

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, August 29, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (115 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires : **	13
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Nationally, there are 100 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.

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	26
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Station, Angeles NF. IMT1 (Dietrich). Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Major communications facility threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Big Meadow, Yosemite National Park, NPS. IMT1 (McGowan). Two miles northeast of El Portal, CA. Brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Community of Foresta threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Gloria, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Four miles east of Gonzales, CA. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with spotting. Residences and major transmission lines threatened. Highway 146 closed. Evacuations in effect.

* **Cottonwood**, San Bernardino NF. Unified command between IMT2 (Fiorella) and Cal Fire IMT1 (Richey). Four miles east of Hemet, CA. Chaparral and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Morris, Angeles NF. IMT2 (Woychak). Five miles north of Azusa, CA. Chaparral. Creeping with isolated torching. Residences threatened.

Bryson, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Twenty miles southwest of King City, CA. Brush. No new information.

Ridge, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, DOD. Nine miles west of Fallbrook, CA. Timber and chaparral. 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
Station	CA	ANF	5,000	4,500	0	9/8	637	127	23	40	7	0	NR	FS
Big Meadow	CA	YNP	3,417	1,717	0	9/1	860	411	20	41	8	0	NR	NPS
Gloria	CA	BEU	6,000	4,000	15	8/31	1,078	893	32	110	0	1	500K	ST
* Cottonwood	CA	BDF	2,200	---	10	UNK	552	---	14	37	4	0	NR	FS
Morris	CA	ANF	2,168	168	85	8/31	1,369	-250	43	50	9	0	4.5M	FS
Bryson	CA	BEU	4,000	---	80	8/29	227	---	10	10	2	5	NR	ST
Ridge	CA	MCP	500	250	NR	UNK	30	4	0	5	2	0	NR	DOD

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 24
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
NIMOS committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Red Rock, Klamath NF. NIMO (Custer) and IMT2 (Paul). The teams are also managing the Harrington incident. Fifteen miles west of Fort Jones, CA. Timber with heavy dead and down fuels. Backing and creeping fire.

Harrington, Klamath NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber litter. No further information received. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Day, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles northeast of Pittville, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with isolated interior torching. 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
Red Rock	CA	KNF	1,355	78	75	9/5	400	-36	10	0	6	0	2.7M	FS
Harrington	CA	KNF	142	-23	N/A	N/A	23	0	2	0	0	0	455K	FS
Day	CA	LMU	853	603	50	8/30	844	647	25	51	5	0	650K	ST

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

* **Microwave**, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT2 (Hirsch). Three miles west of Mosier, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with growing, running and long-range spotting. Community of Mosier threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Canal Creek, Willamette NF. IMT2 (Ensley). Eight miles southwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Oden Road, Northeast Area, Washington DNR. Two miles north of Malott, WA. Timber, brush and grass. No new information.

North Fork Complex, Umatilla NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Fifteen miles southeast of Ukiah, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity with backing and isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Sable**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty-five miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering 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
* Microwave	OR	954S	800	---	10	9/5	0	---	0	0	0	0	62K	ST
Canal Creek	OR	WIF	363	235	10	9/2	311	156	12	2	4	0	520K	FS
Oden Road	WA	NES	9,607	---	90	8/28	482	---	12	34	0	14	3.4M	ST
North Fork Complex	OR	UMF	3,382	---	N/A	N/A	110	---	4	6	0	0	3.5M	FS
* Sable	WA	OWF	420	---	N/A	N/A	12	---	0	0	1	0	25K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 19
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Davis Haynes, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles southwest of Albany, TX. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. 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
Davis Haynes	TX	TXS	1,700	200	60	UNK	9	-4	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Lily Lake**, Beaverhead Deerlodge NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Ten miles northeast of Wisdom, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering 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
* Lily Lake	MT	BDF	180	---	N/A	N/A	29	---	1	0	1	0	56K	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Red, Coconino NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Forty-five miles northwest of Flagstaff, AZ. Hardwood slash and brush. 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
Red	AZ	COF	2,203	---	N/A	N/A	70	---	4	2	0	0	NR	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7
 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
Sand Hollow	ID	BOD	1,252	0	100	---	78	-37	3	4	0	0	NR	BLM

BOD – Boise District, BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Continued hot and dry today across most of California. Cooler, showery weather is on tap for the Northwest, far northern California, Idaho and western Montana along with scattered wet thunderstorms. The Great Basin will be hot and dry along with some isolated thunderstorms.

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



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

Building Fireline Downhill with Fire Below

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
 - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
 - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter’s right and responsibility.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				2	4	7
	ACRES	0				0	2,162	2,162
Northern California	FIRES					23	1	24
	ACRES					1,059	0	1,059
Southern California	FIRES				0	25	1	26
	ACRES				8	150	1,200	1,358
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4				3	4	11
	ACRES	2				5	54	61
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	0			5	1	7
	ACRES	0	1			19	23	43
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			5	0	7
	ACRES	100	0			110	100	310
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	1			2	4	11
	ACRES	10	0			0	9	19
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					19		19
	ACRES					80		80
TOTAL	FIRES	11	3	0	0	86	15	115
	ACRES	112	2	0	8	1,423	3,548	5,093

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	374	26	511
	ACRES	1	759,030	754,406	101,308	1,319,700	10	2,934,455
Northwest	FIRES	390	289	24	72	895	1,104	2,774
	ACRES	6,224	20,826	2,350	2,054	54,860	21,393	107,707
Northern California	FIRES	98	59	3	22	2,029	781	2,992
	ACRES	93	1,533	4	4	46,867	29,631	78,132
Southern California	FIRES	35	128	13	28	2,601	467	3,272
	ACRES	84	917	25	2,568	9,947	101,918	115,459
Northern Rockies	FIRES	664	97	15	20	552	642	1,990
	ACRES	2,241	816	393	2	16,856	5,960	26,268
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	46	452	3	21	421	363	1,306
	ACRES	114	61,000	186	2,120	19,143	20,739	103,302
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	362	9	10	98	107	596
	ACRES	2,440	28,971	150	20	289	278	32,148
Southwest	FIRES	679	260	10	43	839	1,057	2,888
	ACRES	44,372	93,395	3,843	7,039	287,860	122,451	558,960
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	483	388	15	20	582	290	1,778
	ACRES	2,022	9,195	533	65	71,489	6,919	90,223
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	12,506	531	13,528
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	110,883	6,601	119,643
Southern Area	FIRES	298		229	53	31,789	568	32,937
	ACRES	35,259		44,118	43,957	914,983	30,988	1,069,305
TOTAL	FIRES	3,137	2,084	392	337	52,686	5,936	64,572
	ACRES	94,090	975,683	806,817	159,247	2,852,877	346,888	5,235,602

Ten Year Average Fires	61,369
Ten Year Average Acres	5,665,757

*** 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		1				1	2
	ACRES		200				0	200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						30	30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				114			114
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	200	0	114	0	30	344

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	11	2	1	72	208
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	2,827	31	1	9,796	27,723
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	21	42	19	168	292
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,583	361	2,512	8,152	40,347
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	7	1	115	140
	ACRES	1	564	748	1,248	195	8,627	11,383
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	69	2	24	184	328
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	19,456	345	2,241	17,674	46,099
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	23	85	143
	ACRES	8	11,093	1,225	282	190	15,190	27,988
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			5	10
	ACRES		1,452	62			219	1,733
Southwest	FIRES	27	33	3	4		222	289
	ACRES	2,093	59,850	501	530		109,828	172,802
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	66	46	130	10	45	123	420
	ACRES	7,317	4,759	20,681	5,851	1,564	28,336	68,508
Eastern Area	FIRES	68		442	44	2,164	182	2,900
	ACRES	72,232		69,035	9,221	124,509	47,066	322,063
Southern Area	FIRES	6		271	84	806	1,099	2,266
	ACRES	2,450		142,780	92,916	295,856	995,470	1,529,472
TOTAL	FIRES	233	261	962	202	3,092	2,255	7,005
	ACRES	93,509	92,500	283,898	110,785	430,406	1,240,358	2,251,456

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	17	1,881	2,679	183,865
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	294,907
Alberta	4	0	1,398	64,273
Northwest Territory	0	0	40	2,051
Saskatchewan	0	0	479	37,748
Manitoba	0	0	141	2,691
Ontario	1	0	331	20,622
Quebec	2	0	440	122,643
Newfoundland	0	0	166	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	171	244
Nova Scotia	0	0	160	930
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	121	36,267
Total	24	1,881	6,244	818,834

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

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