

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

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (82 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 6  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 68 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.

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 0  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Boze**, Umpqua NF. NIMO (Cable). Nine miles southwest of Toketee Falls, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

**Milepost 38**, Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT 2 (Reed). Three miles south of Nespelem, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering.

**Tumblebug Complex**, Willamette NF. Twenty-three miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber. 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
Boze	OR	UPF	1,700	1,050	30	9/23	352	181	14	4	5	0	700K	FS
Milepost 38	WA	COA	1,923	0	95	9/20	248	89	5	23	1	0	810K	BIA
Tumblebug Complex	OR	WIF	300	70	10	9/26	453	0	12	9	7	0	2.2M	FS

**Northern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Silver**, Plumas NF. IMT 2 (Swartzlander). Two miles northwest of Meadow Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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
* Silver	CA	PNF	150	---	0	UNK	300	---	12	25	5	0	100K	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Station**, Angeles NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski). Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Creeping fire.

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	160,557	0	93	9/22	749	2	14	27	8	209	84.5M	FS

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

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Highway 46**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Nine miles north of Gooding, ID. Brush and grass. Active 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
* Highway 46	ID	TFD	1,500	---	30	UNK	45	---	0	11	2	0	15K	BLM

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 16  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Fracas**, Kaibab NF. Previously reported incident is being managed for resource benefit objectives. Five miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate 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
Fracas	AZ	KNF	2,300	2,100	N/A	N/A	43	---	1	4	0	0	499K	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry weather is on tap over the West today except for some showers and thunderstorms from Montana southward to the Four Corner States. Gusty north to east winds are expected over portions of northern California.

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



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

### **Extreme Fire Behavior (continued)**

Extreme fire behavior has always been present in cases of shelter deployment. It is critical for firefighters to maintain situational awareness of live and dead fuel moisture conditions as well as predicted and current weather conditions. As fire behavior changes, it is critical to act decisively to the changing situation.

- Discuss how the following factors can contribute or lead to extreme fire behavior:
  - Frost Kill: Has there been a late or unusually extensive freeze? Is the loading of frost-killed fuels high?
  - Drought Conditions: Live Fuel Moistures Index, KBDI, Soil Moisture Index, low humidity, high temperatures
  - Slope: Increases fire spread uphill, preheats fuels by convection, may channel winds
  - Sea Breeze/Foehn: Wind direction may vary throughout the day, humidity changes may occur, strong wind velocities may drive fire behavior to extremes.
  
- To aid situational awareness, track NFDRS live and dead fuel moisture outputs.
  
- Take hourly weather observations and track the hourly changes. By tracking fuel moisture and weather observations and using "Table 74: Fire Severity Related to Fuel Moisture Chart," firefighters can be alerted to those conditions that can lead to situations where there is a high potential for extreme fire behavior.

### 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	5				12	2	19
	ACRES	8				2	150	160
Southern California	FIRES			1	0	17	1	19
	ACRES			14	10	3	0	27
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4				3	0	7
	ACRES	2				0	8	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5				10	15
	ACRES		0				0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		3				13	16
	ACRES		3				2,102	2,105
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		1			3	0	4
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	9	9	1	0	35	28	82
	ACRES	10	4	14	10	8	2,260	2,306

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	50	41	21	376	26	515
	ACRES	1	759,081	753,545	101,312	1,321,305	10	2,935,254
Northwest	FIRES	318	303	25	74	997	1,297	3,014
	ACRES	5,713	27,028	2,352	2,220	55,667	26,887	119,867
Northern California	FIRES	113	62	3	37	2,277	845	3,337
	ACRES	118	1,533	4	1,754	59,817	35,255	98,481
Southern California	FIRES	42	177	15	32	2,993	525	3,784
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	44	10,218	22,528	261,629	300,216
Northern Rockies	FIRES	727	120	17	31	604	784	2,283
	ACRES	2,531	1,017	397	193	23,258	10,915	38,311
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	47	522	4	29	561	539	1,702
	ACRES	105	58,740	226	2,223	19,657	38,811	119,762
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	390	9	10	106	129	654
	ACRES	2,440	28,983	150	20	297	282	32,172
Southwest	FIRES	789	258	10	62	1,874	1,275	4,268
	ACRES	46,682	89,391	3,843	8,010	288,092	134,022	570,040
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	576	410	19	25	671	373	2,074
	ACRES	2,714	5,816	534	63	75,848	7,943	92,918
Eastern Area	FIRES	436		30	29	12,679	563	13,737
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	111,789	6,699	120,647
Southern Area	FIRES	298		234	54	33,466	571	34,623
	ACRES	35,259		44,205	44,166	973,085	30,994	1,127,709
TOTAL	FIRES	3,357	2,292	407	404	56,604	6,927	69,991
	ACRES	98,392	975,797	806,109	170,289	2,951,343	553,447	5,555,377

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,499</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,192,060</b>

\*\*\* 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						950	950
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						180	180
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,130	1,130

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					3,338	8	3,346
Northwest	FIRES	14	116	11	4	1	78	224
	ACRES	6,132	26,099	2,827	47	1	23,233	58,339
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	22	46	20	100	230
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,585	1,450	2,512	6,398	39,684
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	7	1	116	141
	ACRES	1	564	748	1,248	195	8,628	11,384
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	85	2	26	205	367
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	21,428	345	2,255	23,411	53,822
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	23	86	144
	ACRES	8	11,320	1,225	282	190	15,778	28,803
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			6	11
	ACRES		1,452	62			859	2,373
Southwest	FIRES	40	31	3	4		229	307
	ACRES	9,485	50,780	501	530		111,827	173,123
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	69	33	129	14	46	127	418
	ACRES	7,522	3,209	20,665	7,678	1,580	29,181	69,835
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		497	47	2,580	188	3,383
	ACRES	72,342		69,630	9,226	149,923	51,120	352,241
Southern Area	FIRES	6		284	85	816	1,109	2,300
	ACRES	2,450		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,002,513	1,547,550
TOTAL	FIRES	251	255	1,046	216	3,522	2,245	7,535
	ACRES	100,226	100,260	293,960	113,735	459,363	1,272,956	2,340,500

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	84	1,916	3,012	212,547
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	294,907
Alberta	34	0	1,506	64,266
Northwest Territory	0	0	41	1,955
Saskatchewan	10	13	505	37,776
Manitoba	4	8	158	2,813
Ontario	14	27	352	20,650
Quebec	16	0	467	122,685
Newfoundland	5	1	176	52,593
New Brunswick	3	2	183	248
Nova Scotia	6	2	166	931
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	128	36,957
Total	176	1,968	6,812	848,329

\*\*\*CIFFC table updated weekly\*\*\*

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

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