

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, August 3, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (439 new fires)
New large fires:	11 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires : **	19
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

Nationally, there are 60 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.

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	132
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

**Williams Creek**, Umpqua NF. IMT2 (Paul). Fifteen miles east of Glide, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with group-tree torching. Community of Moorehill, power transmission lines and anadromous fisheries are threatened. Hwy 138 has been closed.

**Discovery**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Washington IMT2 (Gormley). Timber. Thirty miles west of Yakima, WA. Moderate fire activity with mid-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Gold Hill Complex**, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF. Washington IMT2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Multiple locations near Darrington, WA .Timber. Smoldering and creeping. Road closures in effect.

**Cougar Creek**, Malheur NF. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Batten) back to local unit will occur today. Ten miles south of John Day, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity with isolated interior torching.

**Langille**, Gifford-Pinchot NF. IMT2 (Hutton). Confine/contain management strategy. Fifteen miles southwest of Randle, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Long Prong**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Thirty-five miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. Timber and grass. Interior creeping and smoldering.

**Well**, Lakeview District, BLM. Eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. 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
Williams Creek	OR	UPF	4,500	1,250	20	8/7	1,042	85	27	41	5	0	3.5M	FS
Discovery	WA	OWF	2,092	1,242	0	8/30	422	50	8	4	4	0	1M	FS
Gold Hill Complex	WA	MSF	30	30	N/A	N/A	407	146	14	7	4	0	526K	FS
Cougar Creek	OR	MAF	1,063	11	90	8/4	238	-50	4	0	4	0	2.4M	FS
Langille	WA	GPF	470	174	N/A	N/A	32	13	0	0	1	0	86K	FS
Long Prong	OR	WWF	145	0	75	8/10	156	47	7	0	2	0	718K	FS
Well	OR	LAD	325	0	40	8/4	78	15	3	5	0	0	NR	BLM

### **Alaska Area (PL 4)**

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

**Railbelt Complex** (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT2 (Doty). Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Crazy Mountain Complex** (4 fires), IMT2 (Kurth). Three miles southwest of Circle, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Active fire behavior with running, group torching and spotting. Community of Circle is threatened. Numerous structures threatened.

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

\* **Big Creek**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty miles southwest of Birch Creek Village, AK. Black spruce and hardwoods. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	462,298	23,851	N/A	N/A	468	109	16	5	7	0	8.8M	ST
Crazy Mountain Complex	AK	UYD	353,672	30,342	N/A	N/A	259	90	8	8	1	0	NR	BLM
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	39,500	1,000	N/A	N/A	83	-21	3	0	0	0	4.0M	FWS
* Big Creek	AK	UYD	145,652	---	N/A	N/A	21	---	1	0	0	0	NR	BLM

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

New fires: 211  
New large fires: 3  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
Type 2 IMTs committed 1

\* **Upper Complex**, Modoc NF. IMT2 (Swartzlander). Twenty-three miles east of Alturas, CA. Timber, brush and slash. Smoldering.

\* **Dodge Complex**, Northern California Resource Area, BLM. Complex includes previously reported W-4 fire. Ten miles southeast of Madeline, CA. Juniper, mahogany, brush and grass. Smoldering with isolated torching.

\* **SHU Lightning**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Burney, CA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with crowning, torching and spotting. Multiple communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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
* Upper Complex	CA	MDF	140	---	65	8/5	480	---	14	5	3	0	100K	FS
* Dodge Complex	CA	NOD	1,600	---	50	8/7	201	---	8	2	4	0	500K	BLM
* SHU Lightning	CA	SHU	550	---	10	8/5	475	---	20	31	2	0	235K	ST

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

New fires: 20  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Knight**, Stanislaus NF. IMT2 (Johnson). Ten miles north of Twain Harte, CA. Timber and brush. 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
Knight	CA	STF	4,500	525	40	8/9	1,352	-8	28	18	9	0	7.6M	FS

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

New fires: 20  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Horse**, Zion National Park, NPS. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Seventeen miles northeast of Toquerville, UT. Mixed pine and gamble oak. 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
Horse	UT	ZIP	2,110	---	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS

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

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

\* **Wildcat**, Carson City Field Office, BLM. Sixty miles northeast of Reno, NV. Brush and grass. Moderate 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
* Wildcat	NV	CCD	1,200	---	15	8/4	138	---	5	0	2	0	NR	BLM
Limbo	NV	WID	478	0	100	---	55	-73	2	1	0	0	NR	BLM

WID – Winnemucca Field Office, BLM

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Rim**, Tonto NF. Twelve miles northeast of Payson, AZ. Heavy logging slash. Creeping.

\* **Wild Horse Complex**, Kaibab NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Sixteen miles northeast of Williams, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Aspen**, Grand Canyon NP. Confine/contain management strategy. Forty-three miles west of Yuba City, AZ. Heavy dead and downed timber. Active fire behavior with spotting and torching. Road closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Brady**, Coconino NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty miles east of Camp Verde, AZ. Ponderosa and grass. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Red**, Coconino NF. Incident being managed for resource benefit objectives. Forty-five miles northwest of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber slash and brush. Creeping fire with isolated 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
Rim	AZ	TNF	416	166	0	8/15	117	0	5	3	2	0	150K	FS
* Wild Horse Complex	AZ	KNF	3,276	2,127	N/A	N/A	194	126	7	4	1	0	NR	FS
* Aspen	AZ	GCP	1,200	---	N/A	N/A	97	---	2	5	2	0	NR	NPS
* Brady	AZ	COF	685	---	N/A	N/A	9	---	0	1	0	0	20K	FS
* Red	AZ	COF	585	---	N/A	N/A	70	---	4	2	0	0	75K	FS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

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

**2009 Summer Wildfire Response**, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is also managing the Nails fire and supporting multiple fires in the state of Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total. No further information received.

**Carolina Bay**, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Multiple structures threatened.

\* **Nails**, Texas Forest Service. Fifty-five miles southeast of San Antonio, TX. Oak brush and grass. 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
2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	6,973	40	0	UNK	303	-5	0	4	3	13	5.3M	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	2,660	0	75	UNK	13	0	0	5	1	0	264K	FS
* Nails	TX	TXS	500	---	90	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

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

New fires: 10  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Maud**, Clearwater NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty-three miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group-tree torching and short-range spotting. 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
* Maud	ID	CWF	150	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

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

**Spring Creek**, Rio Blanco County FD. Started on BLM land ten miles southeast of Rangely, CO. Timber, brush and grass. 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
Spring Creek	CO	RBX	1,340	0	90	8/3	10	-64	0	2	0	0	598K	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered wet thunderstorms are on tap today across portions of northern California, the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. Isolated mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected over the Four Corner States. Gusty winds should develop over the Sierras and portions of the Great Basin. The central and eastern interior of Alaska will be dry and warmer.

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



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

### **Working with Helicopter Drops**

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- Are other aircraft in the area?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Will terrain and obstructions allow the helicopter to attain the proper drop height?
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5	3	8
	ACRES					10	0	10
Northwest	FIRES	11	24	1		4	92	132
	ACRES	50	91	0		6	234	381
Northern California	FIRES		2		4	83	122	211
	ACRES		1		0	517	169	687
Southern California	FIRES				0	17	3	20
	ACRES				13	9	0	22
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3			1	1	5	10
	ACRES	2			0	5	6	13
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7			6	7	20
	ACRES		15			10	117	142
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			3	6	11
	ACRES	1,200	0			3	2	1,205
Southwest	FIRES	1				2	5	8
	ACRES	0				0	623	623
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1			10	5	17
	ACRES	0	9			1	37	47
Eastern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Southern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			1				1
TOTAL	FIRES	17	35	2	6	131	248	439
	ACRES	1,252	116	1	13	561	1,188	3,131

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	47	40	20	348	20	476
	ACRES	1	504,659	620,239	78,241	1,002,923	8	2,206,071
Northwest	FIRES	306	158	3	42	561	618	1,688
	ACRES	2,388	2,651	12	655	5,032	2,693	13,431
Northern California	FIRES	89	57	3	19	1,670	559	2,397
	ACRES	85	1,531	4	2	8,500	10,571	20,693
Southern California	FIRES	31	127	11	19	2,151	401	2,740
	ACRES	82	915	24	746	9,031	11,015	21,813
Northern Rockies	FIRES	572	61	12	14	438	474	1,571
	ACRES	1,637	1,045	392	2	16,009	2,590	21,675
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	34	322	3	23	292	206	880
	ACRES	72	7,024	186	2,119	1,340	9,225	19,966
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	294	9	9	78	101	501
	ACRES	1,340	16,093	150	20	338	252	18,193
Southwest	FIRES	604	236	8	54	774	861	2,537
	ACRES	26,232	70,275	148	3,856	282,546	85,823	468,880
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	388	297	15	14	491	185	1,390
	ACRES	1,644	3,705	533	64	67,030	854	73,830
Eastern Area	FIRES	425		30	27	11,528	521	12,531
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,448	6,598	112,204
Southern Area	FIRES	298		195	52	29,841	552	30,938
	ACRES	35,259		43,072	43,957	871,173	26,985	1,020,446
TOTAL	FIRES	2,758	1,599	329	293	48,172	4,498	57,649
	ACRES	69,979	607,898	665,569	129,772	2,367,370	156,614	3,997,202

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>53,603</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,047,620</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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 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	152	286
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	7,260	40,922
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,073	195	8,627	11,207
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	17	77	2	24	182	324
	ACRES	1,973	1,329	18,408	345	2,241	17,479	41,775
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	4	7	22	54	109
	ACRES	15	3,986	1,225	282	180	13,804	19,492
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		216	281
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		108,551	166,280
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	110	10	45	121	397
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,952	5,851	1,564	28,302	66,732
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		431	43	1,787	174	2,502
	ACRES	72,214		64,365	9,201	82,079	46,156	274,015
Southern Area	FIRES	5		256	80	805	1,071	2,217
	ACRES	2,370		130,452	90,752	299,215	979,154	1,501,943
TOTAL	FIRES	226	251	931	203	2,738	2,178	6,527
	ACRES	92,961	77,301	265,363	110,084	391,934	1,221,913	2,159,556

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	76	5,091	1,763	58,548
Yukon Territory	2	0	103	96,521
Alberta	19	2	1,259	64,215
Northwest Territory	0	0	28	997
Saskatchewan	0	0	463	37,734
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	0	225	314	20,620
Quebec	0	0	414	122,228
Newfoundland	0	0	163	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	156	233
Nova Scotia	0	0	150	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	19	4,862	102	37,724
Total	116	10,180	5,045	494,784

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

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