

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 26, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (188 new fires)
 New large fires: 6 (*)
 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: 3

Nationally, there are 59 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: 14
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

* **McGinnis Creek**, John Day Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT2 (Savage). Ten miles southwest of Kimberly, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Multiple structures threatened.

Johnson Lake Complex (2 fires), Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Reed). Six miles northeast of Nespelam, WA. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. 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
* McGinnis Creek	OR	952S	2,187	---	20	7/31	332	---	13	24	3	0	602K	ST
Johnson Lake Complex	WA	COA	955	-23	50	UNK	444	261	13	9	2	0	510K	BIA

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 48
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Rescue, Helena NF. Twenty-two miles northeast of Helena, MT. Timber and grass. 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
Rescue	MT	HNF	457	0	50	7/27	27	4	1	1	3	0	NR	FS
* Chokecherry	MT	CES	145	---	100	---	80	---	3	1	4	0	NR	ST

CES - Central Land Office, Montana DNR

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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.

* **Tagagawik River 3**, Galena Zone, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Forty-three miles southeast of Selawik, AK. Brush and grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Continental**, Galena Zone, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Forty-eight miles southeast of Selawik, AK. Brush and grass. No further information received. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	285,463	15,986	N/A	N/A	173	10	5	0	5	0	6.3M	ST
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	26,500	2000	N/A	N/A	109	---	4	0	2	0	3.1M	FWS
* Tagagawik River 3	AK	GAD	1,520	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Continental	AK	GAD	1,130	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 21
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3

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

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

* **Good Luck**, Salmon-Challis NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road 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
Bridge	UT	DIF	3,766	0	80	UNK	27	-1	1	2	0	0	1.6M	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
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	309	0	90	UNK	69	0	2	1	1	0	455K	FS
* Good Luck	ID	SCF	150	---	0	UNK	147	---	4	1	3	0	NR	FS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 24
 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. Last report unless new information is 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
Backbone	CA	SRF	6,324	---	90	UNK	169	---	3	0	6	0	16.9M	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 8
 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.

Carolina Bay, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

* **Beaver Lake**, Texas Forest Service. Two miles northeast of Juno, TX. Brush and grass. 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
2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	6,310	47	0	UNK	276	11	0	5	4	0	3.3M	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	800	300	25	7/31	49	0	0	5	1	0	20K	FS
* Beaver Lake	TX	TXS	500	---	20	UNK	10	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered, mostly wet, thunderstorms are expected today over Washington, northern Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will develop over the southern Sierras, Great Basin and western Colorado. The Alaska interior will be mostly dry and warmer with gusty winds over portions of the central interior.

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



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

Thunderstorm Safety

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
 - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
 - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
 - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
 - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!

- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	1	0	1		3
	ACRES		13,467	22,756	3	22,246		58,472
Northwest	FIRES	6	1			2	5	14
	ACRES	110	0			1,808	0	1,918
Northern California	FIRES		1		1	18	4	24
	ACRES		0		0	1	6	7
Southern California	FIRES		1		0	15	10	26
	ACRES		5		6	4	1	16
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				12	34	48
	ACRES	168				2	126	296
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			5	10	21
	ACRES		201			1	151	353
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	7			4	1	13
	ACRES	0	29			0	100	129
Southwest	FIRES	2	3			2	11	18
	ACRES	2	6			6	60	74
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1			3	8	13
	ACRES	0	0			1	38	39
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			3		4	1	8
	ACRES			41		19	301	361
TOTAL	FIRES	12	21	4	1	66	84	188
	ACRES	280	13,708	22,797	9	24,088	783	61,665

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	42	38	19	323	18	441
	ACRES	1	284,412	410,780	34,464	718,355	8	1,448,020
Northwest	FIRES	257	117	1	24	484	405	1,288
	ACRES	1,349	2,040	1	260	2,963	1,120	7,733
Northern California	FIRES	83	27	3	14	1,361	390	1,878
	ACRES	82	19	4	2	7,420	10,075	17,602
Southern California	FIRES	27	121	8	14	2,011	378	2,559
	ACRES	42	868	24	1,732	8,793	9,298	20,757
Northern Rockies	FIRES	521	35	11	11	366	343	1,287
	ACRES	1,422	980	392	2	15,855	1,889	20,540
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	27	221	3	22	254	148	675
	ACRES	65	5,270	186	2,111	1,256	8,752	17,640
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	242	7	8	63	81	405
	ACRES	20	16,085	0	20	317	256	16,698
Southwest	FIRES	548	222	8	46	755	701	2,280
	ACRES	22,680	70,271	148	3,766	281,995	69,779	448,639
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	334	219	14	9	433	154	1,163
	ACRES	1,462	2,465	533	61	66,315	695	71,531
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		184	52	28,840	547	29,921
	ACRES	35,259		42,945	43,957	857,404	26,971	1,006,536
TOTAL	FIRES	2,508	1,246	307	245	46,364	3,683	54,353
	ACRES	63,609	382,410	455,822	86,485	2,063,887	135,439	3,187,652

Ten Year Average Fires	50,924
Ten Year Average Acres	3,559,830

*** 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					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		214	279
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		108,532	166,261
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	1,066	2,212
	ACRES	2,370		130,452	90,752	299,215	975,970	1,498,759
TOTAL	FIRES	226	259	925	203	2,738	2,162	6,513
	ACRES	92,961	79,858	264,889	110,089	391,934	1,218,231	2,157,962

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	46	512	1,307	46,616
Yukon Territory	0	0	65	78,560
Alberta	3	5	1,197	64,182
Northwest Territory	0	0	22	781
Saskatchewan	0	0	460	37,732
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	0	40	313	20,141
Quebec	1	0	413	122,541
Newfoundland	0	0	161	52,590
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	149	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	69	32,860
Total	50	558	4,439	459,608

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

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