

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, July 20, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (212 new fires)
 New large fires: 7 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires**: 20
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 6

Nationally, there are 40 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

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

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

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Railbelt Complex (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (Allen). Twelve miles southwest 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. Interior creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Smoldering and creeping.

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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	210,506	20,222	4	UNK	283	-20	8	1	5	0	4.1M	ST
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	13,221	70	80	10/10	193	-148	2	1	3	0	4.6M	FWS
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	18,700	1,800	NR	UNK	130	-4	6	0	3	0	2.4M	FWS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 27
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 NIMOs committed: 1

Backbone, Six Rivers NF. NIMO (Custer). IMT2 (Swartzlander) has been released. Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Residual interior burning.

* **Tennant**, Klamath NF. Ten miles south of Macdoel, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. 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
Backbone	CA	SRF	6,324	0	65	7/24	738	-78	16	8	9	0	15M	FS
* Tennant	CA	KNF	100	---	15	7/20	342	---	11	15	3	0	NR	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 22
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Redrock, Carson City District, BLM. IMT2 (Whalen). IMT is also managing the Trailer 1 fire. Twenty-five miles northwest of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, grass and brush. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Numerous residences threatened.

Trailer 1, Carson City District, BLM. Twenty-five miles north of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and slash. Minimal fire activity.

* **Upper Springs**, Ely Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles northeast of Pioche, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. Active fire behavior.

* **Sams**, Ely Field Office, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty-five miles southeast of Caliente, NV. No further information received. 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
Redrock	NV	CCD	10,549	0	90	7/20	318	-160	8	8	7	0	1.4M	BLM
Trailer 1	NV	CCD	1,349	0	95	7/21	160	-1	6	1	4	0	703K	BLM
* Upper Springs	NV	ELD	120	---	0	7/23	31	---	1	2	0	0	NR	BLM
* Sams	NV	ELD	800	---	0	UNK	5	---	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Whitney, Crater Lake National Park, NPS. IMT2 (Paul). Ten miles north of Crater Lake, OR. Mixed conifer. Minimal 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
Whitney	OR	CLP	92	-8	50	7/22	185	113	5	1	3	0	300K	NPS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 70
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Forks, Inyo NF. IMT2 (Woychak). Eighteen miles northwest of Big Pine, CA. Aspen and juniper. Active fire behavior. 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
Forks	CA	INF	2,000	1,700	0	UNK	143	93	4	5	1	0	NR	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

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

* **Bielenburg**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT2 (Secrest). Nine miles southwest of Deerlodge, MT. Dead and down timber. Active fire behavior.

* **Sweet Clover**, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Ponderosa pine and grass. Moderate fire activity. Numerous 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
* Bielenburg	MT	BDF	300	---	0	UNK	33	---	1	5	1	0	NR	FS
* Sweet Clover	MT	SOS	300	---	50	7/20	55	---	0	20	0	0	10K	ST

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **2009 Summer Wildfire Response**, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in the state of Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Dog House, Sabine NWR. Fifteen miles south of Hackberry, LA. Grass. No further information received.

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* 2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	132	---	0	UNK	184	---	0	3	4	0	1.8M	ST
Dog House	LA	SBR	600	-200	5	7/24	16	8	0	5	1	0	9K	FWS
Rockdale	TX	TXS	1,005	5	100	---	5	-6	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
Scott's Crossing	TX	TXS	2,362	-638	100	---	9	-3	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 19
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Group tree torching, spotting and backing fire.

Steep Creek, Fishlake NF. Eleven miles northeast of Boulder, UT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
Bridge	UT	DIF	3,556	68	70	UNK	291	-8	9	5	4	0	NR	FS
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	247	17	10	7/25	85	60	3	1	1	0	18K	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 27
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3

San Juan, Papago Agency, BIA. Fourteen miles east of Sells, AZ. Manzanita, oak brush and hardwood slash. Minimal fire activity.

Bear Canyon, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Twenty-three miles north of San Carlos, AZ. Chaparral and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

* **Cliffs**, Colorado River District, BLM. Twenty-four miles northeast of Dolan Springs, AZ. Brush. Moderate fire activity.

Wagon Draw, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Previously reported confine/contain management strategy. Eight miles north of Forest Lakes, AZ. Timber. 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
San Juan	AZ	PPA	7,600	0	70	7/20	109	0	3	4	1	0	NR	BIA
Bear Canyon	AZ	SCA	360	0	50	7/31	53	-65	2	1	0	0	NR	BIA
* Cliffs	AZ	CRD	150	---	60	7/20	56	---	1	3	2	0	NR	BLM

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
Wagon Draw	AZ	ASF	1,250	---	0	UNK	19	---	1	3	0	0	NR	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Dominguez, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Previously reported incident being managed for resource benefit objectives. Twenty miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO. Ponderosa and pinyon pine, juniper and oak brush. Creeping fire with occasional torching. 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
Dominguez	CO	GMF	1,800	---	0	UNK	40	---	1	1	1	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Warmer conditions will return to the Northwest today. Mostly wet thunderstorms will persist across portions of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. Drier thunderstorms will develop across the southern Great Basin and southern California. Alaska will see showers along the south coast with warmer and drier conditions in the interior.

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



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

Falling Snags

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
 - Strong winds
 - Night operations
 - Steep slopes
 - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
 - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
 - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
 - Numerous downed trees
 - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
 - Accumulation of downed limbs
 - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
 - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
 - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
 - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
 - Establish lookouts.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2	1		5		8
	ACRES		75	5		0		80
Northwest	FIRES	1	2		1	4	5	13
	ACRES	0	5		2	1	1	9
Northern California	FIRES	1			1	19	6	27
	ACRES	2			0	27	1	30
Southern California	FIRES		11		1	32	26	70
	ACRES		41		0	4	178	223
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			4	4	9
	ACRES		300			302	31	633
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	5		1	5	6	19
	ACRES	1	19		0	45	9	74
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13	1	1	3	4	22
	ACRES		180	0	0	1	1	182
Southwest	FIRES	10	1			2	14	27
	ACRES	81	108			0	12	201
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	3			2	4	10
	ACRES	0	82			5	1	88
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES			1		5		6
	ACRES			562		8		570
TOTAL	FIRES	15	38	3	5	82	69	212
	ACRES	84	810	567	2	394	234	2,091

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	41	33	18	314	17	424
	ACRES	1	188,615	293,438	26,133	543,686	8	1,051,881
Northwest	FIRES	238	111	1	14	457	367	1,188
	ACRES	1,224	2,038	1	247	1,103	1,093	5,706
Northern California	FIRES	77	26	3	12	1,243	367	1,728
	ACRES	72	19	4	1	6,921	7,000	14,017
Southern California	FIRES	26	107	7	11	1,891	348	2,390
	ACRES	42	759	23	1,714	8,690	5,553	16,781
Northern Rockies	FIRES	496	30	10	9	306	231	1,082
	ACRES	1,177	669	391	2	15,711	351	18,301
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	171	3	19	257	119	594
	ACRES	30	2,789	186	801	1,025	8,318	13,149
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	208	3	6	55	65	340
	ACRES	20	15,416	0	0	158	54	15,648
Southwest	FIRES	491	202	7	43	728	617	2,088
	ACRES	19,889	70,191	145	3,706	280,081	68,382	442,394
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	305	178	13	9	393	125	1,023
	ACRES	1,457	2,090	533	61	66,098	352	70,591
Eastern Area	FIRES	408		30	25	11,383	502	12,348
	ACRES	1,211		808	110	102,953	6,573	111,655
Southern Area	FIRES	296		167	52	28,716	541	29,772
	ACRES	35,259		41,637	43,957	856,527	25,857	1,003,237
TOTAL	FIRES	2,366	1,074	277	218	45,743	3,299	52,977
	ACRES	60,382	282,586	337,166	76,732	1,882,953	123,541	2,763,360

Ten Year Average Fires	48,829
Ten Year Average Acres	3,193,548

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					800		800
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	800	1	801

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	19	88	250
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	231	12,361	31,759
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	26	163	297
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	7,697	41,359
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,078	195	8,627	11,212
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	25	76	2	24	181	330
	ACRES	1,973	3,886	18,348	345	2,241	17,473	44,266
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	2	7	21	50	103
	ACRES	8	4,028	770	282	180	13,730	18,998
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		211	276
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		106,767	164,496
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	108	10	45	121	395
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,917	5,851	1,564	28,552	66,947
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		420	43	1,786	165	2,481
	ACRES	72,214		63,901	9,201	82,062	45,670	273,048
Southern Area	FIRES	5		254	80	803	1,046	2,188
	ACRES	2,370		130,230	90,752	297,515	960,525	1,481,392
TOTAL	FIRES	226	260	913	203	2,734	2,145	6,481
	ACRES	92,954	79,900	264,127	110,089	390,217	1,201,621	2,138,908

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	20	255	1,066	41,093
Yukon Territory	2	28	60	59,928
Alberta	7	0	1,175	64,174
Northwest Territory	0	0	20	761
Saskatchewan	1	0	455	37,344
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,438
Ontario	0	1	309	20,102
Quebec	0	0	407	122,392
Newfoundland	0	0	157	52,583
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	148	934
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	67	32,860
Total	30	284	4,147	434,842

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

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