

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, August 17, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (83 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires : ** 17
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 101 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 Type 1 Incident Management Team (Molumby) is assigned to the Terrace Mountain fire north of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Twenty smokejumpers are assigned to Fort St. John, British Columbia.

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 30
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 1 IMTs committed 3

Lockheed, San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Hutchinson). Four miles northwest of Boulder Creek, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity with isolated interior torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

SHU Lightning (3 fires), Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Wenham). Three miles northeast of Burney, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Yuba, Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Lewin). Three miles northeast of Dobbins, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Powerhouse and transmission lines threatened. Several communities threatened and evacuations are 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
Lockheed	CA	CZU	6,843	0	65	8/20	2,165	0	21	63	14	0	8.8M	ST
SHU Lightning	CA	SHU	17,623	0	90	8/17	1,233	-196	19	22	3	0	29M	ST
Yuba	CA	NEU	3,050	1,050	15	8/21	1,581	196	18	28	13	2	3M	ST
Corral	CA	SCU	12,500	-2,500	100	---	277	-60	5	12	1	0	1.6M	ST

SCU - Santa Clara Unit, Cal Fire

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 19
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed 1

La Brea, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire. Twenty-one miles east of Santa Maria, CA. Chaparral and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences 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
La Brea	CA	LPF	86,811	2,661	64	UNK	2,080	-72	47	38	14	2	17.1M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

* **Taylor**, Coconino NF. IMT2 (Nelson). Twenty-two miles southwest of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber. Active fire behavior with spotting. Structures and power line threatened. Road closures in effect.

Woodchute, Prescott NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Prescott, AZ. Timber. Minimal 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
* Taylor	AZ	COF	700	---	0	8/30	110	---	5	2	2	0	30K	FS
Woodchute	AZ	PNF	730	0	95	8/17	20	0	1	0	0	0	816K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 0
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 7
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. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Hardluck Creek, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT2 (Cowie). Twenty-seven miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Crazy Mountain Complex (4 fires). Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Three miles southwest of Circle, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	636,224	0	N/A	N/A	405	-23	13	0	5	0	17.3M	ST
Hardluck Creek	AK	FAS	12,834	0	80	8/17	345	-13	8	0	2	7	3.9M	ST
Crazy Mountain Complex	AK	UYD	447,420	0	N/A	N/A	93	-28	4	0	0	0	6.9M	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Narraguinnep, San Juan NF. Twelve miles southeast of Dove Creek, CO. Mixed hardwoods, chaparral and grass. 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
Narraguinnep	CO	SJF	6,779	0	90	8/17	131	-126	6	4	0	0	2M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

Discovery, Southeast Area, Washington DNR. Seven miles southeast of Moxee City, WA. Timber, brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
Discovery	WA	SES	4,279	---	95	8/18	230	---	12	25	1	0	166K	ST
Williams Creek	OR	UPF	8,395	0	100	---	449	-235	11	12	2	0	14.2M	FS

UPF – Umpqua NF

Predictive Services Discussion: Continue very warm and dry across California up through the Pacific Northwest. Breezy and dry across Northern Arizona and New Mexico, and across the Southern Great Basin. Continued cool across the Northern Rockies. More showers and cool temperatures across Alaska.

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



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

Common Denominators of Fire Behavior on Tragedy Fires

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					3	5	8
	ACRES					2	17	19
Northern California	FIRES				0	23	7	30
	ACRES				250	968	50	1,268
Southern California	FIRES				1	16	2	19
	ACRES				13	1	1,717	1,731
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	4	7
	ACRES		1			0	6	7
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	0					1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			3		6
	ACRES		15			0		15
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					11		11
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	0	1	52	25	83
	ACRES	0	16	0	263	982	1,792	3,053

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	48	41	20	372	23	505
	ACRES	1	751,473	754,357	101,595	1,319,817	9	2,927,252
Northwest	FIRES	372	270	12	70	900	1,020	2,644
	ACRES	5,607	20,414	124	1,649	6,441	9,889	44,124
Northern California	FIRES	96	57	3	24	1,870	759	2,809
	ACRES	91	1,531	4	1,661	44,005	28,466	75,758
Southern California	FIRES	33	125	13	26	2,446	440	3,083
	ACRES	82	917	25	816	9,412	97,250	108,502
Northern Rockies	FIRES	644	91	15	20	524	613	1,907
	ACRES	2,233	1,090	393	2	16,583	5,607	25,908
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	419	2	24	393	331	1,212
	ACRES	113	65,604	186	2,120	12,173	14,826	95,022
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	328	9	9	93	104	553
	ACRES	2,440	17,501	150	20	344	277	20,732
Southwest	FIRES	656	255	10	41	813	978	2,753
	ACRES	43,452	92,711	3,843	6,863	287,413	96,607	530,889
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	434	363	15	18	550	254	1,634
	ACRES	1,984	9,230	533	65	70,634	6,887	89,333
Eastern Area	FIRES	432		30	28	11,691	525	12,706
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,551	6,600	112,309
Southern Area	FIRES	298		219	53	31,582	559	32,711
	ACRES	35,259		43,544	43,957	912,968	27,083	1,062,811
TOTAL	FIRES	3,019	1,956	369	333	51,234	5,606	62,517
	ACRES	92,501	960,471	803,968	158,858	2,783,341	293,501	5,092,640

Ten Year Average Fires	58,094
Ten Year Average Acres	4,993,156

*** 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						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						51	51
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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	51	51

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	20	153	281
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,612	7,527	40,910
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	6	1	115	138
	ACRES		564	748	1,118	195	8,627	11,252
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	76	2	24	182	333
	ACRES	2,062	4,106	18,988	345	2,241	17,479	45,221
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	4	7	22	86	141
	ACRES	8	3,986	1,225	282	180	13,940	19,621
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	2			5	16
	ACRES		1,942	62			219	2,223
Southwest	FIRES	26	33	3	4		220	286
	ACRES	2,046	59,850	501	530		109,627	172,554
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	112	10	45	122	400
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	19,099	5,851	1,564	28,306	66,883
Eastern Area	FIRES	68		436	44	1,787	177	2,512
	ACRES	72,232		66,378	9,221	82,078	46,644	276,553
Southern Area	FIRES	6		257	83	805	1,082	2,233
	ACRES	2,450		130,585	92,802	295,356	987,730	1,508,923
TOTAL	FIRES	230	265	938	204	2,714	2,230	6,581
	ACRES	93,448	85,668	268,236	111,630	387,565	1,232,460	2,179,007

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	0	0	2,412	133,087
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	268,842
Alberta	0	0	1,343	64,243
Northwest Territory	0	0	39	1,872
Saskatchewan	0	0	473	37,746
Manitoba	0	0	139	2,456
Ontario	0	0	321	20,620
Quebec	0	0	428	122,582
Newfoundland	0	0	165	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	165	251
Nova Scotia	0	0	153	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	120	35,976
Total	0	0	5,876	741,203

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

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