

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, August 16, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (122 new fires)
New large fires:	11 (*)
Large fires contained:	12
Uncontained large fires: **	62
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	13
Type 2 IMTs committed:	15

** 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:	8
New large fires:	2
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.

* **Chaulky**, Boise District, BLM. Seven miles northwest of Murphy, ID. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

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. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Mustang, Salmon-Challis NF (5 fires). IMT 1 (Joseph) and IMT 2 (Adell). Twenty-eight miles west of North Fork, ID. Timber. Short crown runs and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road 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.

Springs, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Hahnenberg). Started on Bureau of Reclamation land five miles west of Garden Valley, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Subdivisions and power lines threatened.

* **Bench**, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman). Southeast of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass understory. Smoldering.

Reserve, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Six miles north of St. George, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Backing fire. Structures threatened.

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.

Shivwits, Southern Paiute Agency, BIA. Thirteen miles northwest of St. George, UT. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Communications site 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
* Chaulky	ID	BOD	400	---	75	UNK	44	---	0	7	2	0	75K	BLM
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	68,284	21,118	3	10/1	934	68	23	33	2	8	6.8M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	58,269	0	N/A	N/A	297	-84	3	26	3	0	5.8M	FS
Mustang	ID	SCF	85,537	49,167	N/A	N/A	287	-31	2	25	3	0	3.8M	FS
Minidoka Complex	ID	STF	97,616	293	87	8/18	518	-40	12	39	3	4	5.2M	FS
Springs	ID	BOF	6,150	0	75	8/20	653	63	14	29	1	0	6M	BOR
* Bench	ID	SCF	220	---	60	8/19	70	---	2	6	0	0	504K	FS
Reserve	UT	CCD	2,300	1,900	20	8/18	150	94	6	5	2	0	300K	BLM
Grasshopper	ID	BOD	2,740	40	60	UNK	115	4	2	10	1	0	100K	BLM
Pigeon Canyon	AZ	ASD	2,100	0	66	8/16	47	9	1	7	0	0	NR	BLM
Shivwits	UT	SPA	5,100	0	80	UNK	94	0	3	6	1	0	300K	BIA
Gun Range	ID	IFD	541	-47	100	---	0	-56	0	0	0	0	70K	BLM

IFD – Idaho Falls District, BLM

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 6
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 8
Type 1 IMTs committed: 5
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Chips, Plumas NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (McGowan) to IMT 1 (Opliger) will occur tomorrow. Twenty miles northwest of Quincy, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate 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.

Wye, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hoffman). Twenty-nine miles north of Santa Rosa, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity with torching.

Mill, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Flores). Previously reported as the Lassen fire. Ten miles northwest of Butte Meadows, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching and short-range spotting.

Fort Complex (3 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Walker). Ten miles northwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Structures 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
Chips	CA	PNF	42,136	4,655	20	8/31	1,081	27	10	113	10	0	17.5M	FS
Reading	CA	LNP	25,242	1,284	25	8/21	1,105	-143	26	69	5	0	8.8M	NPS
Rush	CA	NOD	101,000	32,000	25	8/19	244	106	1	8	3	0	900K	BLM
Wye	CA	LNU	7,934	934	75	8/19	1,254	35	28	133	5	3	5.1M	ST
Mill	CA	BTU	1,400	400	15	8/21	680	422	18	25	3	0	70K	ST
Fort Complex	CA	KNF	3,790	340	23	8/30	745	9	21	18	8	0	4.4M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires: 13
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 10
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. Isolated torching. Structures threatened.

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. Torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

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

Eastern Mine, Southern Nevada District Office, BLM. Thirteen miles southwest of Mesquite, NV. Brush and grass. Smoldering.

Cain, Battle Mountain District Office, BLM. Fifty miles northwest of Austin, NV. Brush and grass. Smoldering with interior torching.

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

Kane, Ely District Office, BLM. Twenty miles south of Caliente, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. No new information. 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
Holloway	NV	WID	436,560	4,182	71	8/18	744	-73	13	48	6	3	7.5M	BLM
Hanson	NV	WID	12,469	0	80	8/17	220	-84	7	15	1	0	1.1M	BLM
Bull Run Complex	NV	EKD	49,042	5,027	65	8/18	720	-1	25	22	2	2	3.7M	ST
West Marys	NV	HTF	100	0	80	8/17	30	3	1	0	1	0	150K	FS
Eastern Mine	NV	SND	379	2	80	UNK	77	-33	2	2	1	0	163K	BLM
Cain	NV	BMD	7,402	0	95	8/16	36	-62	1	2	0	0	250K	BLM
Fraiser	NV	BMD	12,091	0	97	UNK	4	-44	0	1	0	2	525K	BLM
Kane	NV	ELD	4,246	---	99	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	140K	BLM
Stud	NV	EKD	7,500	0	100	---	40	-41	2	2	2	0	236K	BLM
Buckskin	NV	WID	10,000	4,000	100	---	141	0	4	13	0	0	100K	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

Barry Point, Fremont-Winema NF. NIMO (Gage) and IMT 1 (Morcom). Twenty-two miles southwest of Lakeview, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Running fire with torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures 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 residences, power lines and a communications tower threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Ten Mile Complex, (2 fires) Vale District, BLM. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Three miles northeast of McDermitt, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Buffalo Lake Road**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Nickey). Five miles northeast of Coulee Dam, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Communities threatened. Road closures in effect.

* **Waterfalls 2**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Williams). Twenty-eight miles west of Jefferson, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior.

* **Butte**, Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Fifteen miles northwest of Chemult, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures 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
Barry Point	OR	FWF	84,684	36,684	30	8/25	1,347	-57	33	94	5	0	8.5M	FS
Taylor Bridge	WA	SES	22,656	-5,344	0	UNK	840	413	22	99	11	280	1.4M	ST
Ten Mile Complex	OR	VAD	14,036	0	90	8/16	172	-126	0	12	0	0	1.2M	BLM
* Buffalo Lake Road	WA	COA	5,000	---	10	8/20	50	---	1	10	1	1	50K	BIA
* Waterfalls 2	OR	WSA	2,723	---	0	UNK	399	---	14	31	1	0	158K	BIA
* Butte	OR	UPF	115	---	0	8/25	106	---	4	2	2	0	30K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 42
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 8
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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

Vallecito Lightning Complex (2 fires), Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael). Nine miles northwest of Warner Springs, CA. Brush. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

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

Buck, Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Chaney). Thirteen miles east of Anza, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity.

South Complex, Death Valley NP. Fifteen miles north of Inyo, CA. Juniper and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Quail, Joshua Tree NM. Fifteen miles southwest of Yucca Valley, CA. Brush. 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
Jawbone Complex	CA	CDD	12,462	271	70	8/18	1,178	179	29	90	3	19	3.6M	BLM
Vallecito Lightning Complex	CA	MVU	15,525	9,600	35	UNK	1,454	747	48	77	5	0	3.8M	ST
Ramsey	CA	STF	1,000	250	30	8/19	379	-56	10	23	3	0	2M	FS
Buck	CA	RRU	2,681	881	40	8/18	985	596	39	105	6	4	1.5M	ST
South Complex	CA	DVP	453	---	90	UNK	37	---	1	0	1	0	38K	NPS
Quail	CA	JTP	275	0	90	UNK	100	0	3	3	0	0	400K	NPS
Indian	CA	OVD	12,576	924	100	---	109	-125	2	0	0	0	3.2M	BLM

OVD – Bishop Field Office, BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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

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. Creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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

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. Minimal fire activity.

Elbow Pass Complex, Lewis & Clark NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Augusta, MT. Timber. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Goat/Ditch**, Nez Perce NF. Twenty-nine miles northeast of Elk City, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless new information is received.

* **Vista**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty-three miles northeast of Elk City, ID. Timber. Backing fire. 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
West Garceau	MT	FHA	8,800	3,800	5	8/20	122	72	3	7	0	0	282K	BIA
Steep Corner	ID	CTS	200	0	30	UNK	162	22	4	1	2	0	493K	ST
Mallard	ID	NPF	167	-39	60	8/17	20	-3	1	0	0	0	200K	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	998	14	0	10/1	129	2	3	6	2	0	752K	FS
Rosebud Creek Complex	MT	EAS	171,444	0	98	UNK	59	-215	1	9	0	10	6M	ST
Elbow Pass Complex	MT	LCF	17,458	0	N/A	N/A	53	-16	0	0	3	0	3.4M	FS
* Goat/Ditch	ID	NPF	1,800	---	N/A	N/A	21	---	1	0	0	0	125K	FS
* Vista	ID	NPF	400	---	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	0	0	0	40K	FS
Anderson	MT	NES	3,000	500	100	---	0	-43	0	0	0	0	128K	ST
Crow	MT	MCD	1,117	267	100	---	0	-8	0	0	0	0	5K	BLM

NES – Northeastern Land Office, Montana DNR

MCD – Miles City Field Office, BLM

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 23

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 9

Lagoon Creek, Pawnee Agency, BIA. Five miles north of Yale, OK. Timber and grass. Smoldering.

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

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

Davis Haynes Ranch, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles southwest of Albany, TX. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

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 new information.

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

Rose Hill, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Three miles northwest of Wheelen Springs, AR. Timber. No further information received.

* **Powerline 37**, National Forests in Florida. Three miles east of Moss Bluff, FL. Timber. Moderate 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
Lagoon Creek	OK	PAA	3,500	0	90	UNK	18	0	0	25	0	12	38K	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
Rhodes Ranch II	TX	TXS	1,995	301	80	UNK	101	0	0	35	2	0	NR	PRI
Dark Valley	TX	TXS	1,745	0	95	UNK	87	0	0	27	3	0	NR	PRI
Davis Haynes Ranch	TX	TXS	542	0	90	UNK	9	0	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Lometa Ranch	TX	TXS	1,150	650	50	UNK	19	10	0	0	4	0	NR	ST
Lacey	AR	ARS	400	---	50	UNK	10	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Casa	AR	ARS	450	50	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Rose Hill	AR	ARS	500	200	85	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Powerline 37	FL	FNF	300	---	90	8/16	14	---	0	4	1	0	10K	FS
Riley	TX	TXS	1,171	171	100	---	35	0	0	16	0	0	NR	ST
Dawson Creek	TX	TXS	305	0	100	---	9	0	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
Bowlegs	OK	WEA	126	-274	100	---	32	-2	2	5	0	0	66K	BIA

WEA – Wewoka Agency, BIA

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Mistake Peak, Tonto NF. IMT 2 (Reidy). Twelve miles from Tonto Basin, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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

Jumpup, Kaibab NF. Thirty-nine miles southeast of Fredonia, AZ. Grass. No new information.

Hold Up, Cibola NF. Ten miles east of Duty, NM. Timber. No new information.

* **Queen**, Tonto NF. Two miles northeast of Superior, AZ. Grass. 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
Mistake Peak	AZ	TNF	4,800	800	15	8/30	422	47	11	15	3	0	980K	FS
Charley	AZ	TNF	2,300	1,350	15	8/19	82	3	2	11	2	0	90K	FS
Jumpup	AZ	KNF	360	---	50	UNK	39	---	1	5	1	0	38K	FS
Hold Up	NM	CIF	170	---	20	UNK	6	---	1	0	0	0	20K	FS
* Queen	AZ	TNF	600	---	0	8/22	5	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 1
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Alpine Lake, Wind River Agency, BIA. Previously reported incident. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	1,342	---	N/A	N/A	11	---	0	0	1	0	45K	BIA
Little Box Elder	WY	COX	6,501	0	100	---	37	-25	1	2	1	1	600K	CNTY
* 150 Hwy 77	KS	KSX	3,800	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	38K	CNTY
* 140 Hwy 77	KS	KSX	425	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	CNTY

COX – Converse County

KSX – Kansas Counties

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 across the Great Basin from the Sierras to central Colorado. Isolated thunderstorms will also form across New Mexico and southern Arizona. Hot conditions will continue over much of the West. A cold front will drop through the Plains and cross the upper Mississippi Valley, bringing much cooler weather to most of the High Plains and the upper Midwest. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop along and ahead of the front from Texas and Oklahoma to the mid-Atlantic states and north along the eastern seaboard.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Miscellaneous Category.

ASH PIT HAZARDS

Ash pits are an inherent and hidden risk to wildland firefighters that can cause severe burns and injuries. Ash pits are created when a ground fire consumes underground fuels creating an empty space that is imperceptible from the surface.

- Environmental factors that increase the risk of ash pit formation after a wildfire:
 - Extensive root systems of trees and shrubs.
 - Deep duff or peat, the organic layer covering mineral soil.
 - Landscapes that have once been cultivated or manipulated by heavy equipment, old dozer piles, sawmills, timber sale yards or decking areas.
 - Small rodent holes that have become filled with decadent combustible debris, beaver holes near dams and stream beds, badger and coyote dens.
 - White ash is sometimes an indicator of ash pits as are swarms of hovering insects.
 - With the sun behind the suspected ash pit, look for small nearly translucent smokes that dissipate quickly above the ground.
 - Ash pits often give off the smell of incomplete combustion or of creosote burning.

- Mitigation measures to consider:
 - Identification of high risk landscape.
 - Identify and flag all hazardous discovered ash pits.

Resources: [Safety Advisory: Ash Pit Safety](#), Risk Management Committee 2010

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					101		101
Northwest	FIRES	2			1	2	3	8
	ACRES	7,500			0	2	26	7,528
Northern California	FIRES		0				6	6
	ACRES		46,239				5,734	51,973
Southern California	FIRES	0	1		3	30	8	42
	ACRES	1	0		155	1,249	1	1,406
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4	2	6
	ACRES					100	922	1,022
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			1	2	8
	ACRES		2,550			0	70,858	73,408
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11				2	13
	ACRES		8,319				1	8,320
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			3	5	10
	ACRES	176	147			1	1,557	1,881
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0					1	1
	ACRES	454					0	454
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					82		82
Southern Area	FIRES					21	2	23
	ACRES					2,359	41	2,400
TOTAL	FIRES	3	18	0	4	66	31	122
	ACRES	8,131	57,255	0	155	3,894	79,140	148,575

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	144	167	20	12	437	442	1,222
	ACRES	9,596	1,059,389	1,788	10	16,511	51,453	1,138,747
Northern California	FIRES	91	20	2	8	1,942	421	2,484
	ACRES	168	164,531	0	18,506	12,849	89,853	285,907
Southern California	FIRES	28	142	10	31	4,338	438	4,987
	ACRES	33	27,035	8	1,140	47,529	5,568	81,313
Northern Rockies	FIRES	988	188	23	20	439	528	2,186
	ACRES	342,833	261,161	10,463	666	80,461	58,810	754,394
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	671		26	653	422	1,820
	ACRES	28,657	756,891		1,536	191,245	536,782	1,515,111
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	469	2	14	164	101	755
	ACRES	1,200	652,118	0	37	73,372	26,880	753,607
Southwest	FIRES	696	186	12	39	468	898	2,299
	ACRES	31,142	4,925	187	4,329	31,885	459,519	531,987
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	898	502	20	33	709	563	2,725
	ACRES	67,239	52,751	1,326	833	294,162	178,595	594,906
Eastern Area	FIRES	679		46	17	7,723	522	8,987
	ACRES	1,644		4,775	402	75,228	9,830	91,879
Southern Area	FIRES	478		74	46	14,095	559	15,252
	ACRES	39,381		32,433	16,752	247,503	80,600	416,669
TOTAL	FIRES	4,056	2,382	237	266	31,209	4,899	43,049
	ACRES	521,936	3,030,135	90,658	112,117	1,120,489	1,497,890	6,373,225

Ten Year Average Fires	52,005
Ten Year Average Acres	5,062,226

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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						1	1
	ACRES						395	395
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	395	395

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	169	298
	ACRES	1,822	4,745	16,495	233	1,809	19,064	44,168
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	55	206
	ACRES	1,790	2,965	18,741	2,492	738	9,707	36,433
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	8,433	838	9,489
	ACRES	4,783		59,530	37,634	476,238	813,336	1,391,521
TOTAL	FIRES	138	148	842	165	9,484	1,857	12,634
	ACRES	35,335	28,112	203,937	50,867	552,064	1,006,670	1,876,985

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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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