

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, August 20, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (52 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires : ** 13
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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: 20
 New large fires: 0
 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. Creeping and backing fire.

Yuba, Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Lewin). Three miles northeast of Dobbins, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Elephant, Plumas NF. IMT2 (Swartzlander). Twenty-five miles north of Oroville, CA. Timber. 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
Lockheed	CA	CZU	7,243	80	80	8/22	1,989	-224	26	47	5	1	17.9M	ST
Yuba	CA	NEU	3,891	280	80	8/22	1,691	76	32	38	0	2	8.3M	ST
Elephant	CA	PNF	274	54	60	8/21	338	93	9	1	8	0	875K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
 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. 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
La Brea	CA	LPF	89,015	354	87	UNK	1,520	15	44	22	11	2	26M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

Taylor, Coconino NF. IMT2 (Nelson). Twenty-two miles southwest of Flagstaff, AZ. 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
Taylor	AZ	COF	3,545	0	85	8/30	575	-20	20	8	4	0	2M	FS
* Columbine	NM	ROD	376	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM

ROD – Roswell Field Office, BLM

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 0
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 7

Hardluck Creek, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. 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. Creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Crazy Mountain Complex (4 fires). Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Three miles southwest of Circle, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Creeping and smoldering.

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Hardluck Creek	AK	FAS	12,834	0	95	8/20	155	-70	5	0	0	7	4.5M	ST
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	626,224	-10,000	N/A	N/A	134	-87	4	0	3	0	18M	ST

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
Crazy Mountain Complex	AK	UYD	447,420	0	N/A	N/A	10	-62	0	0	0	0	7.3M	BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 0
 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	682	172	30	8/21	47	25	1	8	0	0	NR	ST

Eastern Great Basin (PL 3)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Sawmill Canyon WFM**, Fishlake NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Four miles south of Scipio, UT. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Sawmill Canyon WFM	UT	FIF	667	---	N/A	N/A	15	---	0	3	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry conditions will continue across much of the West today. Isolated thunderstorms are possible across portions of the Sierra Nevada and Cascades with a better chance for thunderstorms across southern portions of Arizona and New Mexico. Cool temperatures are expected across Alaska with showers in the west.

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



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

In Country Not Seen In Daylight

Often firefighters arrive on a fire after dark. This is recognized as Watchout Situation #2. Before safely fighting fire in country not seen in daylight, firefighters must be able to answer the following questions:

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? Identify whom you might get information from. Can you meet up with the departing crew/engine leaders?
- Can you observe the area/use scouts? List ways you could observe the area you need to work.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted and marked for night use? Talk about what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone; who would identify them; and in what ways might they be marked.
- Have potential dangers been located; can they be mitigated? What are the dangers associated with Watchout Situation #2? How can they be worked around?
- Reduce the risks by:
 - Posting lookouts.
 - Checking communications.
 - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or the situation becomes too complex. Give examples of arriving on a fire after dark and what was done to allow you to fight fire safely in country not seen in daylight.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		74					74
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES	1				14	5	20
	ACRES	1				16	0	17
Southern California	FIRES				0	10	1	11
	ACRES				1	1	403	405
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	3			1	4	9
	ACRES	1	5			102	255	363
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	0	1				0	1
	ACRES	10	376				15	401
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	4	6
	ACRES		1			10	1	12
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
TOTAL	FIRES	2	5	0	0	28	17	52
	ACRES	12	456	0	1	131	674	1,274

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	372	25	508
	ACRES	1	759,030	754,404	101,595	1,319,698	9	2,934,737
Northwest	FIRES	378	278	12	71	907	1,036	2,682
	ACRES	5,888	20,418	124	1,918	6,464	9,908	44,720
Northern California	FIRES	97	58	3	24	1,786	766	2,734
	ACRES	92	1,532	4	1,661	33,575	28,491	65,355
Southern California	FIRES	33	125	13	26	2,491	444	3,132
	ACRES	82	917	25	817	9,417	99,753	111,011
Northern Rockies	FIRES	647	92	15	20	525	614	1,913
	ACRES	2,235	1,092	393	2	16,594	5,609	25,925
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	44	430	2	24	401	340	1,241
	ACRES	114	65,990	186	2,120	12,406	15,596	96,412
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	330	9	9	94	105	557
	ACRES	2,440	17,978	150	20	286	277	21,151
Southwest	FIRES	660	256	10	42	820	990	2,778
	ACRES	44,092	93,087	3,843	6,863	287,487	97,349	532,721
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	462	377	15	18	553	266	1,691
	ACRES	2,007	9,004	533	65	70,661	6,897	89,167
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	12,467	529	13,487
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	110,864	6,601	119,624
Southern Area	FIRES	298		221	53	31,632	564	32,768
	ACRES	35,259		43,611	43,957	913,191	30,747	1,066,765
TOTAL	FIRES	3,063	1,995	371	335	52,048	5,679	63,491
	ACRES	93,450	969,048	804,082	159,128	2,780,643	301,237	5,107,588

Ten Year Average Fires	59,266
Ten Year Average Acres	5,210,915

*** 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						1	1
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	1	1

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	23	4	7	22	86	143
	ACRES	8	5,086	1,225	282	180	13,940	20,721
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	2			5	16
	ACRES		1,957	62			219	2,238
Southwest	FIRES	27	33	3	4		222	289
	ACRES	2,093	59,850	501	530		109,828	172,802
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	47	112	10	45	123	402
	ACRES	7,304	4,974	19,099	5,851	1,564	28,306	67,098
Eastern Area	FIRES	68		437	44	2,162	177	2,888
	ACRES	72,232		67,178	9,221	124,440	46,953	320,024
Southern Area	FIRES	6		270	83	805	1,084	2,248
	ACRES	2,450		144,090	92,802	295,356	988,130	1,522,828
TOTAL	FIRES	231	268	952	204	3,088	2,235	6,978
	ACRES	93,495	86,998	282,541	111,630	429,827	1,233,370	2,237,861

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	0	4,812	2,437	138,577
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	268,842
Alberta	2	0	1,354	64,246
Northwest Territory	0	0	39	1,872
Saskatchewan	0	0	478	27,748
Manitoba	0	0	139	2,691
Ontario	1	0	325	20,621
Quebec	1	0	432	122,622
Newfoundland	0	0	165	52,593
New Brunswick	2	0	168	243
Nova Scotia	1	1	154	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	115	35,967
Total	7	4,813	5,924	736,955

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

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