

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, September 26, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (75 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires : ** 8
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 62 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: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Boze, Umpqua NF. NIMO (Cable). Nine miles southwest of Toketee Falls, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Tumblebug Complex, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Ensley). Twenty-three miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Running fire with group-tree torching and short-range spotting.

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	11,511	304	10	10/15	688	-18	22	16	7	0	4.2M	FS
Tumblebug Complex	OR	WIF	11,100	600	12	10/15	1,275	-8	34	45	9	0	7.1M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 24
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Guiberson, Ventura County FD. Cal Fire IMT1 (Lewin). Three miles southeast of Fillmore, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

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

Crafton, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. One mile west of Yucaipa, CA. Brush and grass. No further information received.

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Guiberson	CA	VNC	17,500	100	85	9/27	1,428	-1,322	50	100	0	1	6.9M	CNTY
Station	CA	ANF	160,557	0	98	UNK	671	-21	14	27	7	209	89.9M	FS
Crafton	CA	BDU	347	0	96	9/26	1	-588	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Saddle Mtn 2, Flathead Agency, BIA. Four miles west of Arlee, MT. Timber and logging slash. Moderate fire activity with torching.

Copper Creek, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Land and Resources. Four miles east of Lincoln, MT. Timber and grass. Smoldering with isolated torching.

Arnica, Yellowstone National Park, NPS. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Five miles west of Bridge Bay, WY. Lodgepole pine. Active fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting.

Table Mountain, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Twenty-three miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Creeping fire with torching and spotting.

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Saddle Mtn 2	MT	FHA	465	0	30	9/30	230	10	8	6	3	0	400K	BIA
Copper Creek	MT	SWS	109	0	80	9/26	68	29	1	6	1	0	210K	ST
Arnica	WY	YNP	1,200	950	N/A	N/A	60	55	0	0	4	0	150K	NPS
Table Mountain	MT	BDF	1,042	---	N/A	N/A	90	---	3	1	2	0	NR	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Miller**, Nevada Division of Forestry. Five miles north of Yerington, NV. Brush. Creeping fire with isolated torching.

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* Miller	NV	NWS	616	---	80	9/28	202	---	5	10	1	0	NR	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Abby**, Boise NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty miles northeast of Idaho City, ID. Timber, brush and grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Abby	ID	BOF	250	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: High pressure continuing to strengthen along the west coast will cause near record heat and very dry conditions across California will spread north into Oregon. At the same time, low pressure dropping southeast towards the northern Great Plains will bring windy and dry conditions to northern Idaho and much of Montana. Elevated fire potential due to hot and dry conditions will continue Sunday across California and parts of Oregon, while fire potential will decrease across much of Montana and northern Idaho due to weakening winds and increasing humidity.

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



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

Backfiring or Burnout Operations

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				5	6
	ACRES		5				5	10
Northern California	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					2	3	5
Southern California	FIRES				0	21	3	24
	ACRES				13	308	1	322
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4				1	4	9
	ACRES	2				7	1	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					2	305	307
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			0	1	2
	ACRES		80			116	15	211
Southwest	FIRES	2				1	0	3
	ACRES	1				0	331	332
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			1	0	3
	ACRES		0			0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					46		46
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					8		8
TOTAL	FIRES	6	4	0	0	50	15	75
	ACRES	3	85	0	13	489	662	1,252

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	42	21	376	27	516
	ACRES	1	764,819	753,547	101,189	1,321,310	10	2,940,876
Northwest	FIRES	324	309	25	74	1,011	1,350	3,093
	ACRES	5,782	27,038	2,352	2,220	55,799	40,227	133,418
Northern California	FIRES	153	62	4	37	2,493	850	3,599
	ACRES	127	1,533	5	1,754	60,460	35,405	99,284
Southern California	FIRES	42	179	16	32	3,108	540	3,917
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	10,293	23,540	261,646	301,321
Northern Rockies	FIRES	745	120	17	34	613	807	2,336
	ACRES	2,564	1,017	397	321	23,350	14,410	42,059
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	528	5	28	593	538	1,740
	ACRES	106	65,609	226	2,223	16,355	37,460	121,979
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	395	9	11	111	134	670
	ACRES	2,440	29,075	150	22	905	309	32,901
Southwest	FIRES	798	256	10	63	1,877	1,298	4,302
	ACRES	46,700	89,391	3,843	8,010	288,093	136,477	572,514
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	556	425	19	25	675	380	2,080
	ACRES	2,579	9,193	535	67	72,392	7,952	92,718
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		35	29	12,795	567	13,864
	ACRES	1,241		838	110	113,000	6,701	121,890
Southern Area	FIRES	298		234	54	33,515	572	34,673
	ACRES	35,259		44,205	44,166	973,194	30,994	1,127,818
TOTAL	FIRES	3,413	2,323	416	408	57,167	7,063	70,790
	ACRES	98,388	991,883	806,143	170,375	2,948,398	571,591	5,586,778

Ten Year Average Fires	66,803
Ten Year Average Acres	6,299,852

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						3,862	3,862
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						310	310
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					220	38	258
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	220	4,210	4,430

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					3,300	78	3,378
Northwest	FIRES	14	118	17	4	1	78	232
	ACRES	6,132	31,099	3,036	47	1	23,233	63,548
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	92	2	27	208	378
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	21,824	345	2,295	25,494	56,341
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	23	88	146
	ACRES	8	11,320	1,225	282	201	19,755	32,791
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,452	62			859	2,373
Southwest	FIRES	40	23	3	4		237	307
	ACRES	9,485	46,428	501	530		120,896	177,840
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	70	38	130	14	48	133	433
	ACRES	7,661	4,181	20,654	7,683	1,662	29,629	71,470
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		523	51	2,593	274	3,512
	ACRES	72,390		71,741	9,251	150,685	47,862	351,929
Southern Area	FIRES	6		284	85	816	1,110	2,301
	ACRES	2,450		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,003,882	1,548,919
TOTAL	FIRES	252	255	1,086	220	3,537	2,351	7,701
	ACRES	100,413	101,880	296,665	113,765	460,220	1,286,714	2,359,657

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	15	14,441	3,027	226,988
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Alberta	22	7	1,528	64,273
Northwest Territory	0	102	41	2,057
Saskatchewan	1	0	506	37,776
Manitoba	0	0	158	2,813
Ontario	17	3	369	20,654
Quebec	4	0	471	122,685
Newfoundland	0	0	176	36,981
New Brunswick	7	1	190	249
Nova Scotia	1	0	167	932
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	80	128	37,037
Total	67	14,634	6,761	552,444

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

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

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