

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, July 9, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (127 new fires)
New large fires:	9 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	15
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents. **

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

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires:	9
New large fires:	5
Uncontained large fires:	6
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Minto Flat South, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (Allen). Twelve miles northwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

* **Shanta Creek**, Kenai – Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. NIMO (Gage). Started on FWS land twelve miles southeast of Soldotna, AK. Spruce. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Bear Creek, Tanana Zone, BLM. Thirty-three miles east of Lake Minchumina, AK. Spruce and brush. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Zitziana, Tanana Zone, BLM. Fifty miles southeast of Tanana, AK. Black spruce and brush. Active fire behavior with crowning and torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, 47 miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Moderate fire activity. Numerous structures threatened.

Chakina, Valdez – Copper River Area, Alaska DOF. Fourteen miles south of McCarthy, AK. Black spruce and grass. Backing and creeping fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Big River**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Confine / contain management strategy. Forty-five miles southeast of McGrath, AK. White and black spruce, tundra and grass. Creeping and backing fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Cheeneetnuk**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Confine / contain management strategy. Sixty-five miles south of McGrath, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Creeping fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Gagaryah #2**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Confine / contain management strategy. Eighty miles south of McGrath, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Katlitna**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Confine / contain management strategy. Thirty miles south of McGrath, AK. Black spruce, tundra and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
Minto Flat South	AK	FAS	138,317	12,630	0	UNK	221	29	7	0	4	0	434K	ST
* Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	5,000	---	0	10/10	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FWS
Bear Creek	AK	TAD	32,547	0	0	11/1	27	-1	1	0	1	0	NR	BLM
Zitziana	AK	TAD	30,335	11,065	0	9/30	37	---	1	0	2	0	NR	BLM
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	14,500	4,482	0	UNK	138	-1	5	0	3	0	NR	FWS
Chakina	AK	CRS	6,138	638	0	UNK	10	1	0	0	1	0	54K	ST
* Big River	AS	SWS	14,501	---	0	UNK	7	---	0	0	1	0	10K	ST
* Cheeneetnuk	AK	SWS	7,481	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	ST
* Gagaryah #2	AK	SWS	6,090	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Katlitna	AK	SWS	2,656	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 27
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Backbone, Six Rivers NF. IMT2 (Swartzlander) and NIMO (Custer). Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Moderate fire behavior.

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
Backbone	CA	SRF	4,848	264	25	UNK	477	65	13	3	10	0	2.4M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 34
 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. Minimal fire activity.

Harden, Yosemite National Park. Thirteen miles southeast of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber. No new information.

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	3,039	10	95	7/11	232	5	3	4	9	0	2.6M	NPS
Harden	CA	YNP	1,661	0	95	7/11	68	-48	4	0	1	0	880K	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Black Butte II, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Nine miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Rapids**, Prineville District, BLM. Six miles west of Moro, OR. 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
Black Butte II	OR	DEF	567	-33	15	7/11	503	151	19	15	4	0	1.2M	FS
* Rapids	OR	PRD	430	---	50	7/10	17	---	0	4	1	0	NR	BLM
Twelve Mile	OR	952S	530	-100	100	---	111	-45	4	11	0	0	70K	ST

952S – John Day Unit, Oregon DOF.

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 3

Cross, Kaibab NF. Eighteen miles southeast of Williams, AZ. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with short-range spotting.

Deer, Colorado River Agency, BIA. Ten miles west of Parker, AZ. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

* **Prospect**, Truxton Canon Agency, BIA. Thirty-five miles northeast of Peach Springs, AZ. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity.

* **Independence**, Coconino NF. Confine / contain management strategy. Three miles south of Clints Well, AZ. Hardwood litter and logging slash. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **San Miguel**, Bandelier National Monument, NPS. Confine / contain management strategy. Thirteen miles south of Los Alamos, NM. Ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper brush. Minimal fire activity with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Cross	AZ	KNF	960	210	0	UNK	70	9	1	6	0	0	NR	FS
Deer	AZ	CRA	402	0	90	UNK	71	-4	2	5	1	0	50K	BIA

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
* Prospect	AZ	TCA	378	---	50	7/10	193	---	7	8	2	0	250K	BIA
* Independence	AZ	COF	150	---	NR	UNK	24	---	1	2	0	0	NR	FS
* San Miguel	NM	BAP	150	---	NR	UNK	16	---	0	1	0	0	60K	NPS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Reese Lane, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles east of Columbus, TX. Timber and grass. No new information.

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
Reese Lane	TX	TXS	1,802	302	80	UNK	52	5	0	17	1	7	NR	PRI

Predictive Services Discussion: Isolated thunderstorms are expected today over the Northwest, Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Areas becoming a bit more numerous over portions of the Southwest and Texas. Otherwise, most of the West will be dry with gusty winds from the Sierras to Wyoming and Colorado. Gusty winds and a few showers are on tap over the Alaska interior.

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



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

Downhill Fireline Construction Checklist

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
 - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
 - Communication is established between all crews.
 - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		4	4	9
	ACRES			50		2	1	53
Northwest	FIRES	1	0			4	3	8
	ACRES	1	330			5	0	336
Northern California	FIRES	3		1	1	20	2	27
	ACRES	18		4	0	61	0	83
Southern California	FIRES		2			30	2	34
	ACRES		14			385	2	401
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3	5	8
	ACRES					1	2	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			4	2	7
	ACRES		214			23	78	315
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					4	5
	ACRES	0					9	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			3	1	4
	ACRES		734			0	0	734
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				9	1	11
	ACRES	1				1	1	3
Southern Area	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					10		10
TOTAL	FIRES	6	3	2	1	91	24	127
	ACRES	20	1,292	54	0	488	93	1,947

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	32	27	16	277	10	363
	ACRES	1	75,761	132,590	8,402	404,292	1	621,047
Northwest	FIRES	184	101	1	8	367	286	947
	ACRES	961	1,827	2	143	824	866	4,623
Northern California	FIRES	62	24	2	11	1,014	324	1,437
	ACRES	62	19	4	1	5,990	3,915	9,991
Southern California	FIRES	23	78	5	8	1,628	286	2,028
	ACRES	40	540	15	1,714	5,702	4,294	12,305
Northern Rockies	FIRES	345	27	10	7	256	187	832
	ACRES	699	490	391	1	15,370	278	17,229
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	21	102	3	11	165	77	379
	ACRES	28	962	186	3	851	774	2,804
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	127	2	4	47	40	223
	ACRES	20	298	0	0	95	15	428
Southwest	FIRES	432	176	5	42	639	496	1,790
	ACRES	11,511	67,926	13	2,200	260,539	43,623	385,812
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	262	95	13	8	257	84	719
	ACRES	1,007	1,092	533	61	61,843	232	64,768
Eastern Area	FIRES	399		28	25	11,127	475	12,054
	ACRES	1,206		807	110	102,763	6,558	111,444
Southern Area	FIRES	295		158	38	25,382	529	26,402
	ACRES	35,258		35,862	43,960	806,851	25,777	947,708
TOTAL	FIRES	2,027	762	254	178	41,159	2,794	47,174
	ACRES	50,793	148,915	170,403	56,595	1,665,120	86,333	2,178,159

Ten Year Average Fires	44,852
Ten Year Average Acres	2,399,573

*** 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				1	1		2
	ACRES				533	100		633
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2	0				0	2
	ACRES	66	40				100	206
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
	ACRES	66	40	0	533	100	100	839

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	107	19	2	1	87	231
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	1	12,360	31,528
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	26	163	297
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	6,831	40,493
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	114	136
	ACRES		564	748	674	195	8,522	10,703
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	12,932	16,681
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	2			5	14
	ACRES		1,293	62			219	1,574
Southwest	FIRES	25	28	3	8		202	266
	ACRES	1,739	54,320	501	1,099		104,980	162,639
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	45	108	10	42	121	363
	ACRES	3,634	4,759	18,786	5,851	1,577	28,552	63,159
Eastern Area	FIRES	66		417	40	1,736	162	2,421
	ACRES	72,184		63,548	9,200	81,489	45,557	271,978
Southern Area	FIRES	5		252	55	798	1,023	2,133
	ACRES	2,370		128,990	37,211	295,669	941,720	1,405,960
TOTAL	FIRES	197	256	908	174	2,658	2,107	6,300
	ACRES	89,254	78,350	262,403	56,133	387,581	1,179,146	2,052,867

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	1	4	995	38,795
Yukon Territory	1	4,600	51	37,922
Alberta	1	0	1,127	55,327
Northwest Territory	0	0	18	486
Saskatchewan	0	0	451	37,071
Manitoba	1	1	123	2,435
Ontario	0	0	277	20,087
Quebec	1	1	400	90,079
Newfoundland	1	16,900	130	30,233
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	1	2	143	933
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	64	27,863
Total	7	21,508	3,932	341,464

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

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