

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, July 11, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (108 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires**: 11
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

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

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

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 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. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. 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.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, 47 miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

* **Logging Slash**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-three miles northeast of Nenana, AK. Mixed spruce and hardwood slash. 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
Minto Flat South	AK	FAS	147,382	8,565	1	UNK	224	14	7	0	5	0	861K	ST
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	11,495	3,195	0	10/10	337	91	15	4	4	0	1.2M	FWS
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	14,500	0	NR	UNK	136	-5	5	0	3	0	1.2M	FWS
* Logging Slash	AK	FAS	118	---	20	7/18	112	---	6	2	0	0	NR	ST

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 17
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Backbone, Six Rivers NF. NIMO (Custer) and IMT2 (Swartzlander). 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	5,549	610	25	8/30	793	195	28	1	12	0	4.2M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Grouse, Yosemite National Park. Five miles east of El Portal, CA. 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
Grouse	CA	YNP	3,044	5	97	7/11	159	-33	3	2	1	0	2.9M	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 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.

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	578	0	50	7/12	446	-93	17	11	4	0	2.3M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 16
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Cross, Kaibab NF. Eighteen miles southeast of Williams, AZ. Timber. Backing and flanking fire.

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

* **Board**, Gila, NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Eleven miles northeast of Brian Head, UT Hardwood litter and brush. Moderate fire activity. 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
Cross	AZ	KNF	1,562	305	0	UNK	72	2	1	6	0	0	237K	FS
Deer	AZ	CRA	402	0	95	7/12	75	0	2	5	1	0	72K	BIA
* Board	AZ	TNF	100	---	10	7/31	58	---	2	2	0	0	25K	FS
Prospect	AZ	TCA	378	0	100	---	180	---	4	2	1	0	400K	BIA

TCA – Truxton Canon Agency, BIA

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Horse Valley**, Dixie NF. Ten miles southwest of Panguitch, UT. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and torching. Structures 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
* Horse Valley	UT	DIF	1,200	450	10	UNK	170	132	6	4	3	0	NR	FS

Western Great Basin (PL 1)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Toquop**, Southern Nevada District, BLM. Three miles west of Mesquite, NV. Cottonwood and brush. 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
* Toquop	NV	SND	137	---	60	7/11	93	---	3	5	0	0	NR	BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 0
 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
Reese Lane	TX	TXS	1,804	0	100	---	35	-17	0	15	6	0	NR	PRI

TXS – Texas Forest Service

Predictive Services Discussion: Alaska will be hot and dry today. Widely scattered thunderstorms are expected over the Cascades as well as over the Intermountain West. In addition, it will be breezy over the Sierras and Great Basin. Hot weather will continue over the Southwest and Texas.

[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		2	1	5
	ACRES		25	0		0	0	25
Northwest	FIRES					4	7	11
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	2		1		14		17
	ACRES	3		0		56		59
Southern California	FIRES	5	2				1	8
	ACRES	2	10				0	12
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1		1	5	3	10
	ACRES		20		0	1	0	21
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1		0	12	0	13
	ACRES		134		40	13	760	947
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		75				0	75
Southwest	FIRES	4	1	1	0	3	7	16
	ACRES	12	1	30	30	3	51	127
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	1			3	2	9
	ACRES	0	0			0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					6		6
Southern Area	FIRES			2		11		13
	ACRES			5		44		49
TOTAL	FIRES	14	8	5	1	58	22	108
	ACRES	17	265	35	70	123	811	1,321

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	33	28	16	288	13	379
	ACRES	1	80,235	176,129	9,902	422,475	2	688,744
Northwest	FIRES	184	102	1	8	411	297	1,003
	ACRES	961	1,827	2	143	904	948	4,785
Northern California	FIRES	66	24	3	11	1,077	325	1,506
	ACRES	66	19	4	1	6,088	6,172	12,350
Southern California	FIRES	28	80	6	8	1,654	289	2,065
	ACRES	42	550	23	1,714	5,795	4,337	12,461
Northern Rockies	FIRES	348	28	10	8	268	190	852
	ACRES	702	510	391	1	15,371	284	17,259
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	21	105	3	12	199	79	419
	ACRES	28	1,541	186	101	847	2,157	4,860
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	130	2	4	48	42	229
	ACRES	20	513	0	0	96	15	644
Southwest	FIRES	434	177	6	42	641	509	1,809
	ACRES	11,521	67,926	43	2,480	260,749	43,725	386,444
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	296	96	13	8	263	88	764
	ACRES	1,456	1,143	533	61	61,848	233	65,274
Eastern Area	FIRES	401		28	25	11,229	479	12,162
	ACRES	1,208		807	110	102,811	6,560	111,496
Southern Area	FIRES	295		161	52	27,585	529	28,622
	ACRES	35,258		35,872	43,960	833,713	25,777	974,580
TOTAL	FIRES	2,077	775	261	194	43,663	2,840	49,810
	ACRES	51,263	154,264	213,990	58,473	1,710,697	90,210	2,278,897

Ten Year Average Fires	45,686
Ten Year Average Acres	2,557,085

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						15	15
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	15	15

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	88	232
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	1	12,361	31,529
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	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,078	195	8,627	11,212
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	19	2	6	21	49	98
	ACRES	8	2,520	770	272	180	12,931	16,681
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	2			5	14
	ACRES		1,567	62			219	1,848
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		202	267
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		104,984	162,713
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	45	108	10	43	121	392
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,786	5,851	1,577	28,552	66,829
Eastern Area	FIRES	66		418	40	1,736	163	2,423
	ACRES	72,184		63,598	9,200	81,489	45,587	272,058
Southern Area	FIRES	5		253	79	799	1,023	2,159
	ACRES	2,370		129,302	90,307	295,735	941,720	1,459,434
TOTAL	FIRES	225	258	910	198	2,660	2,110	6,361
	ACRES	92,924	78,695	262,765	109,633	387,647	1,179,285	2,110,949

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	4	1,861	998	40,657
Yukon Territory	3	250	56	38,172
Alberta	0	128	1,128	55,454
Northwest Territory	0	0	19	746
Saskatchewan	0	230	451	37,342
Manitoba	2	2	126	2,437
Ontario	1	0	279	20,088
Quebec	3	4,410	403	96,761
Newfoundland	3	401	135	30,634
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	143	933
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	4,997	66	32,860
Total	18	12,278	3,957	356,316

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

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