

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, September 21, 2008 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (62 new fires)
New large fires:	2 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	7
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5
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.

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	9
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

**Rattle**, Umpqua NF. IMT 1 (Hoff). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty miles east of Glide, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity. 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. Occasional single tree torching. Historical structures threatened.

**Gnarl Ridge**, Mt Hood NF. IMT 2 (West). Ten miles south of Parkdale, OR. Timber. Occasional single tree torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Doubleday**, Medford Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT 2 (Hunt). Two miles south of Butte Falls, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching and spotting.

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	16,255	483	28	10/15	1,064	-22	26	54	9	0	13.7M	FS
Lonesome Complex	OR	RRF	17,908	100	25	10/15	1,077	165	34	14	10	0	9.5M	FS
Gnarl Ridge	OR	MHF	2,700	130	5	10/15	706	273	20	29	8	0	1.9M	FS
Doubleday	OR	711S	1,275	25	90	9/21	654	130	21	20	5	0	2.1M	ST
Royce Butte	OR	DEF	381	0	100	---	250	-121	5	9	1	0	1.4M	FS

DEF – Deschutes NF

### **Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 18  
 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. Backing, 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
Klamath Complex	CA	KNF	190,601	1,428	75	9/30	422	11	7	3	10	0	124.9M	FS

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 12  
 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 backing and single tree torching.

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	1,450	154	44	9/30	778	39	20	12	9	0	5.2M	NPS

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2  
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. 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	0	95	9/21	64	25	1	9	1	0	100K	BLM

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Scooby**, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Eight miles south of Curlew Junction, UT. No further information received.

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
* Scooby	UT	SLD	400	---	NR	UNK	53	---	0	15	0	0	NR	BLM

### Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 1  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Vinegar**, Carson City Field Office, BLM. Thirty-five miles north of Reno, NV. Grass. 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
* Vinegar	NV	CCD	382	---	50	9/21	78	---	2	8	1	0	100K	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Cloudy and cool weather will continue across the Pacific Northwest, and much of the northern and central Rockies, along with scattered showers. Warm, dry and breezy south winds across the Mississippi Valley. Scattered showers and thunderstorms across Florida and parts of the Southeast. Elsewhere mainly seasonable early fall conditions.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## Driving Safety

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about everything you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
  - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
  - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
  - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
  - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
  - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
  - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving, pull over and park.
  - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations casual and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
  - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.
- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2	7	9
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern California	FIRES		2			14	2	18
	ACRES		1			5	3	9
Southern California	FIRES				0	9	3	12
	ACRES				257	0	98	355
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			1	8	12
	ACRES		34			57	71	162
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		283					283
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		0			2	1	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	7	0	0	33	22	62
	ACRES	0	318	0	257	66	174	815

### 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	252	25	76	763	1,386	2,795
	ACRES	36,334	95,997	8,227	616	33,844	36,230	211,248
Northern California	FIRES	170	2	8	32	3,004	919	4,135
	ACRES	692	1	175	12,928	284,567	566,160	864,523
Southern California	FIRES	75	129	14	47	3,441	506	4,212
	ACRES	385	26,883	871	1,325	52,722	291,051	373,237
Northern Rockies	FIRES	993	80	18	10	762	617	2,480
	ACRES	20,445	4,978	7,622	9,331	149,321	21,025	212,722
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	446	4	27	392	405	1,322
	ACRES	9,300	64,178	494	559	16,919	35,233	126,683
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	257	6	16	71	66	424
	ACRES	10	21,831	51	6	3,374	45,425	70,697
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	274	24	26	560	343	1,832
	ACRES	2,114	17,181	2,008	318	185,099	9,372	216,092
Eastern Area	FIRES	342		17	18	9,052	302	9,731
	ACRES	1,961		157	65	53,173	725	56,081
Southern Area	FIRES	955		81	64	36,409	554	38,063
	ACRES	59,257		47,364	54,917	1,863,635	37,103	2,062,276
TOTAL	FIRES	4,129	1,681	224	366	55,452	6,033	67,885
	ACRES	149,922	312,911	68,672	81,047	2,966,340	1,138,267	4,717,159

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,647</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,209,700</b>

\*\*\* 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			0
	ACRES				7			7
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						200	200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		100					100
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						80	80
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	5	6
	ACRES	0	100	0	7	0	280	387

### 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	10		19,603	41,203
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	184	312
	ACRES	1,450	3,678	16,224	309	2,032	22,343	46,036
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	23	5	8	8	51	98
	ACRES	200	6,705	346	3,421	1,299	14,487	26,458
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	186	725	163	2,156	1,754	5,162
	ACRES	54,959	73,999	230,004	73,816	383,335	905,437	1,721,550

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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				3,709		14,933	18,642
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		47	49
	ACRES				0		11,863	11,863
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		22	23
	ACRES				0		46,690	46,690
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	145	216
	ACRES	0	7,503	31,833	5,251	3	170,158	214,748

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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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