

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, July 21, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (216 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires* * : 18
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 7

Nationally, there are 51 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: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Railbelt Complex (2 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. Numerous structures threatened.

Shanta Creek, Kenai – Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. NIMO (Gage). Started on FWS land twelve miles southeast of Soldotna, AK. Spruce. Interior creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	242,509	32,003	4	UNK	243	-40	6	2	5	0	4.7M	ST
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	13,221	0	80	10/10	155	-38	2	0	2	0	4.8M	FWS
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	23,794	5,094	0	UNK	98	-32	4	0	2	0	NR	FWS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 34
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
NIMOs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

Tennant, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Molhoek). Ten miles south of Macdoel, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with short-range spotting.

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	6,324	0	80	7/24	514	-224	9	3	7	0	15.6M	FS
Tennant	CA	KNF	3,120	3,020	10	7/25	443	101	11	7	3	0	600K	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Redrock, Carson City District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Whalen) back to local unit will occur today. IMT is also managing the Trailer 1 fire. Twenty-five miles northwest of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, grass and brush. Minimal fire activity.

Trailer 1, Carson City District, BLM. Twenty-five miles north of Reno, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and slash. Minimal fire activity.

Upper Springs, Ely District, BLM. Twenty-five miles northeast of Pioche, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Residences threatened.

* **Sawmill**, Ely District, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty-five miles southeast of Caliente, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and chaparral. Active fire behavior. 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
Redrock	NV	CCD	10,549	0	95	UNK	205	-113	3	7	0	0	2.4M	BLM
Trailer 1	NV	CCD	1,349	0	95	7/21	56	-104	2	1	0	0	915K	BLM
Upper Springs	NV	ELD	120	0	30	7/23	112	81	5	1	0	0	197K	BLM
* Sawmill	NV	ELD	200	---	0	UNK	27	---	0	4	1	0	NR	BLM

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 34
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Forks, Inyo NF. IMT2 (Woychak). Eighteen miles northwest of Big Pine, CA. Aspen and juniper. Active fire behavior. 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
Forks	CA	INF	3,268	1,268	70	7/24	424	281	13	4	6	0	1.3M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Bielenburg, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT2 (Secrest). Nine miles southwest of Deerlodge, MT. Dead and down 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
Bielenburg	MT	BDF	330	30	0	UNK	141	108	5	3	3	0	NR	FS
Sweet Clover	MT	SOS	185	-115	100	---	22	-33	0	8	0	0	10K	ST

SOS – Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

Whitney, Crater Lake National Park, NPS. IMT2 (Paul). Ten miles north of Crater Lake, OR. Mixed conifer. Creeping fire.

* **Shull Ridge**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Managed for resource benefit objectives. Twenty-two miles northwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. 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
Whitney	OR	CLP	92	0	70	7/22	206	21	5	1	4	0	518K	NPS
* Shull Ridge	WA	OWF	109	---	0	UNK	9	---	0	0	1	0	6K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 45
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

2009 Summer Wildfire Response, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in the state of Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Dog House, Sabine NWR. Fifteen miles south of Hackberry, LA. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

* **Caldwell**, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles of Throckmorton, TX. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

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2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	5,699	5,567	0	UNK	203	19	0	4	4	0	2.1M	ST
Dog House	LA	SBR	4,000	3,400	60	7/24	16	0	0	5	1	0	23K	FWS
* Caldwell	TX	TXS	500	---	75	UNK	9	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Steep Creek, Fishlake NF. Eleven miles northeast of Boulder, UT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
Bridge	UT	DIF	3,556	0	75	UNK	163	-128	4	5	2	0	NR	FS
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	247	0	20	7/25	124	39	5	2	1	0	83K	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 31
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

San Juan, Papago Agency, BIA. Fourteen miles east of Sells, AZ. Manzanita, oak brush and hardwood slash. 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
San Juan	AZ	PPA	9,200	1,600	90	7/21	33	-76	1	2	0	0	285K	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
Cliffs	AZ	CRD	156	6	100	---	39	-17	1	1	1	0	155K	BLM

CRD – Colorado River District, BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry over most of the West today. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected over the southern Sierras, southern Great Basin and western Colorado with wetter storms over Wyoming, eastern Colorado and the Southwest. The Alaska interior will be warm with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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



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

Falling Snags

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
 - Strong winds
 - Night operations
 - Steep slopes
 - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
 - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
 - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
 - Numerous downed trees
 - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
 - Accumulation of downed limbs
 - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
 - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
 - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
 - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
 - Establish lookouts.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					2	0	2
Northwest	FIRES		1			2	3	6
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Northern California	FIRES	1				28	5	34
	ACRES	2				137	1,000	1,139
Southern California	FIRES		4		2	24	4	34
	ACRES		63		0	18	20	101
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3			2	3	3	11
	ACRES	0			0	1	1	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			6	1	11
	ACRES		3			1	17	21
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			2	2	10
	ACRES		212			2	0	214
Southwest	FIRES	2	2		2	4	21	31
	ACRES	16	3		1	2	83	105
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		9			5	3	17
	ACRES		15			61	0	76
Eastern Area	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					206	1	207
Southern Area	FIRES	2		1		41	1	45
	ACRES	0		25		415	1	441
TOTAL	FIRES	8	26	1	6	130	45	216
	ACRES	18	297	25	1	845	1,123	2,309

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	41	33	18	315	18	426
	ACRES	1	191,966	326,098	33,133	563,050	8	1,114,256
Northwest	FIRES	238	114	1	21	459	372	1,205
	ACRES	1,224	2,039	1	239	1,103	1,093	5,699
Northern California	FIRES	78	26	3	12	1,280	372	1,771
	ACRES	74	19	4	1	6,964	8,000	15,062
Southern California	FIRES	26	112	7	13	1,915	359	2,432
	ACRES	42	859	23	1,714	8,708	5,574	16,920
Northern Rockies	FIRES	504	32	10	11	309	236	1,102
	ACRES	1,178	971	391	2	15,712	348	18,602
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	179	3	20	266	119	612
	ACRES	30	2,796	186	801	1,026	8,337	13,176
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	210	3	6	50	67	339
	ACRES	20	15,625	0	0	311	54	16,010
Southwest	FIRES	493	205	7	45	731	638	2,119
	ACRES	19,905	70,194	145	3,707	280,083	68,465	442,499
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	305	201	13	9	402	126	1,056
	ACRES	1,457	2,554	533	61	66,201	352	71,158
Eastern Area	FIRES	408		30	25	11,411	504	12,378
	ACRES	1,211		808	110	103,168	6,575	111,872
Southern Area	FIRES	298		168	52	28,775	542	29,835
	ACRES	35,259		41,662	43,957	857,025	25,858	1,003,761
TOTAL	FIRES	2,379	1,120	278	232	45,913	3,353	53,275
	ACRES	60,401	287,023	369,851	83,725	1,903,351	124,664	2,829,015

Ten Year Average Fires	49,179
Ten Year Average Acres	3,297,432

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0					0	0
	ACRES	7					4	11
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					17	12	29
Southern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					600	500	1,100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
	ACRES	7	0	0	0	617	517	1,141

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	163	297
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	7,697	41,359
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	182	331
	ACRES	1,973	3,886	18,348	345	2,241	17,474	44,267
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	2	7	21	50	103
	ACRES	15	4,028	770	282	180	13,734	19,009
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		211	276
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		106,767	164,496
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	108	10	45	120	394
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,917	5,851	1,564	28,152	66,547
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		420	43	1,787	166	2,483
	ACRES	72,214		63,901	9,201	82,079	45,682	273,077
Southern Area	FIRES	5		254	80	804	1,047	2,190
	ACRES	2,370		130,230	90,752	298,115	961,025	1,482,492
TOTAL	FIRES	226	260	913	203	2,736	2,147	6,485
	ACRES	92,961	79,900	264,127	110,089	390,834	1,201,738	2,139,649

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	5	1,371	1,071	42,464
Yukon Territory	1	17,488	61	77,416
Alberta	2	0	1,177	64,174
Northwest Territory	0	0	20	761
Saskatchewan	4	211	459	37,555
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,438
Ontario	0	0	309	20,102
Quebec	0	0	407	122,392
Newfoundland	0	0	157	52,583
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	148	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	67	32,860
Total	12	19,070	4,159	453,912

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

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