

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, September 20, 2008 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (59 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	6
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6
Fire Use Teams committed:	0

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF4) at the National Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C., the Regional Response Coordination Center in Denton, TX, and the Joint Field Office in Austin, TX are staffed to support hurricane activity.

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	0
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Hurricane Ike Support, Federal Emergency Management Agency. NIMO (Custer) is supporting FEMA at Beaumont, TX. IMT 1 (Quesinberry) is supporting Texas Forest Service at Beaumont, TX. IMT 2 (Wilder) assigned at Galveston Island, TX. NIMO (Cable) was released yesterday.

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	5
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Rattle, Umpqua NF. IMT 1 (Hoff). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty miles east of Glide, OR. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures and power lines threatened. Highway 138 closed. Evacuations in effect.

Lonesome Complex, Rogue River NF. IMT 2 (Batten). Twenty-one miles east of Prospect, OR. Timber. Active surface fire with single tree torching and short-range spotting. Historical structures threatened.

Gnarl Ridge, Mt Hood NF. IMT 2 (West). Ten miles south of Parkdale, OR. Timber. Running surface fire with occasional torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Royce Butte, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rapp) back to local unit tomorrow. Twelve miles west of Crescent, OR. Timber and logging slash. Minimal fire activity.

Doubleday, Medford Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT 2 (Hunt). Two miles south of Butte Falls, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Community of Butte Falls threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Rattle	OR	UPF	15,772	1,545	28	9/30	1,086	110	30	45	10	0	12.4M	FS
Lonesome Complex	OR	RRF	17,808	2,308	20	10/15	912	234	31	12	7	0	8.5M	FS
Gnarl Ridge	OR	MHF	2,570	270	5	UNK	433	204	13	23	6	0	1.0M	FS
Royce Butte	OR	DEF	381	0	80	9/20	371	35	10	14	1	0	1.1M	FS
Doubleday	OR	711S	1,250	500	75	9/21	524	83	16	10	6	0	1.5M	ST

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 19
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1

Klamath Complex, Klamath NF. NIMO (Gage). Confine/contain management strategy. Fourteen miles west of Etna, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Klamath Complex	CA	KNF	189,173	1,902	75	9/30	411	-59	6	4	10	0	124.7M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 18
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Hidden, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP. IMT 2 (Joseph). Mixed conifer and timber litter. Active fire with short runs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Hidden	CA	KNP	1,296	371	37	9/30	739	215	20	1	11	0	4.1M	NPS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Line Creek, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Forty miles southwest of Broadus, MT. Grass, sage brush and dead and down timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Line Creek	MT	MCD	1,038	24	60	9/21	89	21	1	15	1	0	85K	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Trail Canyon	ID	EIS	350	---	100	---	17	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

EIS - Eastern Idaho Area Office, Idaho Dept of Lands

Predictive Services Discussion: Cloudy and much cooler across the Pacific Northwest, the Northern Rockies down into parts of California and the Great Basin. Widespread showers and some isolated thunderstorms across much of this area. Elsewhere, dry and breezy south winds across eastern Montana on thru Wyoming and into Utah and parts of Nevada. Isolated thunderstorms possible over the mountains of New Mexico. Further east, near seasonable late summer conditions will continue across most areas, with scattered showers across the mid-Mississippi Valley.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Backfiring or Burnout Operations

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						20	20
Northern California	FIRES					15	4	19
	ACRES					14	0	14
Southern California	FIRES	1			0	14	3	18
	ACRES	1			231	0	268	500
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					58	0	58
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	3	6
	ACRES		6			350	2	358
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		100					100
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					473		473
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	0	0	37	17	59
	ACRES	1	106	0	231	895	290	1,523

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	19	1	299	3	336
	ACRES		644	1,352	0	60,424	0	62,420
Northwest	FIRES	293	250	25	76	751	1,375	2,770
	ACRES	36,334	95,997	8,227	557	33,835	36,228	211,178
Northern California	FIRES	170		8	32	2,985	917	4,112
	ACRES	692		175	12,928	284,559	566,157	864,511
Southern California	FIRES	75	129	14	47	3,432	503	4,200
	ACRES	385	26,883	871	1,068	52,722	290,953	372,882
Northern Rockies	FIRES	993	80	18	10	761	617	2,479
	ACRES	20,445	4,978	7,622	9,331	149,318	21,025	212,719
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	443	4	27	391	414	1,327
	ACRES	9,300	64,144	494	559	16,862	35,174	126,533
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	256	6	16	71	66	423
	ACRES	10	21,548	51	6	3,374	45,425	70,414
Southwest	FIRES	640	227	8	49	699	932	2,555
	ACRES	19,424	81,218	351	982	263,262	95,943	461,180
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	605	273	24	26	558	341	1,827
	ACRES	2,114	17,181	2,008	318	185,097	9,371	216,089
Eastern Area	FIRES	342		17	18	9,048	302	9,727
	ACRES	1,961		157	65	53,173	725	56,081
Southern Area	FIRES	955		81	64	36,406	554	38,060
	ACRES	59,257		47,364	54,917	1,863,628	37,103	2,062,269
TOTAL	FIRES	4,129	1,672	224	366	55,401	6,024	67,816
	ACRES	149,922	312,593	68,672	80,731	2,966,254	1,138,104	4,716,276

Ten Year Average Fires	66,499
Ten Year Average Acres	6,192,060

*** Changes in some agency YTD 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	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	200				40	17	257
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						351	351
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,228	2,228
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			0	1	1
	ACRES		155			250	130	535
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						749	749
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	6	8
	ACRES	200	155	0	0	290	3,475	4,120

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	10	41	13	1		137	202
	ACRES	2,435	16,796	2,359	3		19,603	41,196
Northern California	FIRES	25	3	17	9	10	101	165
	ACRES	415	7	23,388	14	2,120	2,652	28,596
Southern California	FIRES		4	4	7	6	129	150
	ACRES		118	822	1,327	73	13,114	15,454
Northern Rockies	FIRES	18	19	55	5	31	180	308
	ACRES	1,450	3,678	16,224	309	2,032	22,143	45,836
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	22	5	8	8	51	97
	ACRES	200	6,605	346	3,421	1,299	14,487	26,358
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		4	11
	ACRES		2,655	12	27		2,437	5,131
Southwest	FIRES	29	64	11	13		154	271
	ACRES	3,214	39,533	20,031	2,307		57,671	122,756
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	29	106	19	46	122	349
	ACRES	2,971	4,507	18,601	4,695	5,631	34,892	71,297
Eastern Area	FIRES	46		335	17	1,569	97	2,064
	ACRES	30,380		53,458	860	106,605	11,447	202,750
Southern Area	FIRES	20		177	82	476	775	1,530
	ACRES	13,894		94,763	60,846	261,585	726,791	1,157,879
TOTAL	FIRES	178	185	725	163	2,156	1,750	5,157
	ACRES	54,959	73,899	230,004	73,809	383,335	905,237	1,721,243

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		7	15	5	1		28
	ACRES		7,397	31,830	1,420	3		40,650
Northwest	FIRES				14		24	38
	ACRES				10		2,938	2,948
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,286	9,286
Southern California	FIRES				11		6	17
	ACRES				3,696		14,933	18,629
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		46	48
	ACRES				0		11,863	11,863
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		22	23
	ACRES				0		46,495	46,495
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		9	12
	ACRES		81		0		10,145	10,226
Southwest	FIRES				2		18	20
	ACRES				112		17,672	17,784
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		4	11
	ACRES		25		0		54,645	54,670
Eastern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			3				3
Southern Area	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1,986	1,986
TOTAL	FIRES	0	14	18	38	1	144	215
	ACRES	0	7,503	31,833	5,238	3	169,963	214,540

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	49	99	1,902	12,058
Yukon Territory	0	0	68	18,846
Alberta	17	54	1,558	18,530
Northwest Territory	0	0	240	308,789
Saskatchewan	0	0	582	1,127,811
Manitoba	0	0	0	0
Ontario	5	29	310	1,292
Quebec	4	1	207	1,478
Newfoundland	0	0	122	3,780
New Brunswick	0	0	160	131
Nova Scotia	0	0	242	2,717
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
Total	75	183	5,391	1,495,432

*** CIFFC table updated weekly. ***

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