

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, July 3, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Heavy (332 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain incidents. **
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 24
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Grouse, Yosemite National Park. IMT 2 (Johnson). Five miles east of El Portal, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

Harden, Yosemite National Park. Twelve miles southeast of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber. 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
Grouse	CA	YNP	1,302	139	17	7/11	335	67	9	6	1	0	477K	NPS
Harden	CA	YNP	900	389	25	7/11	141	28	6	0	1	0	452K	NPS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 58
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Trinity**, Shasta – Trinity NF. Seven miles north of Denny, CA. Timber and slash. Active fire behavior with spotting.

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* Trinity	CA	SHF	180	---	10	7/7	50	---	3	0	0	0	70K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

Bear Creek, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-three miles east of Lake Minchumina, AK. Spruce and brush. Moderate fire activity.

* **Rock Slough**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Confine / contain management strategy. Forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Active fire behavior with spotting. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Bear Creek	AK	TAD	10,707	---	0	11/1	34	---	1	0	0	0	210K	BLM
* Rock Slough	AK	UYD	600	---	0	UNK	23	---	1	0	1	0	61K	BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 125
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Unit 6 2009**, McFaddin NWR. Confine / contain management strategy. Ten miles northeast of Sabine Pass, TX. Grass. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Unit 6 2009	TX	MCR	4,200	---	90	7/3	7	---	0	1	0	0	12K	FWS

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered thunderstorms in the West today mainly from Sierras and Oregon Cascades eastward to the Rockies. The driest storms will be in northern California and Oregon. Hot, dry and unstable conditions are expected along the east slopes of the Cascades. Warming and drying continues in Alaska with isolated dry thunderstorms in the eastern interior.

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



Today's discussion is from
"This Day in Wildland Fire History"

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Part I - South Canyon Fire, Colorado, 1994 (A Four-Part Series)

Incident Summary: On July 2, 1994, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colo., lightning ignites a Bureau of Land Management fire in piñon-pine and juniper on a ridge at the base of Storm King Mountain. The fire, paralleled by two deep canyons, is initially believed to have "little chance" to spread. The past two days, lightning has started 40 new fires on this BLM District. The entire general area, in a one-year drought, is experiencing low humidities and record-high temperatures. Over the next two days, the South Canyon Fire increases in size. Visible from Interstate 70 and nearby residential areas, the public becomes concerned. Some initial attack resources are assigned. Between July 3-6, the fire grows to approximately 2,000 acres. On July 6, a dry cold front moves into the fire area. As winds and fire activity increases, the fire makes several 100-foot flame-length rapid runs within the existing burn—in dense, highly flammable Gambel oak. Fourteen firefighters perish as they try to outrun the flames. The remaining 35 firefighters survive either by escaping down a deep drainage or by seeking a safety area and deploying their fire shelters.

July 3 – Summary of Activities

The Grand Junction BLM District is in very high to extreme fire danger. Ninety percent of its firefighting resources are committed to more than 40 new fires started in the previous 2 days.

A red flag warning is issued for dry lightning. Strong winds hamper the effective use of fire suppression aircraft.

One load—eight—smokejumpers, an air tanker, and lead plane are requested.

An engine crew arrives on scene. Its foreman's initial size-up informs: fire is inaccessible, two flaming trees visible, low spread potential, steep slopes. Until more resources can be obtained, it is recommended that the fire be observed.

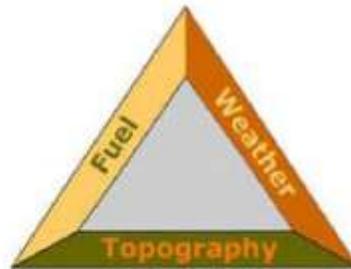
Fire Control Officer requests more South Canyon Fire resources from the Western Slope Fire Coordination Center.

Lessons Learned Discussion Points

Your fire crew is now dispatched to the South Canyon Fire. Given the following circumstances, what would you do to ensure that everyone is safe:

- Extreme fire danger due to condition of the fuels,
- Limited resources,
- Difficult terrain,

Red flag warning for dry lightning and high winds.



References

- *South Canyon Fire Investigation*, 1994. http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf
- *Incident Response Pocket Guide*

"This Day in Wildland Fire History" is a collaborative project between "6 Minutes for Safety" and the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		0		0
	ACRES		2,989	7,163		725		10,877
Northwest	FIRES	6	19			5	24	54
	ACRES	4	18			2	3	27
Northern California	FIRES	1	1			30	26	58
	ACRES	0	0			9	6	15
Southern California	FIRES	3	2			18	1	24
	ACRES	0	2			1	1	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9				5	4	18
	ACRES	4				205	2	211
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			7	3	13
	ACRES		3			29	2	34
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10			1	3	14
	ACRES		4			0	0	4
Southwest	FIRES	1	1		2	1	3	8
	ACRES	106	1		3	50	1	161
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	7		2	3	1	16
	ACRES	0	0		1	3	0	4
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES			0		123	2	125
	ACRES			3,450		569	1	4,020
TOTAL	FIRES	23	43	0	4	195	67	332
	ACRES	114	3,017	10,613	4	1,593	16	15,357

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	21	25	13	256	5	321
	ACRES	1	20,867	57,286	2,582	243,991	0	324,727
Northwest	FIRES	137	89	1	7	277	213	724
	ACRES	948	1,384	2	5	699	320	3,358
Northern California	FIRES	35	21	1	7	883	299	1,246
	ACRES	24	19	0	1	5,779	657	6,480
Southern California	FIRES	16	58	3	7	1,433	215	1,732
	ACRES	36	475	4	1,713	4,881	2,971	10,080
Northern Rockies	FIRES	285	16	5	2	167	119	594
	ACRES	668	440	389	0	15,298	242	17,037
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	15	82	3	9	139	53	301
	ACRES	25	200	186	0	414	359	1,184
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	110		3	35	35	186
	ACRES	20	297		0	85	8	410
Southwest	FIRES	421	170	5	37	630	446	1,709
	ACRES	10,613	67,857	13	2,052	260,524	42,279	383,338
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	227	88	13	7	242	74	651
	ACRES	952	206	533	44	61,821	230	63,786
Eastern Area	FIRES	389		28	25	11,086	465	11,993
	ACRES	1,206		807	110	102,482	6,551	111,156
Southern Area	FIRES	293		154	47	28,252	516	29,262
	ACRES	35,253		31,431	68,458	845,445	25,699	1,006,286
TOTAL	FIRES	1,822	655	238	164	43,400	2,440	48,719
	ACRES	49,746	91,745	90,651	74,965	1,541,419	79,316	1,927,842

Ten Year Average Fires	42,976
Ten Year Average Acres	2,154,408

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						200	200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				1	1	5	7
	ACRES				200	800	4,906	5,906
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	1	8	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	200	800	5,116	6,116

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3,338		3,338
Northwest	FIRES	15	105	19	2	1	87	229
	ACRES	7,122	7,825	4,068	31	1	12,360	31,407
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	17	44	25	210	338
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,529	384	2,791	9,591	42,034
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	4	1	114	135
	ACRES		564	748	274	195	8,522	10,303
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	28	76	2	24	181	333
	ACRES	1,973	4,434	18,348	345	2,241	17,473	44,814
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	18	2	6	21	49	97
	ACRES	8	2,519	770	272	180	12,930	16,679
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	2			5	14
	ACRES		1,293	62			219	1,574
Southwest	FIRES	23	28	3	8		200	262
	ACRES	1,673	54,260	501	1,099		104,622	162,155
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	41	108	10	35	121	352
	ACRES	3,634	4,757	18,786	5,851	876	28,552	62,456
Eastern Area	FIRES	65		417	40	1,736	162	2,420
	ACRES	72,679		63,548	9,200	81,489	45,557	272,473
Southern Area	FIRES	5		243	78	785	1,021	2,132
	ACRES	2,370		126,674	90,359	284,936	940,701	1,445,040
TOTAL	FIRES	194	250	896	194	2,637	2,150	6,321
	ACRES	89,683	78,167	260,034	107,815	376,047	1,180,527	2,092,273

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	10	1	845	38,768
Yukon Territory	0	0	40	32,026
Alberta	0	0	1,071	55,314
Northwest Territory	0	0	18	486
Saskatchewan	1	0	451	37,071
Manitoba	1	0	117	2,427
Ontario	1	0	273	20,091
Quebec	3	1,941	393	90,042
Newfoundland	2	9,145	123	13,329
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	141	931
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	25	8	61	27,863
Total	43	11,096	3,686	318,580

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>

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