

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (187 new fires)
New large fires:	20 (*)
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires: **	70
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	12
Type 2 IMTs committed:	14

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

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

Four MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve), and the 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID. One MAFFS from the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte (North Carolina Air National Guard), along with one MAFFS from the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Sacramento, CA.

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 5)

New fires:	11
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	10
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Whitney's Area Command Team is assigned to manage all Type 1 and Type 2 fires on the Boise, Sawtooth and Salmon-Challis National Forests. Current fires include Trinity Ridge, Springs, Halstead, Mustang and Minidoka Complex.

* **Gun Range**, Idaho Falls District, BLM. Seven miles west of Idaho Falls, ID. Brush and grass. Running fire.

Springs, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Hahnenberg). Started on Bureau of Reclamation land five miles west of Garden Valley, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Subdivisions and power lines threatened.

Mustang, Salmon-Challis NF (4 fires). IMT 1 (Joseph) and IMT 2 (Adell). Twenty-eight miles west of North Fork, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and short crown runs. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Trinity Ridge, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Harvey). Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with group tree torching and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Sustained crown runs with long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Minidoka Complex (2 fires), Sawtooth NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Lund) to local unit will occur tomorrow. Fifteen miles southeast of Twin Falls, ID. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Reserve**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Six miles north of St. George, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Running fire with torching.

Chuppy, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. Five miles east of Littlefield, AZ. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Communications site threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Grasshopper, Boise District, BLM. Twenty-eight miles southeast of Jordan Valley, OR. Juniper and brush. Moderate fire activity with spotting.

Pigeon Canyon, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. Forty-five miles south of St. George, UT. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity with occasional torching.

Shivwits, Southern Paiute Agency, BIA. Thirteen miles northwest of St. George, UT. Brush and grass. Creeping with isolated torching. Communications site threatened.

* **Mt. Trumbull Complex**, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. Forty-six miles south of St. George, UT. Hardwood litter. No further information received. Last report unless new information is 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
* Gun Range	ID	IFD	588	---	90	UNK	56	---	0	11	1	0	20K	BLM
Springs	ID	BOF	6,150	80	65	8/20	590	50	11	30	1	0	5.2M	BOR
Mustang	ID	SCF	36,370	26,396	N/A	N/A	318	1	4	25	3	0	3.3M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	47,166	10,122	5	10/1	866	151	22	27	3	8	5.9M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	58,269	6,398	N/A	N/A	381	63	3	26	3	0	5.6M	FS
Minidoka Complex	ID	STF	97,323	-293	65	8/18	558	-59	12	50	3	4	4.2M	FS
* Reserve	UT	CCD	400	---	10	8/16	56	---	2	7	0	0	NR	BLM
Chuppy	AZ	ASD	520	-80	N/A	N/A	4	1	0	2	0	0	7K	BLM
Grasshopper	ID	BOD	2,700	1,450	40	UNK	111	10	2	10	2	0	75K	BLM
Pigeon Canyon	AZ	ASD	2,100	1,300	33	8/16	38	14	1	7	1	0	NR	BLM
Shivwits	UT	SPA	5,100	1,100	55	8/15	94	9	3	6	1	0	275K	BIA
* Mt. Trumbull Complex	AZ	ASD	264	---	N/A	N/A	10	---	0	2	0	0	160K	BLM
Little Pine	UT	DIF	2,112	0	100	---	108	-90	4	0	1	0	890K	FS

DIF – Dixie NF

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 44
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 8
Type 1 IMTs committed: 5
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Wye, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hoffman). Five miles northwest of San Rafael, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity with torching and spotting. Power and communication lines threatened. Intermittent road closures in effect.

Chips, Plumas NF. IMT 1 (McGowan and Opliger). Twenty miles northwest of Quincy, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity. Communities and power lines threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Reading, Lassen Volcanic NP. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Fourteen miles south of Old Station, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Rush, Northern California District, BLM. IMT 2 (Molhoek). Fifteen miles southeast of Ravendale, CA. Juniper and brush. Extreme fire behavior. Structures threatened. Natural gas lines and power lines threatened. Voluntary evacuations in effect.

Fort Complex (3 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Walker). Ten miles northwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Communities, structures and power lines threatened. Road closures in effect.

* **Lassen**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Flores). Ten miles northwest of Butte Meadows, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching and 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
Wye	CA	LNU	7,000	1,000	30	8/20	1,219	861	28	157	8	2	1.9M	ST
Chips	CA	PNF	37,481	1,601	20	8/31	1,054	45	10	107	10	0	16.1M	FS
Reading	CA	LNP	23,958	2,428	23	8/21	1,248	9	34	64	5	0	7M	NPS
Rush	CA	NOD	69,000	59,000	20	8/19	138	68	2	4	2	0	250K	BLM
Fort Complex	CA	KNF	3,450	811	20	8/30	736	54	21	19	9	0	3.3M	FS
* Lassen	CA	BTU	1,000	---	10	UNK	258	---	10	19	0	0	40K	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 12
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Holloway, Winnemucca District Office, BLM. IMT 1 (Pendleton) managing the North Zone in Oregon, and IMT 2 (Ourada) managing the South Zone in Nevada. Twenty-five miles east of Denio, NV. Brush. Active fire behavior. Structures and communications site threatened. Area closures in effect.

Hanson, Winnemucca District Office, BLM. Ten miles northwest of Paradise Valley, NV. Aspen, brush and grass. Creeping. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Bull Run Complex (3 fires), Elko District Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Leitch). Started on state land twenty-four miles southwest of Mountain City, NV. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Stud, Elko District Office, BLM. Twenty-one miles southeast of Jarbidge, NV. Juniper, brush and grass. Isolated torching.

Buckskin, Winnemucca District Office, BLM. Fourteen miles south of McDermitt, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Eastern Mine, Southern Nevada District Office, BLM. Thirteen miles southwest of Mesquite, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

West Marys, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Nine miles southwest of Jarbidge, NV. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Fraiser, Battle Mountain District Office, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Minimal fire activity.

Cain, Battle Mountain District Office, BLM. Fifty miles northwest of Austin, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Kane, Ely District Office, BLM. Twenty miles south of Caliente, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. 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
Holloway	NV	WID	432,378	14,143	68	8/18	817	62	14	49	6	3	6.7M	BLM
Hanson	NV	WID	12,469	-2,531	65	8/17	304	5	9	18	0	0	1M	BLM
Bull Run Complex	NV	EKD	54,069	-2,595	60	8/18	721	-17	26	21	2	2	1.8M	ST
Stud	NV	EKD	7,500	0	80	8/15	81	0	2	7	2	0	236K	BLM
Buckskin	NV	WID	6,000	1,000	95	8/15	141	33	4	13	0	0	75K	BLM
Eastern Mine	NV	SND	377	27	40	8/15	110	21	4	2	1	0	75K	BLM
West Marys	NV	HTF	100	0	70	8/16	27	2	2	0	1	0	150K	FS
Fraiser	NV	BMD	12,091	0	96	UNK	48	-154	2	1	0	2	525K	BLM
Cain	NV	BMD	7,402	0	95	8/15	98	-4	3	3	1	0	250K	BLM
Kane	NV	ELD	4,246	0	99	8/15	1	-7	0	0	0	0	140K	BLM
Willow	NV	NNS	43,271	0	100	---	353	-18	9	16	1	4	3M	ST
Long Canyon	NV	WID	25,000	0	100	---	0	-65	0	0	0	0	200K	BLM

NNS – Northern Region, Nevada DOF

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 47
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 10
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Jawbone Complex (2 fires), California Desert District, BLM. IMT 2 (Truett). Eighteen miles northeast of Tehachapi, CA. Brush and hardwood slash. Moderate fire activity with torching. Communities and a wind energy facility threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Vallecito Lightning Complex (3 fires), Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael). Nine miles northwest of Warner Springs, CA. Brush. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

* **Buck**, Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. Thirteen miles east of Anza, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity. Structures and communication towers threatened.

Indian, Bishop Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Wakoski). Fourteen miles east of Lee Vining, CA. Brush and grass. Smoldering. Road closures in effect.

South Complex, Death Valley NP. Fifteen miles north of Inyo, CA. Juniper and brush. Minimal fire activity.

Ramsey, Stanislaus NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Eight miles east of Dorrington, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

Quail, Joshua Tree NM. Fifteen miles southwest of Yucca Valley, CA. Brush. Smoldering. 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
Jawbone Complex	CA	CDD	12,191	3,554	30	8/18	999	211	21	102	3	19	2.7M	BLM
Vallecito Lightning Complex	CA	MVU	5,925	4,923	10	UNK	707	142	31	55	5	0	1.9M	ST
* Buck	CA	RRU	1,800	---	5	UNK	389	---	13	50	7	4	1M	ST
Indian	CA	OVD	13,500	0	95	8/15	234	-60	5	2	1	0	2.9M	BLM
South Complex	CA	DVP	453	0	90	8/15	37	-19	1	0	1	0	38K	NPS
Ramsey	CA	STF	750	100	10	8/19	435	42	11	19	3	0	900K	FS
Quail	CA	JTP	275	-25	60	UNK	100	9	3	3	0	0	400K	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 3
NIMOs committed: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Barry Point, Fremont-Winema NF. NIMO (Gage) and IMT 1 (Morcom). Twenty-two miles southwest of Lakeview, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Taylor Bridge, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. IMT 2 (Reed). Five miles southeast of Cle Elum, WA. Timber. Running fire with torching and spotting. Numerous structures, wind farm towers and power lines threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Ten Mile Complex, Vale District, BLM. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Three miles northeast of McDermitt, NV. Brush 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
Barry Point	OR	FWF	48,000	17,013	25	9/1	1,404	-19	33	92	8	0	7.3M	FS
Taylor Bridge	WA	SES	28,000	20,000	0	UNK	427	297	16	43	0	60	400K	ST
Ten Mile Complex	OR	VAD	14,036	0	90	8/16	298	-57	4	27	2	0	800K	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 15
 New large fires: 5
 Uncontained large fires: 11
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

* **West Garceau**, Flathead Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Kusicko). Fifteen miles east of Polson, MT. Timber and grass understory. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures and power lines threatened.

* **Anderson**, Northeastern Land Office, Montana DNR. Twenty miles north of Rygate, MT. Brush and grass. Running fire.

* **Crow**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Thirty-three miles southeast of Powderville, MT. Grass. No further information received.

Steep Corner, Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Pearson). Twenty-five miles northeast of Orofino, ID. Logging slash. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

* **Mallard**, Nez Perce NF. Twenty-five miles south of Elk City, ID. Timber and grass understory. Smoldering.

Rosebud Creek Complex, Eastern Land Office, Montana DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Benes) back to the local unit will occur today. Sixty miles southwest of Miles City, MT. Ponderosa pine, brush and grass. Smoldering.

Elbow Pass Complex (4 fires), Lewis & Clark NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hall) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-five miles southwest of Augusta, MT. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Condon Mountain, Flathead NF. Five miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Backing fire with torching.

* **Porcupine**, Nez Perce NF. Twenty-five miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree 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
* West Garceau	MT	FHA	5,000	---	5	8/20	50	---	1	7	1	0	100K	BIA
* Anderson	MT	NES	2,500	---	0	UNK	43	---	0	11	2	0	113K	ST
* Crow	MT	MCD	850	---	90	8/15	8	---	0	2	0	0	2K	BLM
Steep Corner	ID	CTS	200	100	20	UNK	140	140	4	1	2	0	220K	ST
* Mallard	ID	NPF	206	---	75	8/17	23	---	1	0	1	0	300K	FS
Rosebud Creek Complex	MT	EAS	171,444	0	98	UNK	274	-92	2	15	0	10	8.8M	ST
Elbow Pass Complex	MT	LCF	17,458	0	0	9/12	69	12	0	0	2	0	3.3M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	984	11	0	10/1	127	25	3	6	2	0	650K	FS
* Porcupine	ID	NPF	141	---	N/A	N/A	14	---	1	0	0	0	2.5K	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 33
New large fires: 8
Uncontained large fires: 11

Lagoon Creek, Pawnee Agency, BIA. Five miles north of Yale, OK. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Structures, transmission lines and oil production structures threatened.

Rhodes Ranch II, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land two miles northeast of Palo Pinto, TX. Brush. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

Dark Valley, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land two miles northeast of Palo Pinto, TX. Brush. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened.

* **Riley**, Texas Forest Service. Thirteen miles north of Snyder, TX. Brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

* **Davis Haynes Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles southwest of Albany, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Lometa Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles southwest of Lometa, TX. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Lacey**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Eight miles southwest of Monticello, AR. Timber. No further information received.

* **Bowlegs**, Wewoka Agency, BIA. Four miles southeast of Seminole, OK. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Oil facilities threatened.

* **Casa**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Two miles northwest of Casa, AR. Timber. No further information received.

* **Dawson Creek**, Texas Forest Service. Thirteen miles northwest of Albany, TX. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

* **Rose Hill**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Three miles northwest of Wheelen Springs, AR. 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
Lagoon Creek	OK	PAA	3,500	0	90	UNK	18	0	0	25	0	12	38K	BIA
Rhodes Ranch II	TX	TXS	1,694	0	75	8/15	101	0	0	35	2	0	NR	PRI
Dark Valley	TX	TXS	1,745	0	85	UNK	87	0	0	27	3	0	NR	PRI
* Riley	TX	TXS	1,000	---	0	UNK	35	---	0	16	0	0	NR	ST
* Davis Haynes Ranch	TX	TXS	542	---	90	UNK	9	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Lometa Ranch	TX	TXS	500	---	65	UNK	9	---	0	0	2	0	NR	ST
* Lacey	AR	ARS	400	---	50	UNK	10	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Bowlegs	OK	WEA	400	---	75	8/15	34	---	1	7	0	0	50K	BIA
* Casa	AR	ARS	400	---	50	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
* Dawson Creek	TX	TXS	305	---	90	UNK	9	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
* Rose Hill	AR	ARS	300	---	60	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Calumet	OK	OSA	541	0	100	---	28	-4	1	5	0	0	59K	BIA
Unit 21	TX	TXF	620	120	100	---	18	7	0	4	1	0	45K	FS
Goldmine	OK	OKS	300	0	100	---	0	-10	0	0	0	0	10K	ST

OSA – Osage Agency, BIA

TXF – National Forests and Grasslands in Texas

OKS – Oklahoma DOF

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Mistake Peak, Tonto NF. IMT 2 (Reidy). Twelve miles from Tonto Basin, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity with spotting. Structures threatened.

Charley, Tonto NF. IMT 2 ordered. Three miles west of Sunflower, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

* **Jumpup**, Kaibab NF. Thirty-nine miles southeast of Fredonia, AZ. Grass. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Hold Up**, Cibola NF. Ten miles east of Duty, NM. Timber. Backing 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
Mistake Peak	AZ	TNF	4,000	600	10	8/30	375	222	10	15	0	0	875K	FS
Charley	AZ	TNF	950	290	10	8/19	79	71	2	6	2	0	65K	FS
* Jumpup	AZ	KNF	360	---	50	8/15	39	---	1	5	1	0	38K	FS
* Hold Up	NM	CIF	170	---	20	UNK	6	---	1	0	0	0	20K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Little Box Elder, Converse County. Ten miles south of Glenrock, WY. Timber. 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
Little Box Elder	WY	COX	6,501	0	95	8/15	62	-22	2	2	1	1	500K	CNTY

Other Fires

(As of August 10)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	7	51,549	0	0	0	0
NW	2	16,157	5	37	0	247
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	3	563	8	43	4	344
NR	12	2,416	28	0	5	100
EB	4	69,050	1	4	0	25
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	104	1	2	0	15
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	6	8,518	0	94	2	248
Total	35	148,357	43	180	11	979

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

Predictive Services Discussion: Widely scattered thunderstorms will form over the Great Basin, the Southwest, and over the central Rockies. Isolated storms will also develop over the Sierras of California and Nevada. A cold front will push through the Northwest and northern Rockies, bringing cooler weather to the region. Showers and thunderstorms will move through the upper Midwest and central Plains, while showers and storms will form along a slow-moving front from northern Texas to the mid-Atlantic states northward to New England. Cool conditions will continue over most of the eastern U.S.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS

For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hung-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.



Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.

In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:

- Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
- Risk Assessment
- Situational Awareness Checklist
- Secure Felling Area
- No Work Zones (NWZ)
- Blasting option
- Equipment/cable option
- Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
- Escape routes
- Pushing/driver tree opportunity
- Felling trees tied together
- Sidewinder potential
- Hazards of obscured view of top
- Need to keep looking up
- Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
- Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
- Rope Technique

References:

[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES		0			1	6	7
	ACRES		10,224			0	19	10,243
Northern California	FIRES	1	0		0	21	22	44
	ACRES	1	49,300		4,126	74	3,428	56,929
Southern California	FIRES			1	1	38	7	47
	ACRES			0	1	144	12	157
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	4	3		3	4	15
	ACRES	5,000	890	136		22	146	6,194
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			3	3	11
	ACRES		1,695			0	43,058	44,753
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			0	2	5
	ACRES		9,682			468	0	10,150
Southwest	FIRES		3			2	8	13
	ACRES		271			120	1,276	1,667
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0				2	3	5
	ACRES	438				7	1	446
Eastern Area	FIRES					4	2	6
	ACRES					9	2	11
Southern Area	FIRES			3		29	1	33
	ACRES			8		252	120	380
TOTAL	FIRES	2	15	7	1	104	58	187
	ACRES	5,439	72,062	144	4,127	1,097	48,062	130,931

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	28	20	241	5	332
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,678	67,906	49,744	0	208,705
Northwest	FIRES	142	166	20	12	429	439	1,208
	ACRES	2,096	1,059,387	1,788	10	16,507	304,709	1,384,497
Northern California	FIRES	87	20	2	8	1,942	402	2,461
	ACRES	176	118,292	0	18,506	12,849	84,104	233,927
Southern California	FIRES	28	141	10	28	4,309	434	4,950
	ACRES	32	27,035	8	985	46,280	5,568	79,908
Northern Rockies	FIRES	973	188	23	20	435	542	2,181
	ACRES	342,701	261,161	10,463	666	80,351	56,340	751,682
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	663		26	652	420	1,809
	ACRES	28,657	754,450		1,536	191,245	465,924	1,441,812
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	447	2	14	164	98	730
	ACRES	1,200	643,733	0	37	73,466	26,878	745,314
Southwest	FIRES	695	185	12	39	465	893	2,289
	ACRES	30,966	4,778	187	4,329	31,884	458,062	530,206
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	898	502	20	33	707	582	2,742
	ACRES	66,785	52,854	1,326	833	289,900	178,833	590,531
Eastern Area	FIRES	679		46	17	7,720	522	8,984
	ACRES	1,644		4,775	402	75,226	9,830	91,877
Southern Area	FIRES	478		74	46	14,092	557	15,247
	ACRES	39,381		32,433	16,752	247,482	80,559	416,607
TOTAL	FIRES	4,034	2,349	237	263	31,156	4,894	42,933
	ACRES	513,681	2,973,024	90,658	111,962	1,114,934	1,670,807	6,475,066

Ten Year Average Fires	52,635
Ten Year Average Acres	5,047,390

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	3	13	22	21		153	212
	ACRES	108	203	22,621	151		13,082	36,165
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	20	25	77	21	8	61	212
	ACRES	1,790	2,965	18,741	2,492	738	10,819	37,545
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		495	41	961	149	1,683
	ACRES	22,116		78,745	9,054	57,531	57,406	224,852
Southern Area	FIRES	23		142	53	8,414	838	9,470
	ACRES	4,783		59,530	37,634	476,077	813,336	1,391,360
TOTAL	FIRES	138	148	842	165	9,465	1,886	12,644
	ACRES	35,335	28,112	203,937	50,867	551,903	1,009,572	1,879,726

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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	15	0	939	8,796
Yukon Territory	0	0	117	63,168
Alberta	5	0	1,231	359,996
Northwest Territory	0	679	246	278,874
Saskatchewan	4	9	367	220,929
Manitoba	2	2	435	196,968
Ontario	1	0	1,321	142,850
Quebec	1	0	715	70,173
Newfoundland	0	0	185	137,443
New Brunswick	1	0	310	358
Nova Scotia	0	0	323	781
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	62	275,048
Total	29	691	6,256	1,755,393

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