

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, August 22, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (70 new fires)
 New large fires: 5 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires : ** 14
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 90 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.

On August 20, a single engine air tanker crashed while working on the Hoyt fire northeast of Fallon, NV. The pilot was fatally injured. The fire fighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

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: 12
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 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. Moderate fire activity.

Elephant, Plumas NF. IMT2 (Swartzlander). Twenty-five miles north of Oroville, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Yuba, Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles northeast of Dobbins, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Harrington**, Klamath NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber litter. Moderate fire activity with 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
Lockheed	CA	CZU	7,597	233	92	8/23	1,536	-59	37	111	2	13	23M	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
Elephant	CA	PNF	448	174	83	8/30	216	-122	4	1	4	0	1.8M	FS
Yuba	CA	NEU	3,891	0	95	8/23	723	-230	27	32	1	2	10.7M	ST
* Harrington	CA	KNF	150	---	N/A	N/A	41	---	3	0	0	0	NR	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. IMT1 (Pincha-Tulley). Twenty-one miles east of Santa Maria, CA. Chaparral 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
La Brea	CA	LPF	89,489	121	94	8/22	1,295	-75	37	72	8	2	29.4M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Hoyt, Carson City District, BLM. IMT2 (Suwyn). Forty-five miles northeast of Fallon, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Moderate fire activity with torching. 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
Hoyt	NV	CCD	6,500	5,200	20	8/24	334	147	13	8	3	0	200K	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Dry Creek Complex**, Hanford FD. Started on FWS land fifteen miles northeast of Sunnyside, WA. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Buffalo Lake**, Colville Agency, BIA. Six miles southeast of Nespalem, WA. Grass. Active fire behavior.

North Fork Complex, Umatilla NF. Previously report confine/contain incident. Fifteen miles southeast of Ukiah, OR. Timber and grass. Smoldering. 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
* Dry Creek Complex	WA	HANN	30,000	---	0	8/26	NR	---	0	0	0	1	NR	FWS
* Buffalo Lake	WA	COA	311	---	90	8/22	102	---	2	21	0	0	NR	BIA
North Fork Complex	OR	UMF	1,460	---	N/A	N/A	50	---	2	2	0	0	3.2M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

Taylor, Coconino NF. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Nelson) back to local unit will occur today. Twenty-two miles southwest of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber. Smoldering.

Moraga, Gila NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Nineteen miles east of Reserve, NM. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **West Bull Flats**, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southwest of Heber, AZ. Grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Fisher**, Cibola NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty-five miles southwest of Magdalena, NM. Timber. Minimal 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
Taylor	AZ	COF	3,545	0	95	8/30	298	-128	6	7	1	0	2.7M	FS
Moraga	NM	GNF	4,500	---	N/A	N/A	22	---	1	0	0	0	NR	FS
* West Bull Flats	AZ	FTA	353	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BIA
* Fisher	NM	CIF	326	---	N/A	N/A	39	---	0	2	0	0	15K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

Railbelt Complex, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Creeping and smoldering.

Crazy Mountain Complex (4 fires). Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Three miles southwest of Circle, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Hardluck Creek, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	636,224	0	N/A	N/A	67	0	1	0	3	0	18.1M	ST
Crazy Mountain Complex	AK	UYD	447,420	---	N/A	N/A	10	---	0	0	0	0	7.3M	BLM
Hardluck Creek	AK	FAS	12,834	0	95	UNK	113	-5	3	0	0	7	4.8M	ST

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 8
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
Forest Ranch Complex	TX	TXS	710	0	100	---	4	-43	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

TX – Texas Forest Service

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
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
Three Mile	CO	WRD	113	0	100	---	23	-30	1	1	0	0	NR	BLM

WRD – White River Field Office

Predictive Services Discussion: Mostly wet thunderstorms will increase in coverage today over Arizona, southern Nevada, and southern California with drier storms across northern California, the northern Great Basin, and western Montana. Hot conditions will shift east of the Rocky Mountains with cooling conditions further west.

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



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

Proper Use of Trigger Points

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire Behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time constraints/Time of day
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
 - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
 - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
 - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
 - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
 - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
 - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
 - Account for all your people
 - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	5				1	4	10
	ACRES	313				1	0	314
Northern California	FIRES		1			11	0	12
	ACRES		1			3	64	68
Southern California	FIRES		1			6	4	11
	ACRES		0			5	103	108
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				5	5	11
	ACRES	0				2	3	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2	1	5
	ACRES		0			1	1	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5,203					5,203
Southwest	FIRES	2			0	4	2	8
	ACRES	143			136	11	655	945
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1	0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					23	1	24
TOTAL	FIRES	8	5	0	0	39	18	70
	ACRES	456	5,204	0	136	48	827	6,671

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	374	25	510
	ACRES	1	759,030	754,406	101,615	1,319,700	9	2,934,761
Northwest	FIRES	384	279	12	72	912	1,049	2,708
	ACRES	6,204	20,822	124	1,918	6,468	10,011	45,547
Northern California	FIRES	97	59	3	24	1,795	768	2,746
	ACRES	92	1,533	4	1,661	33,555	28,555	65,400
Southern California	FIRES	33	125	13	26	2,507	454	3,158
	ACRES	82	917	25	817	9,426	100,211	111,478
Northern Rockies	FIRES	648	92	15	20	532	619	1,926
	ACRES	2,235	1,092	393	2	16,596	5,612	25,930
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	45	432	2	24	404	342	1,249
	ACRES	114	57,043	186	2,120	18,862	15,432	93,757
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	337	9	9	94	107	566
	ACRES	2,440	34,667	150	20	286	277	37,840
Southwest	FIRES	663	256	10	42	821	998	2,790
	ACRES	44,245	93,087	3,843	6,863	287,743	98,275	534,056
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	462	377	15	18	555	268	1,695
	ACRES	2,007	9,210	533	65	70,812	6,897	89,524
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	12,485	529	13,505
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	110,880	6,601	119,640
Southern Area	FIRES	298		221	53	31,674	565	32,811
	ACRES	35,259		43,611	43,957	913,291	30,748	1,066,866
TOTAL	FIRES	3,074	2,006	371	336	52,153	5,724	63,664
	ACRES	93,919	977,401	804,084	159,148	2,787,619	302,628	5,124,799

Ten Year Average Fires	59,813
Ten Year Average Acres	5,324,874

*** 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					0
	ACRES		4,000					4,000
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						1	1
	ACRES						309	309
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	4,000	0	0	0	309	4,309

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	84	141
	ACRES	8	10,086	1,225	282	180	13,940	25,721
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		438	44	2,162	179	2,891
	ACRES	72,232		68,178	9,221	124,440	46,960	321,031
Southern Area	FIRES	6		270	83	805	1,085	2,249
	ACRES	2,450		144,090	92,802	295,356	988,439	1,523,137
TOTAL	FIRES	231	268	953	204	3,088	2,236	6,980
	ACRES	93,495	91,998	283,541	111,630	429,827	1,233,686	2,244,177

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	54	377	2,494	138,957
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	268,842
Alberta	3	0	1,361	64,246
Northwest Territory	0	0	39	1,872
Saskatchewan	0	10,000	478	37,748
Manitoba	1	0	140	2,691
Ontario	0	0	327	20,621
Quebec	0	0	433	122,622
Newfoundland	0	0	165	52,593
New Brunswick	1	0	169	244
Nova Scotia	1	0	156	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	116	35,967
Total	60	10,377	5,996	747,338

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

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