

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, July 17, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (129 new fires)
 New large fires: 6 (*)
 Large fires contained: 4
 Uncontained large fires**: 26
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 43 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents. **

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

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Railbelt Complex (3 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (Allen). Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with group-tree torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Shanta Creek, Kenai – Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. NIMO (Gage). Started on FWS land twelve miles southeast of Soldotna, AK. Spruce. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Logging Slash, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-three miles northeast of Nenana, AK. Mixed spruce and hardwood slash. Smoldering.

Upper Healy River, Delta Area, Alaska DOF. Forty-six miles east of Delta Junction, AK. Black spruce and hardwoods. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	184,284	6,155	3	UNK	366	11	12	6	5	0	3M	ST
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	13,151	573	0	10/10	452	0	12	3	8	0	3.8M	FWS
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	15,550	150	NR	UNK	103	8	4	0	2	0	1.9M	FWS

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Logging Slash	AK	FAS	118	0	80	7/17	57	-4	3	0	0	0	38K	ST
Upper Healy River	AK	DAS	61	0	60	8/1	61	-26	3	0	0	0	766K	ST
* Nation	AK	UYD	281	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 22
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Backbone, Six Rivers NF. NIMO (Custer) and IMT2 (Swartzlander). Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Moderate fire activity.

* **Mammoth**, Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Four miles northeast of Auburn, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Howland, Plumas NF. Two miles east of LaPorte, CA. Timber. 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
Backbone	CA	SRF	6,314	92	40	8/30	1,195	-28	35	8	12	0	10.7M	FS
* Mammoth	CA	NEU	450	---	0	UNK	375	---	10	19	3	0	NR	ST
Howland	CA	PNF	144	24	90	UNK	265	0	9	5	3	0	550K	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Redrock, Carson City Field Office, BLM. IMT2 (Whalen). IMT is also managing the Trailer 1 fire. Twenty-five miles northwest of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and hardwood slash. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Trailer 1, Carson City Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles north of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and hardwood slash. Active fire behavior. Residences 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
Redrock	NV	CCD	6,200	5,100	10	7/17	275	154	12	7	1	0	NR	BLM
Trailer 1	NC	CCD	700	0	15	7/20	21	-114	1	0	0	0	NR	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

Horse Valley, Dixie NF. Ten miles southwest of Panguitch, UT. Timber. No further information received.

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Moderate fire activity with isolated 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
Horse Valley	UT	DIF	2,916	0	85	7/17	219	-25	7	4	2	1	2M	FS
Bridge	UT	DIF	2,800	300	10	7/25	165	92	3	6	4	0	NR	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 34
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 7

Baines, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles south of Bridgeport, TX. Juniper and oak brush. No further information received.

Lost Plains, Texas Forest Service. Nine miles northwest of Wimberly, TX. Cedar and oak brush. No further information received.

Bryson, Texas Forest Service. Six miles south of Jacksboro, TX. Juniper and oak brush. No further information received.

Bishop, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land eleven miles northeast of Stephenville, TX. Juniper and cedar brush. No further information received.

Airstrip, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twelve miles north of Bastrop, TX. Timber. No further information received.

Switchback, Southeast Area, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles southwest of Smithville, OK. Timber. No further information received.

Wilkerson Hollow, Northeast Area, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles west of Westville, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

* **Back Ridge East**, Sabine NWR. Confine / contain management strategy. Six miles southeast of Hackberry, LA. Grass. Moderate fire activity with occasional 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
Baines	TX	TXS	660	0	80	7/17	17	0	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
Lost Plains	TX	TXS	500	0	80	7/17	99	0	0	0	3	0	NR	ST
Bryson	TX	TXS	487	0	85	7/17	17	0	0	0	1	0	NR	ST

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
Bishop	TX	TXS	350	0	80	7/17	17	0	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
Airstrip	TX	TXS	335	0	95	7/17	54	0	0	7	2	0	NR	PRI
Switchback	OK	SEU	210	45	75	UNK	8	-4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Wilkerson Hollow	OK	NEU	120	---	80	UNK	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Back Ridge East	LA	SBR	500	---	60	7/19	8	---	0	2	1	0	5K	FWS
Martin	TX	TXS	1,078	0	100	---	44	0	0	13	0	0	NR	ST
Bishop II	TX	TXS	150	0	100	---	0	-10	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 21
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Texas Hill, Carlsbad Field Office, BLM. Forty miles west of Carlsbad, NM. Juniper, brush and hardwood slash. No further information received.

San Juan, Papago Agency, BIA. Fourteen miles east of Sells, AZ. Manzanita and oak brush, hardwood slash. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

Deer, Colorado River Agency, BIA. Ten miles west of Parker, AZ. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

* **Bear Canyon**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Twenty-three north of San Carlos, AZ. Chaparral and 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
Texas Hill	NM	CAD	1,259	-541	50	7/18	36	-19	1	5	0	0	80K	BLM
San Juan	AZ	PPA	3,200	1,700	35	7/20	109	4	3	5	1	0	85K	BIA
Deer	AZ	CRA	412	8	95	7/17	28	-6	1	1	0	0	140K	BIA
* Bear Canyon	AZ	SCA	360	---	10	7/31	118	---	5	2	1	0	NR	BIA

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Grammar, Uncompahgre Field Office, BLM. Five miles northwest of Norwood, CO. Timber and logging slash. Moderate fire activity.

* **Dominguez**, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Managed for resource benefit objectives. Twenty miles southwest of Grand Junction, CO. Ponderosa, pinyon pine and juniper. Creeping fire with isolated 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
Grammar	CO	UPD	801	-76	35	7/18	156	48	4	13	2	0	800K	BLM
* Dominguez	CO	GMF	202	---	20	UNK	34	---	1	0	1	0	NR	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

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
* Oak Creek	WA	SES	150	---	100	---	120	---	3	12	0	0	NR	ST

SES – Southeast Area, Washington DNR

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot weather continues today in the Alaska interior with a few thunderstorms. Hot and dry in the West with isolated thunderstorms, some of them dry, over the mountains and deserts of southern California, Great Basin, western Colorado and the Southwest. Texas and Oklahoma will be hot with some thunderstorms in eastern Texas.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Escape

A primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of entrapment situations. However, firefighters must always be prepared to escape quickly to a safety zone. Consider the following during discussion of escape routes and safety zones.

- You should always know the location of your escape routes and safety zones.
- Reassess escape routes throughout the operational period.
 - Has the time you need to escape changed?
 - Is the escape route uphill or down?
 - Do you have more than one escape route?
 - Are all escape routes clearly marked?
 - Are all firefighters familiar with the escape routes?
 - If the identified escape routes are compromised, are there other options for escape?
- Time may be critical during an escape. If you realize your escape may be compromised:
 - Drop your line pack and gear because:
 - It is easier to deploy your fire shelter when you're not wearing your line pack.
 - Escape is quicker.
 - Your line pack may contain fusees or saw gas.
 - Take your fire shelter with you.
 - Face and neck shrouds offer additional protection against radiant heat.
- Stay alert for changing conditions that may indicate a need for you to speed up your escape or to deploy your fire shelter. Conditions can change very quickly. Be alert for:
 - Increases in wind or smoke
 - Change in wind direction
 - Increases in temperature
 - Embers blowing past you
 - Spot fires forming near you
- If it becomes apparent that you are not going to reach a safety zone, it may be time to deploy your fire shelter. Remember:
 - Be alert for possible shelter deployment areas as you move.
 - Firefighters need to decide whether to continue escaping or to deploy their fire shelters.
 - Give yourself ample time to deploy before the heat and flames arrive.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			3	1	5
	ACRES		520			0	0	520
Northwest	FIRES	1				1	2	4
	ACRES	1				0	0	1
Northern California	FIRES	2				17	3	22
	ACRES	1				4	83	88
Southern California	FIRES					15	2	17
	ACRES					4	72	76
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1			2	1	6
	ACRES	0	3			1	0	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		0	2	0	4
	ACRES		97		25	0	696	818
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5,598					5,598
Southwest	FIRES	2	2			1	16	21
	ACRES	155	3			1	173	332
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			1	4	9
	ACRES		76			0	1	77
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES			1		32	1	34
	ACRES			500		165	60	725
TOTAL	FIRES	7	11	1	0	80	30	129
	ACRES	157	6,297	500	25	179	1,085	8,243

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	38	31	18	304	17	409
	ACRES	1	163,044	269,352	18,514	514,253	8	965,172
Northwest	FIRES	232	108	1	12	445	333	1,131
	ACRES	1,219	2,031	1	145	1,101	956	5,453
Northern California	FIRES	73	25	3	11	1,186	315	1,613
	ACRES	69	19	4	1	6,225	6,817	13,135
Southern California	FIRES	26	87	7	8	1,805	317	2,250
	ACRES	42	654	23	1,714	8,182	5,318	15,933
Northern Rockies	FIRES	488	30	10	9	298	223	1,058
	ACRES	1,147	669	391	2	15,409	319	17,937
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	22	147	3	19	220	107	518
	ACRES	29	2,359	186	526	937	7,214	11,251
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	139	2	5	47	45	241
	ACRES	20	7,939	0	0	113	15	8,087
Southwest	FIRES	461	199	7	42	712	576	1,997
	ACRES	14,455	69,934	145	3,703	281,718	62,553	432,508
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	304	175	13	9	290	112	903
	ACRES	1,457	1,933	533	61	63,305	238	67,527
Eastern Area	FIRES	408		30	25	11,376	497	12,336
	ACRES	1,211		808	110	102,946	6,579	111,654
Southern Area	FIRES	295		164	52	28,254	539	29,304
	ACRES	35,258		36,375	43,957	846,644	25,850	988,084
TOTAL	FIRES	2,313	948	271	210	44,937	3,081	51,760
	ACRES	54,908	248,582	307,818	68,733	1,840,833	115,867	2,636,741

Ten Year Average Fires	47,453
Ten Year Average Acres	2,937,111

*** 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					0
	ACRES		34					34
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						31	31
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					20		20
Southern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						3,690	3,690
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	6	7
	ACRES	0	34	0	0	20	3,721	3,775

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3,338		3,338
Northwest	FIRES	15	107	19	2	19	88	250
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	231	12,361	31,759
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	26	153	287
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	6,759	40,421
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,078	195	8,627	11,212
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	25	76	2	24	181	330
	ACRES	1,973	3,886	18,348	345	2,241	17,473	44,266
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	2	7	21	50	102
	ACRES	8	3,979	770	282	180	13,429	18,648
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		210	275
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		106,766	164,495
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	45	108	10	43	121	392
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,917	5,851	1,577	28,552	66,960
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		420	40	1,786	165	2,478
	ACRES	72,214		63,901	9,200	82,062	45,670	273,047
Southern Area	FIRES	5		254	80	802	1,036	2,177
	ACRES	2,370		130,230	90,752	296,715	956,302	1,476,369
TOTAL	FIRES	226	258	913	200	2,731	2,124	6,452
	ACRES	92,954	79,851	264,127	110,088	389,430	1,196,158	2,132,608

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	9	15	1,036	40,870
Yukon Territory	0	21,626	57	59,900
Alberta	3	0	1,146	64,161
Northwest Territory	0	0	19	746
Saskatchewan	0	0	453	37,343
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,438
Ontario	1	0	309	20,101
Quebec	0	4	407	122,407
Newfoundland	1	0	154	34,467
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	148	934
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	66	32,860
Total	14	21,646	4,078	416,459

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

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