

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, September 15, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (55 new fires)
New large fires:	2 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	30
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

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

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

Two MAFFS from the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard), and the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, NC were released at close of business yesterday from Sacramento, CA.

**Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	10
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	15
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

**Wenatchee Complex** (6 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

**Okanogan Complex** (3 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Yakima Complex** (2 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Active fire behavior with crowning and short-range spotting. Residences and power lines threatened. Area and road closures in effect.

**Pole Creek**, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Numerous residences threatened.

**Cascade Creek**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Barker Canyon Complex** (2 fires), Spokane District, BLM. IMT 2 (Nickey). Six miles southwest of Grand Coulee, WA. Brush, hardwood slash and grass. Smoldering. 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
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	30,606	2,306	15	UNK	1,288	144	32	152	11	1	4.9M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	3,170	510	10	UNK	423	74	14	15	3	0	750K	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	801	189	25	UNK	780	76	22	68	5	1	2.2M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	7,000	2,000	10	UNK	824	108	19	31	8	0	3.4M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	5,000	500	4	UNK	595	16	17	7	5	2	2.3M	FS
Barker Canyon Complex	WA	SPD	91,883	0	79	9/19	234	-29	3	43	0	12	2M	BLM
Apache Pass	WA	WFS	23,324	122	100	---	70	-59	1	3	0	4	680K	ST

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### Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires: 6  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 7  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

\* **Welder**, Fort Belknap Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Havre, MT. Grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Sawtooth**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**McGuire Complex**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Sheep**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Turman). One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with running and torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Millie**, Gallatin NF. Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**Bean Canyon**, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. Fifteen miles northeast of Toston, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **B Smith**, Fort Peck Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles north of Poplar, MT. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Highway 13/20**, Fort Peck Agency, BIA. Twenty-five miles southeast of Scobey, MT. Grass. Active fire behavior.

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
* Welder	MT	FPA	30,000	---	0	UNK	53	---	0	15	1	0	UNK	BIA
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	4,725	100	N/A	N/A	510	33	13	37	5	0	3.9M	FS

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
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	26,884	382	2	10/31	429	-35	9	22	7	0	8.2M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	24,761	900	24	UNK	648	57	15	35	7	1	4.7M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,185	0	75	11/1	167	-137	1	10	3	0	8M	FS
Bean Canyon	MT	CES	4,325	0	85	9/16	139	3	2	17	4	0	547K	ST
* B Smith	MT	FPA	400	---	90	9/16	67	---	0	27	1	0	25K	BIA
Highway 13/20	MT	FPA	10,500	500	90	UNK	28	11	0	5	1	1	125K	BIA

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires:	6
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Area Command Teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Area Command Team (Loach), assigned to the Salmon-Challis National Forest, will be released today.

**Mustang Complex** (4 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Sciacca). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Backing fire with isolated torching. Communities and numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Horsethief Canyon**, Teton County. IMT 2 (Ourada). Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with torching and spotting. Numerous structures, communications site and Snow King Ski Resort threatened.

**Wesley**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Suwyn). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Residences threatened.

**Halstead**, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Adell). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Trinity Ridge**, Boise NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Kurth) back to the local unit will occur today. Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Isolated torching. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**North Buffalo**, Bridger-Teton NF. Previously reported incident. Fourteen miles northeast of Moran, WY. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with 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
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	301,825	3,876	N/A	N/A	866	-122	10	81	5	7	26.6M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,324	0	41	9/20	651	64	16	43	9	0	3.8M	CNTY
Wesley	ID	PAF	6,124	1,768	8	UNK	387	35	9	7	5	0	1.8M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	159,980	5,608	N/A	N/A	313	-5	5	11	2	0	24.2M	FS

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	146,740	63	64	10/1	92	-117	1	4	3	13	40.5M	FS
North Buffalo	WY	BTF	18,000	---	N/A	N/A	9	---	0	0	0	0	780K	FS

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

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

**North Pass**, Mendocino NF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Covelo, CA. Timber and logging slash. Creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect.

**Bagley**, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Four miles west of Big Bend, CA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Minimal fire activity. Road and area closures in effect.

**Cheney**, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. One mile southwest of Susanville, CA. Timber and grass. Minimal 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
North Pass	CA	MNF	41,983	0	97	9/16	228	-22	3	3	1	26	30M	FS
Bagley	CA	SHF	46,011	0	95	9/15	468	13	7	19	2	0	33.4M	FS
Cheney	CA	LMU	230	0	80	9/15	298	-30	13	16	0	0	414K	ST
Likely	CA	NOD	9,838	-21	100	---	256	-81	7	2	3	0	4.2M	BLM
Scotts	CA	MEU	4,618	0	100	---	504	-267	15	30	0	0	7M	ST

NOD – Northern California District, BLM      MEU – Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire

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

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

**Sheep Herder Hill Complex**, Natrona County. IMT 2 (Pechota). Eight miles south of Casper, WY. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated single tree torching. Numerous structures and communication sites threatened. 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
Sheep Herder Hill Complex	WY	NAX	15,493	77	75	9/15	325	-5	6	21	3	60	2.1M	CNTY

## **Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Shotley**, Minnesota DNR. Two miles north of Saum, MN. 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	0	45	9/16	73	3	1	5	3	0	165K	ST

## **Other Fires**

(As of September 14)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	1	40,529	0	0	0	0
NW	2	105,336	4	12	2	154
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	1	4,192	3	0	5	150
NR	27	98,859	2	12	3	250
EB	6	16,687	0	4	0	26
WB	1	768	0	1	1	11
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	2	27,115	1	1	5	96
EA	1	5	0	3	0	8
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	41	293,491	10	33	16	695

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warm and dry weather will continue across most of the West. A cold front will drop into the northern Rockies and northern Plains, bringing cooler and breezy conditions to those regions. Mild temperatures will spread across the Plains to the East Coast as high pressure settles in behind a cold front stalled along the Gulf and Southeast coasts. Scattered thunderstorms, some with heavy rain will develop over Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.

## AVIATION MISHAP RESPONSE ACTIONS

Having a written mishap response action posted and accessible to all employees is an important first step. Having a list of actions to follow will ensure that nothing is missed in a stressful, time-critical period. Response plans have to be briefed to all on the crew.

- Immediate, positive action is necessary. Any delay may affect someone's chances of survival.
- Conduct rescue operations keeping the following priorities in mind:
  - Preserve life. Rescuers first!!!
  - Do whatever is necessary to extricate injured occupants and to extinguish fires, keeping in mind the necessity of protecting and preserving evidence.
  - Document and/or photograph the location of any debris that must be disturbed in order to carry out rescues and/or fire suppression activities.
  - Secure the area. Treat the crash site as a crime scene. Arrange for security at the accident scene if necessary. Determine if hazardous materials were on the aircraft. Deny access except to credentialed officials and escorted media.
- Be aware that crash sites can be dangerous due to hazardous cargo, flammable and toxic fluids, sharp objects, disease, adverse terrain, hot/cold weather conditions, and fire.
- Exercise good judgment, utilize available protective devices and clothing, and use extreme caution when working near the wreckage site.
- Do not exceed your physical limitations.
- **Activity:** *Review your unit's mishap response plan with the crew. Consider practicing with a crash rescue drill or scenario.*

References:

[NFES-2659 Interagency Aviation Mishap Response Guide and Checklist](#)

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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				1		9	10
	ACRES				1		705	706
Northern California	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Southern California	FIRES				1	11		12
	ACRES				51	4		55
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			2	2	6
	ACRES	900	17			1	47,828	48,746
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			5	0	6
	ACRES		0			729	7,600	8,329
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southwest	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	1					0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0				4	0	4
	ACRES	382				12	550	944
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					117		117
TOTAL	FIRES	3	2	0	2	35	13	55
	ACRES	1,284	17	0	52	864	56,684	58,901

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	30	20	267	5	360
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,679	68,105	89,861	0	249,022
Northwest	FIRES	173	201	26	27	651	719	1,797
	ACRES	17,587	1,105,491	1,901	17	40,667	150,464	1,316,127
Northern California	FIRES	99	23	2	11	2,441	533	3,109
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,829	288,942	770,251
Southern California	FIRES	31	157	10	59	2,726	563	3,546
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,748	33,418	10,132	78,025
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,115	206	37	22	625	772	2,777
	ACRES	363,506	298,848	11,263	2,371	180,950	340,791	1,197,729
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	802	1	31	773	563	2,229
	ACRES	29,445	755,050	2	2,121	208,769	937,605	1,932,992
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	632	2	16	189	139	983
	ACRES	1,200	690,705	0	28	59,353	26,935	778,221
Southwest	FIRES	720	197	12	42	520	998	2,489
	ACRES	33,698	5,201	187	4,334	33,752	460,481	537,653
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,224	508	35	38	1,587	633	4,025
	ACRES	123,144	52,004	3,872	837	629,799	186,914	996,570
Eastern Area	FIRES	712		49	18	8,016	579	9,374
	ACRES	1,878		4,776	402	80,302	12,379	99,737
Southern Area	FIRES	495		77	46	14,609	586	15,813
	ACRES	45,700		32,812	16,752	255,202	80,782	431,248
TOTAL	FIRES	4,634	2,763	281	330	32,404	6,090	46,502
	ACRES	616,418	3,415,089	94,500	125,241	1,640,902	2,495,425	8,387,575

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>59,391</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,408,995</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							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	66	17			158	249
	ACRES	3,502	7,193	1,335			32,015	44,045
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	22	21		146	205
	ACRES	108	203	22,621	151		10,872	33,955
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	17		131	208
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	318		38,954	54,517
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	13	109	21	13	51	230
	ACRES	2,100	1,543	21,564	2,492	1,283	8,662	37,644
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		146	53	8,855	840	9,917
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	479,869	814,126	1,396,251
TOTAL	FIRES	141	137	888	167	9,918	1,875	13,126
	ACRES	35,645	25,747	209,208	51,076	556,347	1,006,243	1,884,266

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

## Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	51	1,499	1,385	53,836
Yukon Territory	1	0	126	92,116
Alberta	17	13,924	1,425	392,982
Northwest Territory	4	9,849	273	294,035
Saskatchewan	3	43	395	231,807
Manitoba	0	0	449	228,951
Ontario	63	899	1,507	146,653
Quebec	7	0	773	70,077
Newfoundland	1	0	192	137,469
New Brunswick	10	0	338	360
Nova Scotia	0	0	344	817
Prince Edward Island	0	84	5	93
National Parks	0	0	76	272,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>26,297</b>	<b>7,288</b>	<b>1,921,371</b>

**\*\*\*CIFFC information updated weekly\*\*\***

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