equipment, food hamper Everest expedition by state group

By KATHARINE COLLINS  
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**PINEDALE** — The Wyoming Centennial Everest Expedition may be in deep trouble because almost all its equipment and food is missing en route, expedition members say.

The vital material has failed to arrive at the 17,000 foot elevation base camp. It was supposed to be transported overland from the Chinese capital of Beijing.

Dubbing themselves the "Cowboys on Everest," and led by Courtney Skinner of Pinedale, 34

mountaineers, students, artists, geologists and a doctor are scheduled to make an assault on the summit of the world's highest mountain before the end of September, following an unusual route up the north shoulder, or North Col, of Everest through China and Tibet.

Skinner's wife Mary — who just returned to Pinedale from Tibet — said if the supplies do not arrive soon at base camp, the climb might have to be called off.

Winter weather will set in by the end of September, she said, and the group is now more than a week behind schedule.

"Courtney said they're getting farther and farther behind," Mary Skinner said. "They have no idea where the gear is. Nor can they bring up the rest of the people until they have the gear for them."

Peter Breslow — a National Public Radio producer accompanying the expedition — reported Monday that "Chinese airline officials decided they were missing out on too much revenue, so everything and everybody got unloaded in Beijing."

"The Chinese have us over a barrel," he said. "They have Chomolungma (Mt. Everest) ... and we want to climb it."

According to Breslow, "after much negotiation, intervention by the White House and tens of thousands of dollars in additional fees, the gear — tents, climbing equip-

ment and three months' worth of food — is moving overland in Chinese trucks from Beijing to Tibet, a torturous journey that could take weeks."

By now, Mary Skinner said, the base camp at Rongbuk Glacier — at 17,000 feet, should be established and ready to supply teams to go on and establish successfully higher camps.

But problems with the Chinese officials who were to have transported the tons of equipment to base camp have temporarily scuttled the expedition's progress.

"A great deal of that stuff arrived there long before we did," Mary Skinner said. "They could have it in Lhasa by the time we arrived. We could have traveled with the gear to base camp."

She said she suspects the officials just thought "we were made of money" and would pay an additional \$90,000 to have the cargo air freighted to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, which is about three days overland from base camp.

She blamed the ineptitude of Chinese officials for the delays, and said that agreements signed between the Chinese and the expedition had provided for the gear to be delivered to base camp.

"We had paid ... about \$30,000 ... to take the gear to base camp ... I don't know that they reneged (on their contract). They just don't do (anything). Nothing gets done in

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COURTNEY SKINNER  
Leads Everest expedition

## Sullivan wants moratorium on garbage disposal plan

By JOAN BARRON  
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**CHEYENNE** — Gov. Mike Sullivan wants to block any commercial garbage dumps in the state until after the 1989 Legislature can enact new environmental safeguards, a top Sullivan aide told a legislative committee Monday.

Meanwhile, one of the group of investors planning a municipal dump near Hanna said he agreed a moratorium is needed, but urged the legislators not to slam the door on the venture.

And a Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality official reported that the bond for the massive garbage disposal site in the Hanna coal pits would be \$70 million, under a bill being studied by the subcommittee.

The company's premiums on the \$70 million bond would be \$1.5 million a year, said David Finley,

head of the department's solid waste program.

Nancy Freudenenthal, the governor's attorney for intergovernmental affairs, said the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council will consider adopting an emergency rule to halt the waste disposal permits at a council meeting Sept. 19-20 in Jackson.

The moratorium, she said, will not affect the permit approved for Mountain States Solid Waste Disposal Management Co. for an asbestos disposal site near Burns east of Cheyenne.

The governor's position, Freudenenthal said, is that the state needs to deal with solid wastes generated in and out of state but current state law the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act — needs additional safeguards. She said the state wants to discourage industry at this time from investing a lot of money on studies and permits until the Legis-

lature takes action.

Martin Wilson of Wilson and Associates, the group behind the Hanna garbage dump plan, said his group never intended to take advantage of Wyoming's lack of safeguards to "sneak up and dump trash" in the state.

Wilson said he strongly supports the governor's position in favor of a moratorium, but he urged the subcommittee not to "slam the door" on commercial waste disposal projects. He noted that while his project may not conform, however, other people may want to do the same thing.

Freudenenthal made her report to a Joint Mines, Business and Economic Development subcommittee that is studying solid, hazardous and radioactive wastes.

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Dennis Tippetts, R-Fremont, is working on a bill sponsored by subcommittee member, Rep. Steve

Freudenenthal, D-Laramie, to require that companies post bonds to insure the reclamation of solid waste disposal sites.

Randy Wood, director of the Department of Environmental Quality, said Wyoming's current waste management program was developed in the early 1970s and now needs to be upgraded to meet the demands of the 1980s and early 1990s.

Wood recommended making solid waste management a separate Division, but existing air, water and land quality divisions.

In his report, Finley only touched on a 10-year-old U.S. Supreme Court decision that said states cannot ban importation of garbage from other states since such laws hinder interstate commerce.

Officials said earlier the ruling prohibits Wyoming from blocking the disposal of out-of-state garbage

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MIKE SULLIVAN  
Seeks environmental safeguards

## Sullivan gives conditional support to wild, scenic program

By SCOTT FARRIS  
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**CHEYENNE** — Gov. Mike Sullivan Monday announced his conditional support for including the Clark's Fork River in northwest Wyoming in the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers program.

Sullivan, on a pack trip in the Bridger-Teton National Forest, issued a statement which said Clark's Fork is "unquestionably a river which deserves recognition and

warrants — like no other canyon river in the country, with the exception of the Grand Canyon — that national recognition."

Noting that inclusion of Clark's Fork in the Wild and Scenic Rivers system has been debated since 1979, Sullivan said it is time for the state to take a stand on the issue.

A wild and scenic designation generally means development along the river's bank is prohibited, the natural course of the river cannot be altered and minimum river flows are

guaranteed.

Sullivan said he supports development of Wyoming's water resources to benefit Wyoming's economy, but construction of a dam along the upper reaches of the Clark's Fork — where the wild and scenic designation would apply — would be "horrendously expensive."

"The true economic value of the Clark's Fork" is to preserve it in its natural state to benefit the state's "quality of life," Sullivan said,

calling the upper reaches of the river "a priceless resource in their natural state."

Sullivan said his support of the federal wild and scenic designation has certain conditions, however, which include a demand that a dam downstream from the wild and scenic canyon area could still be constructed if it is shown to be economically feasible.

Additionally, Sullivan said he wants to be sure the wild and scenic designation is compatible with

Wyoming's water allocation under the Yellowstone River Compact, and gives the state the maximum possible flexibility in using that water allocation.

Sullivan said he would work with Wyoming's congressional delegation and the U.S. Forest Service to ensure legislation on the Clark's Fork designation addresses his concerns.

Sen. Alan Simpson has already gone on record supporting Clark's Fork designation.

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