

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, July 25, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (257 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires : ** 11
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 56 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.

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 64
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Johnson Lake Complex** (2 fires), Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Reed). Six miles northeast of Nespelem, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. 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
* Johnson Lake Complex	WA	COA	1,018	---	NR	UNK	183	---	4	3	0	0	200K	BIA

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 77
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Rescue**, Helena NF. Twenty-two miles northeast of Helena, MT. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Bielenburg, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Secret) back to local unit occurred yesterday. Confine/contain management strategy. Nine miles southwest of Deerlodge, MT. Dead and down timber. No further information received. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Rescue	MT	HNF	457	---	NR	UNK	23	---	1	1	0	0	NR	FS

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Bielenburg	MT	BDF	175	-3	N/A	N/A	94	-87	2	0	1	0	614K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3

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

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.

Wood River 1, AFS – Military Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident being managed for resource benefit objectives. Twenty-seven miles south of Fairbanks, AK. Brush and slash. Moderate activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	269,477	16,256	N/A	N/A	163	21	5	0	5	0	NR	ST
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	24,500	500	N/A	N/A	109	---	4	0	2	0	3.0M	FWS
Wood River 1	AK	MID	45,000	---	N/A	N/A	12	---	0	0	1	0	229K	BLM

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 23
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Backbone, Six Rivers NF. Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. No new information.

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	---	90	UNK	169	---	3	0	6	0	16.9M	FS
Tennant	CA	KNF	3,225	0	100	---	320	-286	3	7	3	3	3.9M	FS

KNF – Klamath NF

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Smoldering.

Steep Creek, Fishlake NF. Eleven miles northeast of Boulder, UT. Timber. Smoldering.

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Bridge	UT	DIF	3,766	50	80	UNK	28	-6	1	2	0	0	1.6M	FS
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	309	0	80	UNK	69	-13	2	1	1	0	405K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 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. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Carolina Bay**, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

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2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	6,263	-128	0	UNK	265	3	0	5	4	0	3.3M	ST
* Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	500	---	25	7/31	49	---	0	8	1	0	20K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered, mostly wet thunderstorms will develop today from the Washington Cascades eastward into Idaho and Montana. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will develop across portions of the southern Great Basin into Wyoming, with wetter storms further south over southern Utah and the Southwest. Alaska will warm up and dry out across the interior and east with a decrease in thunderstorms.

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



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

Ash Pit Hazards

Ash pits are an inherent and invisible risk to wildland firefighters that can cause severe burns and injuries. Ash pits are created when organic combustibles consume underground and empty space is created that is undetectable from the surface.

- Environmental factors that increase the risk of ash pit formation after a wildfire:
 - Extensive root systems of trees and shrubs.
 - Deep duff or peat, the organic layer covering mineral soil.
 - Landscapes that have once been cultivated or manipulated by heavy equipment ie, old dozer piles, sawmills, timber sale yards or decking areas.
 - Small rodent holes that have become filled with decadent combustible debris ie, beaver holes near dams and stream beds, Badger and Coyote dens.
 - White ash is sometimes an indicator as are groups of hovering insects.

- Mitigation measures to consider:
 - Identification of high risk landscape.
 - Identify and flag all hazardous discovered ash pits.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	3		4
	ACRES				2	9		11
Northwest	FIRES		1			56	7	64
	ACRES		1			14	25	40
Northern California	FIRES	2				18	3	23
	ACRES	2				18	1	21
Southern California	FIRES		3		0	12	4	19
	ACRES		0		4	23	130	157
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				34	41	77
	ACRES	66				5	138	209
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			2	6	13
	ACRES		80			31	10	121
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	2	4	13
	ACRES		61		0	6	100	167
Southwest	FIRES	8	1			3	6	18
	ACRES	17	1			2	34	54
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	1			5	5	18
	ACRES	3	1			3	291	298
Eastern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Southern Area	FIRES					7	0	7
	ACRES					66	200	266
TOTAL	FIRES	19	17	0	3	142	76	257
	ACRES	88	144	0	6	177	929	1,344

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	41	37	19	322	18	438
	ACRES	1	270,945	388,024	34,461	696,109	8	1,389,548
Northwest	FIRES	244	116	1	22	474	400	1,257
	ACRES	1,223	2,040	1	249	1,142	1,120	5,775
Northern California	FIRES	83	26	3	13	1,349	386	1,860
	ACRES	82	19	4	2	7,420	10,069	17,596
Southern California	FIRES	27	120	8	14	1,996	367	2,532
	ACRES	42	863	24	1,726	8,789	9,297	20,741
Northern Rockies	FIRES	519	34	11	11	356	306	1,237
	ACRES	1,254	980	392	2	15,862	1,748	20,238
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	26	216	3	22	246	139	652
	ACRES	56	4,651	186	2,111	1,011	8,601	16,616
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	236	7	8	59	81	394
	ACRES	20	16,056	0	20	317	156	16,569
Southwest	FIRES	546	219	8	46	753	689	2,261
	ACRES	22,678	70,265	148	3,766	281,989	69,721	448,567
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	333	217	14	9	428	146	1,147
	ACRES	1,462	2,464	533	61	66,314	657	71,491
Eastern Area	FIRES	408		30	26	11,474	518	12,456
	ACRES	1,227		809	110	103,214	6,596	111,956
Southern Area	FIRES	298		180	52	28,836	546	29,912
	ACRES	35,259		42,879	43,957	857,385	26,670	1,006,150
TOTAL	FIRES	2,488	1,225	302	242	46,293	3,596	54,146
	ACRES	63,304	368,283	433,000	86,465	2,039,552	134,643	3,125,247

Ten Year Average Fires	50,633
Ten Year Average Acres	3,522,965

*** 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	0
	ACRES						100	100
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			107			1,598	1,705
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	107	0	0	1,698	1,805

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	152	286
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	7,260	40,922
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,078	195	8,627	11,212
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	25	77	2	24	182	332
	ACRES	1,973	3,886	18,408	345	2,241	17,474	44,327
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	2	7	22	50	103
	ACRES	15	3,986	770	282	180	13,734	18,967
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		205	270
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		104,522	162,251
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	109	10	45	121	396
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,947	5,851	1,564	28,302	66,727
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		428	43	1,787	169	2,494
	ACRES	72,214		64,351	9,201	82,079	45,752	273,597
Southern Area	FIRES	5		256	80	805	1,065	2,211
	ACRES	2,370		130,452	90,752	299,215	975,964	1,498,753
TOTAL	FIRES	226	259	925	203	2,738	2,152	6,503
	ACRES	92,961	79,858	264,889	110,089	391,934	1,214,215	2,153,946

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	123	568	1,261	46,104
Yukon Territory	0	0	65	78,560
Alberta	5	3	1,194	64,177
Northwest Territory	2	20	22	781
Saskatchewan	1	6	460	37,732
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	1	0	313	20,101
Quebec	1	0	412	122,541
Newfoundland	0	0	161	52,590
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	1	1	149	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	69	32,860
Total	134	598	4,389	459,050

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

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