

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (32 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	35
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

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

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

On September 17, a firefighter died while working on the Wenatchee Complex near Wenatchee, WA. The firefighting community extends its condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

**Northwest Area (PL 4)**

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

**Wenatchee Complex** (9 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Table Mountain** (4 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Reed). Sixteen miles east of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Okanogan Complex** (4 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures and communication sites threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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

**Yakima Complex**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

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

**Hunsaker**, Vale District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Halfway, OR. Timber, brush and grass. No new information.

\* **Bear Slide**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Five miles northeast of Warm Springs, OR. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **Trail 2**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Eleven miles southwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching.

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	35,493	501	22	UNK	1,923	102	53	147	13	1	12.1M	FS
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	6,033	0	4	UNK	564	87	13	63	3	0	1.2M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	5,031	320	18	UNK	539	40	15	26	5	0	3.1M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	17,500	1,000	20	UNK	1,233	3	33	42	8	0	7.6M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,198	0	20	UNK	679	-14	15	54	9	0	5.5M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	7,000	147	40	UNK	627	24	16	23	5	2	4.5M	FS
Hunsaker	OR	VAD	693	---	60	UNK	66	---	2	4	1	0	250K	BLM
* Bear Slide	OR	WSA	1,680	---	90	9/20	59	---	2	7	0	0	40K	BIA
* Trail 2	OR	WSA	109	---	0	9/22	42	---	1	6	0	0	10K	BIA

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)**

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

**McGuire Complex**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). IMT also managing the Porcupine Complex. One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching 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. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Sawtooth**, Bitterroot NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Poncin) back to the local unit will occur on 9/21. Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Dugan**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Two miles south of Ekalaka, MT. Timber. Smoldering. Structures threatened.

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

**Powell SBW Complex**, Clearwater NF. Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. Area closure in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Porcupine Complex** (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. Twenty-five miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. Road and trail closures in effect. No further information received.

**Welder**, Fort Belknap Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Harlem, MT. Grass. No further information received.

\* **Elizabeth**, Clearwater NF. Thirty miles northwest of Pierce, ID. Timber. Backing fire. Road closures in effect. 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
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	33,564	547	2	10/31	648	37	10	60	7	0	10.6M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	36,938	2,080	21	UNK	617	-42	13	36	7	1	7.3M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,021	152	40	UNK	347	-67	9	5	4	0	5.8M	FS
Dugan	MT	MCD	10,675	0	95	9/20	179	-7	4	20	2	13	623K	BLM
Millie	MT	GNF	10,425	78	75	11/1	110	0	1	4	3	0	8.7M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	49,725	1,500	N/A	N/A	50	9	0	5	1	0	3.5M	FS
Porcupine Complex	ID	NPF	26,124	0	N/A	N/A	33	0	0	0	0	0	53K	FS
Welder	MT	FBA	33,318	0	95	9/19	32	-13	0	7	0	0	210K	BIA
* Elizabeth	ID	CWF	200	---	N/A	N/A	3	---	0	1	0	0	15K	FS
Bearcomesout	MT	NCA	1,740	740	100	---	61	7	2	6	1	0	100K	BIA

NCA - Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 5  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**Karney**, Southwest Area Office, IDL. IMT 2 (Wilde). Started on private land eight miles northeast of Boise, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Wesley**, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Mustang Complex** (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Sciacca). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Chall Creek**, Bridger-Teton NF. Thirty miles west of Pinedale, WY. Heavy logging slash. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Residences threatened.

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

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

**Trinity Ridge**, Boise NF. Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Isolated torching. Structures threatened. Area and trail 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
Karney	ID	SWS	300	202	0	9/19	138	57	3	8	2	1	801K	PRI
Wesley	ID	PAF	10,666	932	8	UNK	542	-11	14	11	6	0	4.7M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	327,017	0	N/A	N/A	778	-45	11	52	5	7	30M	FS
Chall Creek	WY	BTF	400	0	20	9/25	246	155	5	23	4	0	200K	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	82	9/22	473	-101	12	20	5	0	7.1M	CNTY
Halstead	ID	SCF	168,624	518	N/A	N/A	134	-33	2	8	2	1	25M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	146,832	0	70	10/1	93	-8	2	2	3	13	41M	FS
Butte	UT	SLD	2,112	1,112	100	---	0	-20	0	0	0	0	80K	BLM
West Lake	UT	NWS	615	0	100	---	0	-23	0	0	0	0	125K	ST

SLD - Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

NWS - Northwest Area, Utah DOF

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

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

**Alpine Lake**, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	40,361	169	N/A	N/A	130	-4	2	12	4	0	2.1M	BIA

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 6  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Shotley**, Minnesota DNR. Two miles north of Saum, MN. 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	0	85	UNK	119	-17	3	3	0	0	456K	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 conditions will continue across the West with locally unstable conditions in the Northwest and northern Rockies. A cold front will push into the central Plains, bringing cooler weather from Montana thru the Dakotas into Kansas. Warm and humid conditions will spread across Texas and Oklahoma while cool to mild weather settles in the East. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will move through the Great Lakes region and a few thunderstorms will form over Florida.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.**

## **POWER LINE SAFETY**

Operating near or under power lines poses unique hazards, and the following precautions should be followed to reduce potential equipment damage or injury:

- If possible, the power company should deactivate lines in the fire area.
- Don't operate heavy equipment under power lines.
- Keep all aviation activity away from power lines. Inform air attack and/or other aviation resources of the location of the power lines.
- Don't drive with long antennas under power lines.
- Don't stand near power lines during retardant drops.
- Don't park under power lines. The magnetic field around energized power lines can induce an electrical charge in ungrounded vehicles or equipment. This charge can shock anyone who touches the vehicle.
- Don't apply straight stream to power lines.
- All personnel should be cautioned that smoke may become charged and conduct the electrical current. Deactivated transmission and distribution lines may continue to pose a hazard due to induction.
- If power lines fall on your vehicle, DON'T leave the vehicle until the power company arrives. If the vehicle is on fire or fire is near, jump clear, don't hang on, keep feet together, and bunny hop away.

### References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						110	110
Northern California	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	0					6	6
Southern California	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					62		62
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0				1	1	2
	ACRES	100				0	5,139	5,239
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			2	3	5
	ACRES		1,112			303	552	1,967
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2				1	1	4
	ACRES	191				0	179	370
Eastern Area	FIRES	2				4		6
	ACRES	1				7		8
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	5	0	0	0	17	10	32
	ACRES	292	1,112	0	0	373	5,986	7,763

### 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	176	202	26	27	664	745	1,840
	ACRES	17,745	1,106,185	1,901	20	40,678	162,326	1,328,855
Northern California	FIRES	102	23	2	11	2,441	546	3,125
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,829	327,451	808,760
Southern California	FIRES	31	157	10	58	2,778	567	3,601
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,748	33,595	10,133	78,203
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,120	207	37	22	629	785	2,800
	ACRES	398,109	329,523	11,263	2,371	181,460	364,460	1,287,186
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	808	1	31	778	576	2,253
	ACRES	29,444	784,753	2	2,121	212,785	958,163	1,987,268
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	632	2	16	191	139	985
	ACRES	1,200	690,705	0	28	59,353	26,935	778,221
Southwest	FIRES	721	197	12	42	519	1,003	2,494
	ACRES	33,698	5,201	187	4,334	33,752	460,481	537,653
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,238	510	34	38	1,597	643	4,060
	ACRES	142,384	52,015	3,963	837	631,507	188,403	1,019,109
Eastern Area	FIRES	726		49	18	8,052	583	9,428
	ACRES	1,891		4,776	402	80,229	12,388	99,686
Southern Area	FIRES	495		77	46	14,779	586	15,983
	ACRES	45,700		32,812	16,752	256,909	80,782	432,955
TOTAL	FIRES	4,674	2,773	280	329	32,695	6,178	46,929
	ACRES	670,431	3,476,172	94,591	125,244	1,648,958	2,591,522	8,606,918

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,075</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,500,984</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			1				1
	ACRES			5				5
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					3		3
	ACRES					3		3
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	3	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	5	0	3	0	8

**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	23	21		148	208
	ACRES	108	203	22,626	151		10,874	33,962
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	98	21	13	51	219
	ACRES	2,100	1,543	20,827	2,492	1,283	8,662	36,907
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	8,934	840	9,996
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	480,614	814,126	1,396,996
TOTAL	FIRES	141	137	878	167	9,997	1,877	13,197
	ACRES	35,645	25,747	208,476	51,076	557,092	1,006,245	1,884,281

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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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