

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, July 22, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (200 new fires)
New large fires:	5 ( * )
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires** :	17
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Nationally, there are 52 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.

A firefighter was fatally injured while taking part in rappel operations on the Backbone fire near Willow Creek, CA. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

**Alaska Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	3
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
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. Transfer of command from NIMO (Gage) back to local unit will occur today. Started on FWS land twelve miles southeast of Soldotna, AK. Spruce. Interior creeping and smoldering.

**Rock Slough**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

**Chakina**, Valdez-Copper River Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Eleven miles southwest of McCarthy, AK. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Gagaryah #2**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported confine/contain management strategy. Eighty miles south of McGrath, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Wood River 1**, AFS - Military Zone, BLM. Previously reported resource benefit incident. Twenty-seven miles south of Fairbanks, AK. Spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior with torching and crowning. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	251,230	8,721	5	UNK	261	18	7	1	6	0	5M	ST
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	13,221	0	80	10/10	110	-45	2	0	2	0	4.8M	FWS
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	23,900	106	0	UNK	98	0	4	0	2	0	2.6M	FWS
Chakina	AK	CRS	32,000	---	0	UNK	108	---	2	7	2	0	813K	ST
Gagaryah #2	AK	SWS	19,561	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Wood River 1	AK	MID	16,000	---	0	9/30	3	---	0	1	0	0	111K	BLM

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

New fires: 30  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
NIMOs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Backbone**, Six Rivers NF. NIMO (Custer). Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Minimal fire activity.

**Tennant**, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Molhoek). Ten miles south of Macdoel, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity with isolated 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
Backbone	CA	SRF	6,324	0	85	7/24	368	-146	6	2	7	0	16.2M	FS
Tennant	CA	KNF	4,168	1,048	60	7/25	873	430	20	24	5	0	1.5M	FS
* Dyer	CA	NEU	300	---	100	---	93	---	0	30	0	0	6K	ST
* Shepard	CA	MEU	105	---	100	---	629	---	15	17	1	0	250K	ST

NEU – Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire MEU – Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire

### **Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 9  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 3

**Redrock**, Carson City District, BLM. Twenty-five miles northwest of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, grass and brush. Interior smoldering.

**Trailer 1**, Carson City District, BLM. Twenty-five miles north of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and slash. Interior smoldering.

**Upper Springs**, Ely District, BLM. Twenty-five miles northeast of Pioche, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. 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
Redrock	NV	CCD	10,549	0	95	UNK	12	-193	0	2	2	0	2.4M	BLM
Trailer 1	NV	CCD	1,349	0	95	---	12	-44	0	2	2	0	925K	BLM
Upper Springs	NV	ELD	120	0	60	7/23	50	-62	2	2	1	0	220K	BLM

### **Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 35  
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. 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
Forks	CA	INF	3,268	0	85	7/24	564	140	15	5	6	0	1.4M	FS

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 6  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 0  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Bielenburg**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT2 (Secret). Confine/contain management strategy. Nine miles southwest of Deerlodge, MT. Dead and down timber. Creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* **Kootenai Creek**, Bitterroot NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Seven miles northwest of Stevensville, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. 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
Bielenburg	MT	BDF	175	-155	NR	UNK	200	59	5	3	3	0	NR	FS
* Kootenai Creek	MT	BRF	100	---	0	UNK	6	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS

### **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 20  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Whitney**, Crater Lake National Park, NPS. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Paul) back to local unit will occur today. Ten miles north of Crater Lake, OR. Mixed conifer. Smoldering.

\* **Desert Ridge**, Crater Lake National Park, NPS. Managed for resource benefit objectives. Twenty miles southeast of Clearwater, OR. Mixed conifer. 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
Whitney	OR	CLP	92	0	80	7/22	202	-4	5	1	4	0	901K	NPS
* Desert Ridge	OR	CLP	170	---	0	UNK	35	---	2	2	1	0	200K	NPS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 31  
 New large fires: 0  
 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. Smoldering. 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
2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	5,965	266	0	UNK	214	11	0	4	4	0	2.5M	ST
Dog House	LA	SBR	6,365	2,365	80	7/24	17	1	0	5	1	0	42K	FWS
Caldwell	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	0	-9	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 27  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Bridge**, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Steep Creek**, Fishlake NF. Eleven miles northeast of Boulder, UT. 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
Bridge	UT	DIF	3,556	0	75	UNK	102	-61	3	1	3	0	1.3M	FS
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	309	62	20	UNK	122	-2	4	2	1	0	146K	FS

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 24  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Bear Canyon**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Previously reported confine / contain management strategy. Twenty-three miles north of San Carlos, AZ. Chaparral and grass. 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
Bear Canyon	AZ	SCA	1,284	---	50	8/8	91	---	4	0	1	0	74K	BIA
San Juan	AZ	PPA	9,200	0	100	---	0	-33	0	0	0	0	305K	BIA

PPA – Papago Agency, BIA

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 11  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Duck Creek**, White River Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles west of Meeker, CO. Brush 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
* Duck Creek	CO	WRD	331	---	80	UNK	54	---	2	3	1	0	NR	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Hot and dry weather continues over most of the West today. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected over the southern Sierras, Great Basin, Arizona, New Mexico and the Rockies. The Alaska interior will be warm with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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



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

### **Unburned Fuel between You and the Fire**

It is important for firefighters to recognize unburned fuel between themselves and the fire as Watchout Situation #11. Often it is not possible or practical to direct attack a fire. Before attempting indirect attack and any time the firefighter is in a position where there is unburned fuel between them and the fire, the following questions must be addressed immediately:

- Can you see the fire? Discuss situations you might find yourself in where you are out in the green and cannot see the fire. What can you do?
- Is fire spread in a direction away from you? Do you consider the potential for fire spread? Are you safe if the wind switches?
- Will your position be defensible when the fire reaches you? Talk about what must be taken into account when building indirect line or approaching a fire through the green.
- Is your line anchored? Discuss how you anchor indirect line.
- Are your escape routes and safety zones adequate? What is adequate?
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts
  - Consider a different location. Review situations where you constructed indirect line or approached a fire through the green and how you provided for your safety.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2		1		3
	ACRES			5		25		30
Northwest	FIRES	3				12	5	20
	ACRES	0				34	1	35
Northern California	FIRES	2			1	23	4	30
	ACRES	5			1	405	7	418
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			23	7	35
	ACRES	0	6			28	350	384
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4	2	6
	ACRES					0	102	102
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		16		1	8	2	27
	ACRES		130		0	2	7	139
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5		1	2	1	9
	ACRES		0		20	0	0	20
Southwest	FIRES	4	5		1	3	11	24
	ACRES	1,677	57		0	2	930	2,666
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	5			3	2	11
	ACRES	0	3			20	0	23
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES			3		28		31
	ACRES			176		189		365
TOTAL	FIRES	11	35	5	4	111	34	200
	ACRES	1,682	196	181	21	706	1,397	4,183

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	41	35	18	316	18	429
	ACRES	1	197,963	331,228	35,133	583,301	8	1,147,634
Northwest	FIRES	241	113	1	21	449	384	1,209
	ACRES	1,224	2,039	1	239	1,131	1,094	5,728
Northern California	FIRES	80	26	3	13	1,302	378	1,802
	ACRES	79	19	4	2	7,359	11,186	18,649
Southern California	FIRES	27	116	7	13	1,938	366	2,467
	ACRES	42	865	23	1,714	8,736	5,924	17,304
Northern Rockies	FIRES	505	32	10	11	313	240	1,111
	ACRES	1,179	971	391	2	15,712	523	18,778
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	205	5	21	281	127	664
	ACRES	30	2,937	186	801	1,028	8,344	13,326
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	218	3	7	52	68	351
	ACRES	20	15,625	0	20	311	55	16,031
Southwest	FIRES	497	210	7	46	734	650	2,144
	ACRES	21,595	70,251	145	3,799	280,084	69,395	445,269
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	306	208	14	9	407	128	1,072
	ACRES	1,457	2,525	533	61	66,193	352	71,121
Eastern Area	FIRES	408		30	25	11,416	504	12,383
	ACRES	1,211		808	110	103,169	6,575	111,873
Southern Area	FIRES	298		174	52	28,803	542	29,869
	ACRES	35,259		42,164	43,957	857,214	25,858	1,004,452
TOTAL	FIRES	2,391	1,169	289	236	46,011	3,405	53,501
	ACRES	62,097	293,195	375,483	85,838	1,924,238	129,314	2,870,165

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>49,583</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,341,766</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
	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						2	2
	ACRES						77	77
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			3			40	43
Southern Area	FIRES			1			3	4
	ACRES			115			2,561	2,676
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	6	8
	ACRES	0	0	118	0	0	2,678	2,796

### 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	77	2	24	182	332
	ACRES	1,973	3,886	18,408	345	2,241	17,474	44,327
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	2	7	21	50	103
	ACRES	15	4,028	770	282	180	13,734	19,009
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		213	278
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		106,844	164,573
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	108	10	45	120	394
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,917	5,851	1,564	28,152	66,547
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		421	43	1,787	167	2,485
	ACRES	72,214		63,904	9,201	82,079	45,722	273,120
Southern Area	FIRES	5		255	80	804	1,048	2,192
	ACRES	2,370		130,345	90,752	298,115	965,383	1,486,965
TOTAL	FIRES	226	260	916	203	2,736	2,151	6,492
	ACRES	92,961	79,900	264,305	110,089	390,834	1,206,213	2,144,302

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	21	14	1,092	42,478
Yukon Territory	3	1,144	64	78,560
Alberta	5	0	1,182	64,174
Northwest Territory	0	0	20	761
Saskatchewan	0	143	459	37,698
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,438
Ontario	1	0	310	20,102
Quebec	1	1	408	122,393
Newfoundland	2	0	159	52,583
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	148	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	0	68	32,860
Total	34	1,302	4,193	455,215

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

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***