

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, July 23, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (163 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 6
 Uncontained large fires** : 11
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

Nationally, there are 57 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: 1
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 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. Started on FWS land twelve miles southeast of Soldotna, AK. Spruce. No further information received.

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.

Sheenjek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Started on FWS land forty-five miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Hardwood slash and brush. Backing and creeping fire. 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	253,221	1,991	N/A	N/A	250	11	7	1	5	0	5.6M	ST
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	13,221	0	N/A	N/A	42	-68	1	0	1	0	4.8M	FWS
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	24,000	100	N/A	N/A	114	16	4	0	2	0	2.8M	FWS
Sheenjek	AK	UYD	45,397	---	N/A	N/A	21	---	1	0	0	0	43K	FWS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 28
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Backbone, Six Rivers NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Custer) back to local unit will occur today. 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. Creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	90	7/24	289	-79	5	2	7	0	16.5M	FS
Tennant	CA	KNF	3,225	-943	90	7/24	853	-20	18	18	3	3	2.4M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Rossi**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-five miles northwest of Carlin, NV. Sage and grass. Active 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
* Rossi	NV	EKO	400	---	0	UNK	33	---	1	4	0	0	NR	BLM
Redrock	NV	CCD	10,549	0	100	---	12	0	0	2	2	0	2.4M	BLM
Trailer 1	NV	CCD	1,349	0	100	---	12	0	0	2	2	0	925K	BLM
Upper Springs	NV	ELD	120	0	100	---	22	-28	1	0	0	0	230K	BLM

CCD – Carson City District, BLM ELD – Ely District, BLM

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 30
 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.

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	90	7/24	438	-126	11	3	2	0	2.4M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 0
 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.

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	177	2	N/A	N/A	200	0	5	3	2	0	246K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 17
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 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.

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	6,049	84	0	UNK	237	23	0	5	4	0	2.8M	ST
Dog House	LA	SBR	6,365	0	100	---	9	-8	0	2	0	0	NR	FWS

SBR – Sabine NWR

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching.

Steep Creek, Fishlake NF. Eleven miles northeast of Boulder, UT. Timber. 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	3,616	60	75	UNK	21	-81	1	0	0	0	1.6M	FS
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	309	0	60	UNK	103	-19	3	2	1	0	287K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
 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
Whitney	OR	CLP	92	0	100	---	114	-88	5	1	2	0	905K	NPS

CLP – Crater Lake National Park

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 16
 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
Duck Creek	CO	WRD	331	0	100	---	35	-19	2	2	0	0	NR	BLM

WRD – White River Field Office, BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: A low pressure system will move into the Northwest today with scattered dry thunderstorms developing across the Northwest, Northern Rockies, and possibly into Northern California. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will develop again today across the southern Sierra Nevada, southern Great Basin, Wyoming and Colorado, with primarily wet storms further south. Alaska will continue to see increased wind north of the Alaska Range with warm conditions and widely scattered thunderstorms across the interior.

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



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

Initial Attack Fire Sizeup/Safety

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

- Use the following reporting factors for sizeup. Discuss others that may be used.
 - Fire name and location
 - Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
 - Size of fire
 - Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
 - Values threatened
 - Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
 - Fire behavior
 - Resources on the fire and those needed
 - Estimated containment and control times
 - Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)

- After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transition from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in conditions on the fire.
 - Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
 - Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
 - Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
 - Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
 - Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
 - Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
 - Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
 - Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
 - Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
 - Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES	1	2			1	5	9
	ACRES	1	0			0	2	3
Northern California	FIRES	1				24	3	28
	ACRES	1				17	0	18
Southern California	FIRES				1	26	3	30
	ACRES				5	18	8	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1			1	1	5
	ACRES	1	8			0	33	42
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	0		1	3	3	8
	ACRES	26	80		0	0	0	106
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7			1	1	9
	ACRES		401			0	0	401
Southwest	FIRES	17	5			1	16	39
	ACRES	5	1			27	2	35
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	1			5	5	16
	ACRES	1	0			3	4	8
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					22		22
Southern Area	FIRES			1		11	5	17
	ACRES			400		38	23	461
TOTAL	FIRES	27	16	1	2	75	42	163
	ACRES	35	490	400	5	125	72	1,127

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	41	35	18	317	18	430
	ACRES	1	224,128	368,779	35,133	659,942	8	1,287,991
Northwest	FIRES	242	115	1	21	477	390	1,246
	ACRES	1,223	2,039	1	239	1,140	1,096	5,738
Northern California	FIRES	81	26	3	13	1,324	380	1,827
	ACRES	80	19	4	2	7,376	11,186	18,667
Southern California	FIRES	27	116	7	13	1,965	369	2,497
	ACRES	42	865	23	1,714	8,754	5,932	17,330
Northern Rockies	FIRES	517	33	11	11	315	242	1,129
	ACRES	1,188	979	392	2	15,712	738	19,011
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	26	207	5	22	286	130	676
	ACRES	56	2,937	186	801	1,029	8,344	13,353
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	226	7	7	54	71	368
	ACRES	20	15,985	0	20	311	55	16,391
Southwest	FIRES	535	215	7	46	749	670	2,222
	ACRES	21,604	70,252	145	3,766	281,986	69,450	447,203
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	311	209	14	9	412	134	1,089
	ACRES	1,458	2,525	533	61	66,196	357	71,130
Eastern Area	FIRES	408		30	25	11,422	517	12,402
	ACRES	1,227		809	110	103,191	6,592	111,929
Southern Area	FIRES	298		175	52	28,819	546	29,890
	ACRES	35,259		42,564	43,957	857,301	25,870	1,004,951
TOTAL	FIRES	2,449	1,188	295	237	46,140	3,467	53,776
	ACRES	62,158	319,729	413,436	85,805	2,002,938	129,628	3,013,694

Ten Year Average Fires	49,920
Ten Year Average Acres	3,406,694

*** 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						0	0
	ACRES						75	75
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			4			25	29
Southern Area	FIRES					1	6	7
	ACRES					1,100	3,563	4,663
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	7	9
	ACRES	0	0	4	0	1,100	3,663	4,767

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		108,482	166,211
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		428	43	1,787	168	2,493
	ACRES	72,214		64,351	9,201	82,079	45,747	273,592
Southern Area	FIRES	5		255	80	805	1,056	2,201
	ACRES	2,370		130,345	90,752	299,215	971,046	1,493,728
TOTAL	FIRES	226	260	923	203	2,737	2,160	6,509
	ACRES	92,961	79,900	264,752	110,089	391,934	1,213,539	2,153,175

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	16	0	1,108	42,477
Yukon Territory	0	0	64	78,560
Alberta	5	0	1,187	64,174
Northwest Territory	0	0	20	761
Saskatchewan	0	27	459	37,726
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	1	0	311	20,102
Quebec	1	122	409	122,515
Newfoundland	1	6	160	52,590
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	148	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	0	69	32,860
Total	25	156	4,218	455,369

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

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