

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, August 18, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (74 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires : ** 15
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4
 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: 9
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Yuba, Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Lewin). Three miles northeast of Dobbins, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences, powerhouse and transmission lines threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Elephant**, Plumas NF. IMT2 (Swartzlander). Twenty-five miles north of Oroville, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with short-range 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
Lockheed	CA	CZU	7,017	174	80	8/20	2,172	7	28	54	14	1	12M	ST
Yuba	CA	NEU	3,582	532	30	8/22	1,598	17	40	44	0	2	4.5M	ST
* Elephant	CA	PNF	185	---	0	8/30	500	---	13	5	5	0	200K	FS
SHU Lightning	CA	SHU	17,623	0	100	---	926	-307	16	17	3	0	31.1M	ST

SHU – Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
 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.

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	87,490	679	75	UNK	1,760	-320	46	27	12	2	19.6M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 0
 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 torching and spotting. Structures and power line threatened.

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	3,770	3,070	10	8/30	505	395	20	6	4	0	500K	FS
Woodchute	AZ	PNF	730	0	95	UNK	2	-18	0	0	0	0	816K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 Type 2 IMTs committed 1

Hardluck Creek, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Cowie) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Smoldering.

Railbelt Complex (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. No new information.

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
Hardluck Creek	AK	FAS	12,834	0	90	UNK	277	-68	7	0	1	7	4.1M	ST
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	636,224	---	N/A	N/A	405	---	13	0	5	0	17.3M	ST
Crazy Mountain Complex	AK	UYD	447,420	0	N/A	N/A	93	0	4	0	0	0	7.1M	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. No new information.

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	---	90	UNK	131	---	6	4	0	0	2M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

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

* **Forest Ranch Complex**, Texas Forest Service. Fourteen miles northwest of Dryden, TX. Juniper, brush and grass. 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
* Forest Ranch Complex	TX	TXS	500	---	0	UNK	18	---	0	6	0	0	NR	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Warmer and drier today west of the Rockies with generally light winds. Poor relative humidity recovery is expected at higher elevations, particularly in California and the Pacific Northwest. Western Colorado and the Southwest should see a few thunderstorms. More rain is on tap for the Alaska interior.

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



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

Constructing Line Without A Safe Anchor Point

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		141			0		141
Northwest	FIRES		4			2	2	8
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					7	2	9
	ACRES					220	0	220
Southern California	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					2	800	802
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1			2	1	6
	ACRES	1	2			1	1	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2	1	5
	ACRES		14			0	3	17
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Southwest	FIRES	2			1	1	1	5
	ACRES	200			0	0	101	301
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			1	3	6
	ACRES		1			0	5	6
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					49	1	50
TOTAL	FIRES	4	12	0	1	44	13	74
	ACRES	201	159	0	0	272	911	1,543

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	372	23	506
	ACRES	1	751,614	754,357	101,595	1,319,682	9	2,927,258
Northwest	FIRES	372	275	12	70	900	1,022	2,651
	ACRES	5,607	20,417	124	1,649	6,441	9,889	44,127
Northern California	FIRES	96	57	3	24	1,814	761	2,755
	ACRES	91	1,531	4	1,661	37,615	28,466	69,368
Southern California	FIRES	33	125	13	26	2,461	441	3,099
	ACRES	82	917	25	816	9,414	98,050	109,304
Northern Rockies	FIRES	646	92	15	20	527	614	1,914
	ACRES	2,234	1,092	393	2	16,584	5,608	25,913
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	421	2	24	395	332	1,217
	ACRES	113	65,619	186	2,120	12,173	14,831	95,042
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	330	9	9	93	105	556
	ACRES	2,440	17,978	150	20	286	277	21,151
Southwest	FIRES	658	255	10	42	814	979	2,758
	ACRES	43,662	92,711	3,843	6,863	287,413	96,708	531,200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	434	375	15	18	551	257	1,650
	ACRES	1,984	9,294	533	65	70,651	6,892	89,419
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	11,700	401	12,592
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	103,637	6,410	112,206
Southern Area	FIRES	298		221	53	31,592	560	32,724
	ACRES	35,259		43,611	43,957	913,017	27,084	1,062,928
TOTAL	FIRES	3,024	1,979	371	334	51,219	5,495	62,422
	ACRES	92,713	961,173	804,035	158,858	2,776,913	294,224	5,087,916

Ten Year Average Fires	58,690
Ten Year Average Acres	5,082,912

*** 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						200	200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			200				200
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	200	0	0	200	400

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	19	153	280
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,512	7,527	40,810
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		221	287
	ACRES	2,046	59,850	501	530		109,827	172,754
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	47	112	10	45	122	401
	ACRES	7,304	4,974	19,099	5,851	1,564	28,306	67,098
Eastern Area	FIRES	68		437	44	1,787	136	2,472
	ACRES	72,232		66,578	9,221	82,082	42,881	272,994
Southern Area	FIRES	6		261	83	805	1,082	2,237
	ACRES	2,450		143,117	92,802	295,356	987,730	1,521,455
TOTAL	FIRES	230	266	943	204	2,713	2,190	6,546
	ACRES	93,448	85,883	280,968	111,630	387,469	1,228,897	2,188,295

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	2	660	2,414	133,747
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	268,842
Alberta	4	2	1,347	64,244
Northwest Territory	0	0	39	1,872
Saskatchewan	0	0	473	37,746
Manitoba	0	0	139	2,456
Ontario	1	0	322	20,621
Quebec	0	40	428	122,622
Newfoundland	0	0	165	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	165	243
Nova Scotia	0	0	153	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	115	35,967
Total	7	702	5,878	741,887

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

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