

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, August 3, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (186 new fires)
New large fires:	10 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	32
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID.

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	9
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	15
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

* **Sarpy Hills Complex** (6 fires), Crow Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Fry). Includes previously reported Castle Rock 2, Dawes, East Sarpy, and West Tullock fires. Eighteen miles northwest of Crow Agency, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior.

Goblin Gulch, Lewis & Clark NF. Seven miles southwest of Monarch, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and long-range spotting. Residences threatened.

Elbow Pass Complex (3 fires), Lewis & Clark NF. IMT 2 (Hall). Twenty-five miles southwest of Augusta, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Butler, Lolo NF. IMT2 (Kusicko). Twenty-seven miles northwest of Frenchtown, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Wells, Charles M. Russell NWR. Thirty-five miles southeast of Zortman, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Falls Point, Lolo NF. Previously reported incident. IMT 2 (Hutton). Twenty-seven miles east of Seeley Lake, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Area closures in effect.

Chrandal Creek, Bitterroot NF. Thirty-two miles south of Darby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

South Chain, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles northeast of Winnett, MT. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Prisoner Lake, Flathead NF. Twenty-five miles east of Condon, MT. Timber. Creeping. Trail closures in effect.

Chalky, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Sixty miles southwest of Miles City, MT. Timber. No new information.

* **Ditch**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty-three miles northeast of Elk City, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Goat**, Nez Perce NF. Two miles southwest of Shearer, ID. Timber. No further information received. 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
* Sarpy Hills Complex	MT	CRA	54,200	---	0	UNK	237	---	14	70	0	4	560K	BIA
Goblin Gulch	MT	LCF	190	25	5	UNK	67	13	2	0	3	0	135K	FS
Elbow Pass Complex	MT	LCF	15,666	8,141	0	9/12	144	20	4	0	5	0	1.7M	FS
Butler	MT	LNF	70	-10	25	8/14	173	40	7	0	2	0	349K	FS
Wells	MT	CMR	9,438	4,770	N/A	N/A	24	-1	0	8	0	0	36K	FWS
Falls Point	MT	LNF	100	---	N/A	N/A	55	---	0	0	1	0	82K	FS
Chrandal Creek	MT	BRF	2,562	0	75	8/7	191	0	5	2	3	0	7.4M	FS
South Chain	MT	LED	1,046	-154	90	8/3	37	-17	0	10	0	0	146K	BLM
Prisoner Lake	MT	FNF	3,333	307	0	UNK	19	4	0	0	0	0	40K	FS
Chalky	MT	MCD	3,000	---	0	UNK	59	---	2	6	0	0	2K	BLM
* Ditch	ID	NPF	100	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	13K	FS
* Goat	ID	NPF	100	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS
Chain Buttes	MT	LED	3,290	888	100	---	74	-9	2	7	2	0	227K	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 24
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 NIMOs committed: 1

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Running and torching. Structures threatened and area closures in effect.

* **North Hills**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Two miles northwest of Enterprise, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Dallas Canyon, Salt Lake District, BLM. Ten miles southwest of Delle, UT. Juniper and grass. Creeping and 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
Halstead	ID	SCF	12,300	5,300	0	10/16	213	9	6	5	3	0	800K	FS
* North Hills	UT	CCD	410	---	50	8/3	85	---	2	7	1	0	60K	BLM
Dallas Canyon	UT	SLD	43,610	0	95	8/3	61	-162	2	3	0	0	1.8M	BLM

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	22
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Chips, Plumas NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Whitcome) to IMT 1 (McGowan) will occur today. Twenty miles northwest of Quincy, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity with short-range spotting. Structures threatened and road closures in effect.

Salt Creek, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT2 (Molhoek). Six miles south of Lakehead, CA. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures and high voltage power lines threatened. Road closures and 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
Chips	CA	PNF	2,700	300	5	8/15	426	141	13	19	8	0	2.5M	FS
Salt Creek	CA	SHF	900	725	18	8/5	578	402	13	41	4	1	1.0M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires:	27
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	3

* **Sleeper**, Cheyenne River Agency, BIA. Four miles south of Takini, SD. Grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

* **Eagle**, Cheyenne River Agency, BIA. Four miles northeast of Takini, SD. Grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Bear Mountain Complex, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Thirty-five miles north of Rawlins, WY. 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
* Sleeper	SD	CRA	500	---	80	8/4	48	---	0	19	0	0	17K	BIA
* Eagle	SD	CRA	300	---	70	8/5	35	---	0	15	0	2	19K	BIA

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
Bear Mountain Complex	WY	RAD	6,524	---	47	UNK	40	---	2	0	0	0	4.6M	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 16
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3

Lava, Lakeview District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Ft. Rock, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with single-tree torching.

Crane Road, Washington State. Six miles east of Brewster, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Residences threatened. No further information received.

* **Weissenfels Ridge**, Washington State. Five miles south of Asotin, WA. Brush and grass. 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
Lava	OR	LAD	21,546	246	70	8/15	258	-29	5	24	2	0	1.6M	BLM
Crane Road	WA	WFS	8,500	6,500	10	8/5	241	---	5	35	0	0	350K	ST
* Weissenfels Ridge	WA	WFS	1,000	---	0	8/4	0	---	0	0	0	0	125K	ST

Southern California Area (PL 2)

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

Volcano, Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. Seven miles southwest of Murrieta, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Cascade**, Yosemite NP. Five miles northwest of Yosemite Village, CA. Timber. 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
Volcano	CA	RRU	355	-45	75	UNK	32	-240	1	2	1	1	450K	ST
* Cascade	CA	YNP	180	---	N/A	N/A	4	---	0	0	0	0	12K	NPS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 63
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4

* **Hess Knob**, Ozark & St. Francis NF. Twenty-three miles northwest of Russellville, AR. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity.

Townley Road, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles northwest of Indianahoma, OK. Timber, brush and grass. Interior torching.

Bills Hill, Merritt Island NWR. Two miles south of Oak Hill, FL. Brush. No new information.

Bluegill, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. One mile east of Drumright, OK. Hardwood litter. 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
* Hess Knob	AR	OZF	110	---	0	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Townley Road	OK	OKS	28,800	0	95	UNK	10	2	0	5	0	3	122K	ST
Bills Hill	FL	MIR	252	---	90	UNK	23	---	0	9	1	0	50K	FWS
Bluegill	OK	OMA	149	---	90	UNK	40	---	1	14	0	0	10K	BIA
Bluff Creek	TX	TXS	3,056	320	100	---	16	0	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
Corral	TX	TXS	415	-185	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	1	NR	ST

TXS – Texas Forest Service

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

* **Basin**, Ely District Office, BLM. Twenty miles east of Alamo, NV. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Power lines 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
* Basin	NV	ELD	4,200	---	25	UNK	175	---	6	6	4	0	100K	BLM

Eastern Area (PL 1)

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

Potato Cave, Mark Twain NF. Six miles southeast of Dora, MO. Timber and logging slash. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. 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
Potato Cave	MO	MTF	1,126	463	N/A	N/A	110	0	2	8	1	0	50K	FS

Other Fires

(As of August 3)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	13	126,503	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	1	24	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	1	150	0	3	0	15
EB	7	93,981	6	7	2	207
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	1	213	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	7	7,711	5	18	5	127
Total	30	228,582	11	28	7	349

This table does not include fires reported in the large fire section of this report. Updated weekly.

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered thunderstorms will form over the Southwest, the eastern Great Basin and the central Rockies. A cold front moving through the northern Plains will bring cooler conditions to the Northwest and northern Rockies. A few showers and thunderstorms will form over eastern Montana and the Dakotas. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop over the Southeast and New England. Hot weather will continue over the southern Plains.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.html>



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.
- Do you have a lookout posted? Can they see the main fire?
- How have you mitigated Watchout Situation #8?

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations
Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES		1			10	5	16
	ACRES		1,080			9	1	1,090
Northern California	FIRES	2				15	5	22
	ACRES	3				8	8	19
Southern California	FIRES		2	2		10	1	15
	ACRES		12	0		750	0	762
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	3			2	4	9
	ACRES	54,200	281			5	260	54,746
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11			6	6	24
	ACRES	1	485			370	3,281	4,137
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		4,204					4,204
Southwest	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					1	1	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	5			11	3	27
	ACRES	902	2			63	5	972
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES				2	58	3	63
	ACRES				3	1,706	52	1,761
TOTAL	FIRES	11	25	2	2	117	29	186
	ACRES	55,106	6,064	0	3	2,912	3,608	67,693

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	28	20	234	4	324
	ACRES	43	50,159	39,270	67,906	49,839	0	207,217
Northwest	FIRES	119	134	18	16	344	288	919
	ACRES	2,073	799,900	1,787	13	3,738	671	808,182
Northern California	FIRES	79	15	2	6	1,774	297	2,173
	ACRES	110	1,476	0	8	12,418	32,316	46,328
Southern California	FIRES	24	109	9	20	2,101	276	2,539
	ACRES	27	4,391	8	448	27,792	2,602	35,268
Northern Rockies	FIRES	889	163	18	10	370	393	1,843
	ACRES	336,869	105,172	10,327	650	78,752	42,356	574,126
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	38	496		21	578	311	1,444
	ACRES	24,882	551,549		240	178,576	227,608	982,855
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	242	1	14	129	47	436
	ACRES	1,199	104,609	0	37	9,308	12,206	127,359
Southwest	FIRES	661	168	12	32	418	779	2,070
	ACRES	30,236	4,509	187	4,326	31,212	448,603	519,073
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	979	432	21	24	1,121	534	3,111
	ACRES	66,069	34,164	1,246	832	285,453	247,597	635,361
Eastern Area	FIRES	676		45	16	7,556	500	8,793
	ACRES	1,631		4,755	401	71,302	9,783	87,872
Southern Area	FIRES	448		43	45	13,551	516	14,603
	ACRES	38,408		19,559	16,746	169,577	78,857	323,147
TOTAL	FIRES	3,917	1,796	197	224	28,176	3,945	38,255
	ACRES	501,547	1,655,929	77,139	91,607	917,967	1,102,599	4,346,788

Ten Year Average Fires	49,314
Ten Year Average Acres	4,323,053

*** 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
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					14		14
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	14	0	14

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	10		12
	ACRES				18	13,314		13,332
Northwest	FIRES	8	59	15			157	239
	ACRES	3,502	7,000	1,305			31,956	43,763
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	22	21		153	211
	ACRES	107	203	22,621	151		13,082	36,164
Southern California	FIRES		6	5	5	6	159	181
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,831	4,120	8,799
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	9	68	3	33	192	321
	ACRES	1,822	4,745	16,495	233	1,809	20,854	45,958
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	20	42	79
	ACRES		898	188	230	324	18,824	20,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	31	17	12	15		131	206
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	109		38,954	54,308
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	25	91	21	18	61	239
	ACRES	2,025	2,965	19,979	2,492	8,377	10,819	46,657
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		492	41	959	149	1,678
	ACRES	22,116		78,660	9,054	57,490	57,406	224,726
Southern Area	FIRES	23		138	53	8,330	832	9,376
	ACRES	4,783		57,590	37,634	473,427	811,626	1,385,060
TOTAL	FIRES	140	148	849	165	9,389	1,880	12,571
	ACRES	35,569	28,112	203,150	50,867	556,851	1,007,862	1,882,411

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

Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	683	6,723
YUKON TERRITORY	5	1	108	63,156
ALBERTA	7	1,563	1,085	337,224
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	31	227	226,769
SASKATCHEWAN	10	649	332	208,930
MANITOBA	3	7,819	413	174,533
ONTARIO	12	373	1,226	135,344
QUEBEC	9	1	660	70,148
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	173	137,433
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	293	355
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	313	779
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	5	9
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	62	274,988
TOTALS	48	10,436	5,580	1,636,392

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