

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, September 4, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (171 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 5  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 10  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 80 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: 23  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Station**, Angeles NF. Unified command between IMT1 (Dietrich), IMT2 (Woychak) and Los Angeles County FD. Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Residences and a 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. Moderate fire activity.

**Oak Glen 3**, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (McClelland). Four miles north of San Bernardino, CA. Mixed conifer, oak and chaparral. No further information 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 |
|---------------|----|------|---------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Station       | CA | ANF  | 147,418 | 7,268            | 38    | 9/15    | 4,847     | 112              | 121 | 419 | 19   | 141       | 28.5M    | FS         |
| Big Meadow    | CA | YNP  | 7,240   | 957              | 70    | 9/10    | 1,113     | -169             | 28  | 74  | 10   | 0         | 11.8M    | NPS        |
| Oak Glen 3    | CA | BDU  | 1,159   | 0                | 90    | 9/7     | 1,304     | -404             | 38  | 71  | 6    | 2         | 5.8M     | ST         |
| Morris        | CA | ANF  | 2,168   | 0                | 100   | ---     | 146       | -208             | 2   | 6   | 0    | 0         | 7.4M     | FS         |
| Pendleton     | CA | BDU  | 860     | 0                | 100   | ---     | 438       | -282             | 14  | 45  | 0    | 1         | 1.3M     | ST         |

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 34  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Mill Flat**, Dixie NF. IMT1 (Muir). Four miles southwest of New Harmony, UT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated 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 |
|---------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Mill Flat     | UT | DIF  | 12,607 | 43               | 33    | NR      | 746       | -19              | 19  | 20  | 10   | 11        | 4.1M     | FS         |
| West Scofield | UT | SES  | 251    | 0                | 100   | ---     | 110       | -46              | 3   | 3   | 2    | 0         | 810K     | ST         |

SES - Southeast Area, Utah Division of Forestry and State Lands

### **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 48  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Milepost 281**, Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Barnett). Four miles southwest of Okanogan, WA. Scattered timber, brush and grass. Interior smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Canal Creek**, Willamette NF. IMT2 (Ensley). Eight miles southwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Milepost 281  | WA | COA  | 310   | 0                | 95    | UNK     | 301       | -165             | 8   | 18  | 2    | 0         | 500K     | BIA        |
| Canal Creek   | OR | WIF  | 283   | 0                | 50    | UNK     | 374       | -53              | 8   | 2   | 5    | 0         | 4.1M     | FS         |
| Microwave     | OR | 954S | 1,224 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 258       | -278             | 9   | 13  | 0    | 5         | 2.7      | ST         |

954S - The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF

### **Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 14  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2

**Kaunakakai**, Maui FD. One mile north of Kaunakakai, HI. Timber, brush and grass. No further information received.

**Red Rock**, Klamath NF. Fifteen miles west of Fort Jones, CA. Timber with heavy dead and down fuels. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Kaunakakai    | HI | CNTY | 7,800 | 0                | 80    | UNK     | 103       | 0                | 4   | 11  | 2    | 1         | 94K      | CNTY       |
| Red Rock      | CA | KNF  | 1,364 | -18              | 95    | 9/4     | 81        | -88              | 4   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 4.2M     | FS         |

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 11  
 New large fires: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Eagle Mount**, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Two miles west of Columbus, MT. Ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

\* **Little People**, Crow Agency, BIA. Confine/contain management strategy. Three miles southeast of Pryor, MT. Lodgepole pine with heavy dead and down fuels. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Gabe Creek**, Flathead NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Nineteen miles northeast of Seeley Lake, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning, 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 |
|-----------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Eagle Mount   | MT | SOS  | 600  | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 70        | ---              | 0   | 20  | 4    | 0         | 20K      | ST         |
| * Little People | MT | CRA  | 100  | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 97        | ---              | 4   | 0   | 3    | 0         | 55K      | BIA        |
| * Gabe Creek    | MT | FNF  | 150  | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 3         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 5K       | FS         |

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

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

**Tabaguache Creek**, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Six miles north of Nucla, CO. Timber, brush 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 |
|------------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Tabaguache Creek | CO | GMF  | 935  | ---              | 70    | 9/7     | 40        | ---              | 1   | 2   | 1    | 0         | 300K     | FS         |

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 19  
 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Water Wheel   | AZ | TNF  | 773  | 0                | 100   | ---     | 186       | -140             | 3   | 5   | 1    | 0         | 1.6M     | FS         |

TNF – Tonto NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** It will be a little cooler in southern California today with continued low humidity over the mountains. Otherwise, warm and dry over most of the West with widely scattered thunderstorms, some of them dry, from the southern Sierras to the Rockies. Rain is expected along the Pacific Northwest coast.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Falling Snags

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
  - Strong winds
  - Night operations
  - Steep slopes
  - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
  - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
  - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
  - Numerous downed trees
  - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
  - Accumulation of downed limbs
  - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
  - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
  - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
  - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
  - Establish lookouts.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS  | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 9   |     |     | 2   | 22    | 15    | 48    |
|                     | ACRES | 23  |     |     | 0   | 14    | 8     | 45    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 1   |     |     |     | 12    | 1     | 14    |
|                     | ACRES | 15  |     |     |     | 22    | 1     | 38    |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     | 0   | 22    | 1     | 23    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 13  | 1     | 4,000 | 4,014 |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     | 2   |     |     | 3     | 6     | 11    |
|                     | ACRES |     | 2   |     |     | 600   | 280   | 882   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     | 6   |     |     | 12    | 16    | 34    |
|                     | ACRES |     | 2   |     |     | 27    | 154   | 183   |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     | 2   |     |     | 1     |       | 3     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0   |     |     | 1     |       | 1     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 7   | 7   |     |     | 3     | 2     | 19    |
|                     | ACRES | 40  | 17  |     |     | 0     | 2     | 59    |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 5   | 2   |     |     | 3     | 1     | 11    |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 8   |     |     | 0     | 7     | 15    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 8     |       | 8     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 107   |       | 107   |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 22  | 19  | 0   | 2   | 86    | 42    | 171   |
|                     | ACRES | 78  | 29  | 0   | 13  | 772   | 4,452 | 5,344 |

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM     | FWS     | NPS     | ST/OT     | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES | 1      | 49      | 41      | 20      | 375       | 26      | 512       |
|                     | ACRES | 1      | 759,030 | 754,545 | 101,308 | 1,319,711 | 10      | 2,934,605 |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 399    | 288     | 24      | 74      | 944       | 1,148   | 2,877     |
|                     | ACRES | 6,982  | 26,076  | 2,350   | 2,220   | 56,012    | 22,530  | 116,170   |
| Northern California | FIRES | 100    | 60      | 3       | 23      | 2,106     | 786     | 3,078     |
|                     | ACRES | 108    | 1,533   | 4       | 4       | 56,020    | 30,250  | 87,919    |
| Southern California | FIRES | 38     | 132     | 14      | 28      | 2,752     | 482     | 3,446     |
|                     | ACRES | 84     | 1,117   | 30      | 2,650   | 9,993     | 246,072 | 259,946   |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 685    | 119     | 15      | 29      | 577       | 698     | 2,123     |
|                     | ACRES | 2,319  | 846     | 393     | 3       | 17,476    | 6,261   | 27,298    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 46     | 469     | 3       | 24      | 494       | 462     | 1,498     |
|                     | ACRES | 114    | 59,602  | 186     | 2,120   | 19,433    | 36,258  | 117,713   |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 10     | 368     | 9       | 10      | 101       | 108     | 606       |
|                     | ACRES | 2,440  | 28,966  | 150     | 20      | 291       | 278     | 32,145    |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 700    | 277     | 10      | 59      | 851       | 1,115   | 3,012     |
|                     | ACRES | 44,889 | 93,475  | 3,843   | 49,736  | 287,788   | 125,584 | 605,315   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 534    | 327     | 15      | 20      | 642       | 318     | 1,856     |
|                     | ACRES | 2,086  | 8,804   | 533     | 65      | 75,925    | 7,856   | 95,269    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 433    |         | 30      | 28      | 12,521    | 544     | 13,556    |
|                     | ACRES | 1,240  |         | 809     | 110     | 110,898   | 6,596   | 119,653   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 298    |         | 229     | 53      | 31,888    | 569     | 33,037    |
|                     | ACRES | 35,259 |         | 44,118  | 43,957  | 914,955   | 30,990  | 1,069,279 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 3,244  | 2,089   | 393     | 368     | 53,251    | 6,256   | 65,601    |
|                     | ACRES | 95,522 | 979,449 | 806,961 | 202,193 | 2,868,502 | 512,685 | 5,465,312 |

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>63,379</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>5,805,610</b> |

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**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     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 1    | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 100  | 100   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 2    | 2     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 45   | 45    |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 3    | 3     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 145  | 145   |

### 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      | 108    | 11      | 2       | 1       | 74        | 211       |
|                     | ACRES | 7,122   | 8,396  | 2,827   | 31      | 1       | 9,856     | 28,233    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 26      | 16     | 21      | 42      | 19      | 103       | 227       |
|                     | ACRES | 224     | 2,515  | 26,583  | 361     | 2,512   | 6,831     | 39,026    |
| 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     | 81      | 2       | 24      | 187       | 343       |
|                     | ACRES | 2,062   | 4,321  | 20,966  | 345     | 2,241   | 18,270    | 48,205    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1       | 22     | 4       | 7       | 23      | 85        | 142       |
|                     | ACRES | 8       | 11,053 | 1,225   | 282     | 190     | 15,190    | 27,948    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |         | 3      | 2       |         |         | 5         | 10        |
|                     | ACRES |         | 1,452  | 62      |         |         | 219       | 1,733     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 36      | 34     | 3       | 8       |         | 222       | 303       |
|                     | ACRES | 9,285   | 60,000 | 501     | 530     |         | 109,828   | 180,144   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 66      | 33     | 129     | 11      | 45      | 123       | 407       |
|                     | ACRES | 7,317   | 3,209  | 20,665  | 6,001   | 1,535   | 28,406    | 67,133    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 69      |        | 442     | 44      | 2,166   | 178       | 2,899     |
|                     | ACRES | 72,261  |        | 69,035  | 9,221   | 124,646 | 47,135    | 322,298   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 6       |        | 271     | 84      | 809     | 1,104     | 2,274     |
|                     | ACRES | 2,450   |        | 142,780 | 92,916  | 298,356 | 996,055   | 1,532,557 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 243     | 249    | 973     | 207     | 3,097   | 2,196     | 6,965     |
|                     | ACRES | 100,730 | 91,510 | 285,392 | 110,935 | 433,014 | 1,240,417 | 2,261,998 |

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

| Provinces            | Fires Yesterday | Hectares Yesterday | Fires Year-To-Date | Hectares Year-To-Date |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| British Columbia     | 4               | 169                | 2,806              | 221,241               |
| Yukon Territory      | 0               | 0                  | 118                | 294,907               |
| Alberta              | 4               | 1                  | 1,426              | 64,273                |
| Northwest Territory  | 0               | 0                  | 41                 | 2,055                 |
| Saskatchewan         | 0               | 0                  | 481                | 37,748                |
| Manitoba             | 7               | 103                | 149                | 2,797                 |
| Ontario              | 0               | 0                  | 334                | 20,622                |
| Quebec               | 0               | 0                  | 443                | 122,643               |
| Newfoundland         | 0               | 0                  | 167                | 52,593                |
| New Brunswick        | 1               | 0                  | 175                | 245                   |
| Nova Scotia          | 0               | 0                  | 160                | 930                   |
| Prince Edward Island | 0               | 0                  | 0                  | 0                     |
| National Parks       | 0               | 0                  | 123                | 36,957                |
| Total                | 16              | 273                | 6,423              | 857,011               |

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

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***