

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, September 4, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (123 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	22
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	14

\*\* 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 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID. Two MAFFS from the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Sacramento, CA.

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	18
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

**Threemile**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on FS land eighteen miles southeast of Ashland, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Hibbard**, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. Thirty-five miles northeast of Billings, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**McGuire Complex**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Five miles northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Pine Creek**, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 1 (Poncin). Nine miles south of Livingston, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences and communication towers threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Black Tail Ridge**, Northwestern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Kusicko). Three miles south of Plains, MT. Timber, logging slash and brush. Active fire behavior with spotting.

**Millie**, Gallatin NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures threatened.

**Nineteen Mile**, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Benes). Ten miles southeast of Butte, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Powell SBW Complex** (3 fires), Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning. Structures threatened.

**Sawtooth**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Heintz). Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Isolated torching with short-range spotting.

**Elevation Mountain**, Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Fry). Started on BLM land ten miles southwest of Ovando, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

**East Fork**, Helena NF. Previously reported incident. Ten miles northwest of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Single-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
Threemile	MT	MCD	400	-100	30	9/5	86	51	1	11	1	0	150K	FS
Hibbard	MT	SOS	326	0	75	UNK	66	12	0	21	1	0	50K	ST
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	14,002	4,000	5	UNK	374	27	9	21	4	0	2.6M	FS
Pine Creek	MT	CES	8,000	200	45	UNK	434	38	11	21	4	13	2.1M	ST
Black Tail Ridge	MT	NWS	250	50	0	9/9	54	54	1	6	0	0	200K	ST
Millie	MT	GNF	10,186	0	10	11/1	510	98	12	21	6	0	2.1M	FS
Nineteen Mile	MT	CES	4,160	0	81	UNK	456	-5	9	38	3	34	2.6M	ST
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	31,628	1,777	N/A	N/A	123	-48	2	4	1	0	1.4M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	340	30	N/A	N/A	20	-8	1	0	0	0	160K	FS
Elevation Mountain	MT	SWS	877	0	70	9/7	352	4	8	8	3	0	4.4M	BLM
East Fork	MT	HNF	1,123	---	N/A	N/A	11	---	0	1	0	0	15K	FS

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

New fires: 20  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Area Command Teams committed: 1  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Area Command Team (Loach) is assigned to the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

**Trinity Ridge**, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Quesinberry, Lund and Kurth). Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Flanking and backing fire with isolated torching. Numerous structures and communications site threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Mustang Complex** (3 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Blume). Twenty-eight miles west of North Fork, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Voluntary evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Halstead**, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 2 (Adell). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with torching. Numerous structures and power lines threatened. Evacuations and area 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
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	145,446	659	43	10/1	1,150	-99	25	48	12	12	33.4M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	221,727	6,617	N/A	N/A	962	2	14	79	3	6	16M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	131,030	2,200	N/A	N/A	532	-9	6	31	7	0	17.9M	FS

### **Northern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 23  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Bagley**, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (McGowan). Four miles west of Big Bend, CA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Moderate fire activity with torching and short-range spotting. Structures and high voltage power lines threatened. Road closures in effect.

**North Pass**, Mendocino NF. IMT 2 (Walker). Twenty-five miles northeast of Covelo, CA. Timber and logging slash. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Fort Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Ten miles northwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber. Backing fire with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Power**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles southwest of Burney, CA. Timber. 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
Bagley	CA	SHF	44,465	984	62	9/15	1,920	0	59	93	9	0	21M	FS
North Pass	CA	MNF	41,983	643	62	9/10	1,372	97	28	54	14	16	22.4M	FS
Fort Complex	CA	KNF	23,010	694	30	10/15	936	243	26	22	10	0	18.3M	FS
Power	CA	SHU	248	8	95	9/4	260	-203	16	29	0	10	625K	ST

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Wellnitz**, Nebraska DOF. IMT 2 (Richardson). Ten miles north of Rushville, NE. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Numerous structures threatened.

**Region 23 Complex** (2 fires), Nebraska DOF. IMT 2 (Lowe). Fifteen miles northwest of Crawford, NE. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Gilead**, Bighorn NF. Fourteen miles northwest of Buffalo, WY. Timber. Backing fire with short uphill runs. Numerous 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
Wellnitz	NE	NES	77,159	0	74	9/7	300	28	2	30	5	31	675K	ST
Region 23 Complex	NE	NES	88,180	0	75	9/6	757	238	4	117	2	20	3.4M	ST
Gilead	WY	BHF	1,350	300	N/A	N/A	152	33	4	14	2	0	759K	FS

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 16  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Parish Cabin**, Malheur NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Fifteen miles northeast of Seneca, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

**Cache Creek**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rapp) back to the local unit will occur today. Forty-two miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

**Waterfalls 2**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Twenty-two miles west of Warm Springs, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with torching.

\* **Slate Creek**, Grants Pass Unit, Oregon DOF. Thirteen miles west of Grants Pass, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. 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
Parish Cabin	OR	MAF	6,481	228	65	9/10	891	-27	23	33	5	1	4.6M	FS
Cache Creek	OR	WWF	73,500	200	90	9/15	436	-98	10	10	6	1	9.8M	FS
Waterfalls 2	OR	WSA	12,265	0	85	9/15	314	-294	10	14	3	0	13.2M	BIA
* Slate Creek	OR	712	121	---	10	9/5	249	---	9	20	0	0	300K	ST

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

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

**Williams**, Angeles NF. IMT 2 (Smith). Fifteen miles north of Glendora, CA. Mixed conifer and chaparral. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations and 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
Williams	CA	ANF	3,600	0	5	9/13	771	524	24	40	10	0	800K	FS

### **Other Fires**

(As of August 31)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	2	62,895	0	0	0	0
NW	4	116,906	9	23	3	523
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	18	45,511	2	1	5	142
EB	7	72,932	0	2	0	19
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	3	6,302	1	0	1	12
RM	3	10,715	2	7	3	73
EA	1	700	7	3	0	110
SA	2	1,688	0	0	0	0
Total	40	317,649	21	36	12	879

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Isolated thunderstorms will form over the higher terrain over the Four Corners region. Breezy conditions will continue over the northern Rockies and the northern Plains. Thunderstorms and heavy rain will spread from the central Gulf States to New England as a slow-moving front slides toward the Appalachians. Thunderstorms will also develop around the Great Lakes and the upper Mississippi Valley. Hot weather will return to the southern and central Plains.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.



[Scenario](#)

Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

## AVIATION "WATCH OUT" SITUATIONS

As part of risk management, especially during high activity fires, each aviation manager and employee should be asking questions.

- Is the flight necessary?
- Who is in charge?
- Are hazards identified and known?  
Flight Hazards: Have they been identified and assessed? Have the pilots been informed?
- Should the operation or the flight be stopped due to a change in conditions? Consider the following:
  - Radio Communications
  - Environmental Conditions – weather, visibility, terrain, elevation, temperatures
  - Mission Priorities
  - Successful Mission Completion Probabilities
- Is there a better way to do it?
- Is there pressure to complete a mission at all costs?
- Can you justify your actions?
- Is the mission airspace confined or congested?  
Multiple aircraft  
Mixed types of aircraft  
Poor visibility
- Do you have an escape route?
- Are any guidelines being ignored or policies being broken?
- Are communications getting tense?
- Are you deviating from the assigned operation or flight?

References: [Incident Response Pocket Guide page 46](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	1		1	6	7	16
	ACRES	10	1		1	203	230	445
Northern California	FIRES					18	5	23
	ACRES					170	3	173
Southern California	FIRES		1			12	9	22
	ACRES		0			3	282	285
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	1		0	1	5	18
	ACRES	22	1		5	185	16,827	17,040
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	9			7	3	20
	ACRES	1	30			0	7,909	7,940
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				1	5
	ACRES		1				0	1
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	5			3	3	11
	ACRES	50	2			71	300	423
Eastern Area	FIRES	2				2		4
	ACRES	26				140		166
Southern Area	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					15	21	36
TOTAL	FIRES	15	21	0	1	51	35	123
	ACRES	109	35	0	6	787	25,572	26,509

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	30	20	255	5	348
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,679	68,106	89,859	0	249,021
Northwest	FIRES	156	187	26	22	557	620	1,568
	ACRES	15,932	1,105,153	1,901	13	38,045	171,190	1,332,234
Northern California	FIRES	95	22	2	10	2,291	406	2,826
	ACRES	168	413,780	0	28,526	27,927	239,003	709,404
Southern California	FIRES	31	150	10	53	2,572	541	3,357
	ACRES	43	28,742	8	1,443	33,132	6,290	69,658
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,070	198	34	23	499	715	2,539
	ACRES	351,887	278,847	11,215	2,341	157,535	167,384	969,209
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	56	776	1	30	736	516	2,115
	ACRES	28,704	768,355	2	2,121	196,798	825,574	1,821,554
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	589	2	16	177	135	924
	ACRES	1,200	649,377	0	37	59,332	26,931	736,877
Southwest	FIRES	708	196	12	41	512	971	2,440
	ACRES	32,018	5,198	187	4,332	33,501	460,464	535,700
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,168	502	35	39	1,568	617	3,929
	ACRES	82,678	57,153	3,872	837	620,419	184,069	949,028
Eastern Area	FIRES	685		49	17	7,897	546	9,194
	ACRES	1,673		4,776	402	79,556	10,443	96,850
Southern Area	FIRES	493		77	46	14,440	578	15,634
	ACRES	45,692		32,812	16,752	253,975	80,660	429,891
TOTAL	FIRES	4,468	2,657	278	317	31,504	5,650	44,874
	ACRES	560,038	3,357,939	94,452	124,910	1,590,079	2,172,008	7,899,426

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>57,276</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,086,885</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		2					2
	ACRES		27					27
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					16		16
	ACRES					130		130
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	16	0	18
	ACRES	0	27	0	0	130	0	157

### 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	62	16		1	157	244
	ACRES	3,502	7,078	1,330		0	31,956	43,866
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	22	21		137	196
	ACRES	108	203	22,621	151		9,753	32,836
Southern California	FIRES		6	5	5	6	159	181
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,831	4,120	8,799
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	8	73	3	33	192	325
	ACRES	1,822	4,608	18,434	233	1,809	20,854	47,760
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	20	42	79
	ACRES		898	188	230	324	18,824	20,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	4		13	4	24
	ACRES		1,262	419		279	221	2,181
Southwest	FIRES	31	17	12	15		131	206
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	109		38,954	54,308
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	19	109	21	13	55	240
	ACRES	2,100	2,945	21,564	2,492	1,283	9,707	40,091
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		498	41	968	152	1,696
	ACRES	22,116		78,915	9,054	57,638	57,595	225,318
Southern Area	FIRES	23		143	53	8,710	840	9,769
	ACRES	4,783		59,541	37,634	478,808	814,126	1,394,892
TOTAL	FIRES	141	139	884	165	9,774	1,869	12,972
	ACRES	35,645	27,034	208,905	50,867	555,286	1,006,110	1,883,847

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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	3	0	1,291	52,257
Yukon Territory	0	0	125	92,116
Alberta	3	0	1,345	378,855
Northwest Territory	3	0	272	280,317
Saskatchewan	1	1	392	231,764
Manitoba	0	0	445	201,782
Ontario	11	1	1,402	146,025
Quebec	2	25	742	70,090
Newfoundland	0	0	190	137,469
New Brunswick	0	1	328	365
Nova Scotia	0	0	337	811
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	76	271,986
Total	23	28	6,950	1,863,845

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***