

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, July 27, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (282 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires : ** 14
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

Nationally, there are 62 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: 105
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

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 (3 fires), Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Reed). Six miles northeast of Nespalem, WA. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Structures threatened.

* **Cougar Creek**, Malheur NF. IMT2 (Batten). Ten miles south of John Day, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Torching and 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
McGinnis Creek	OR	952S	2,410	223	20	7/31	462	130	20	24	3	0	850K	ST
Johnson Lake Complex	WA	COA	955	0	70	7/29	487	43	13	18	2	0	1M	BIA
* Cougar Creek	OR	MAF	700	---	15	7/30	170	---	5	0	2	0	250K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 25
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Knight**, Stanislaus NF. IMT2 (Johnson). Ten miles north of Twain Harte, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with crowning, torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Community of Mount Knight evacuated.

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
* Knight	CA	STF	275	---	0	UNK	267	---	12	7	4	0	NR	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 28
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3

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

Goodluck, Salmon-Challis NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Torching with short runs. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

* **Eightmile Creek**, Boise NF. Confine/Contain management strategy. Ten miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. 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
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	309	0	90	UNK	6	-63	0	1	0	0	NR	FS
Goodluck	ID	SCF	150	0	10	UNK	158	11	4	1	4	0	NR	FS
* Eightmile Creek	ID	BOF	148	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Bridge	UT	DIF	3,766	0	80	UNK	27	-1	1	2	0	0	1.6M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 49
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Rescue, Helena NF. Twenty-two miles northwest 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	589	132	60	7/29	47	20	2	1	1	0	89K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 0
 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. Group tree torching with short runs.

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	290,900	5,437	N/A	N/A	215	42	7	0	5	0	6.3M	ST
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	27,500	1,000	N/A	N/A	111	2	4	0	2	0	NR	FWS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 0
 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. Moderate fire activity. Multiple structures threatened.

Carolina Bay, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Backing and flanking fire. Structures threatened.

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	6,646	336	0	UNK	274	-2	0	5	4	0	3.6M	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	2,600	1,800	60	7/31	49	0	0	5	1	0	75K	FS
Beaver Lake	TX	TXS	1,300	300	40	UNK	20	10	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

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

* **Independence**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty miles northeast of Wells, NV. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. Running fire with torching and 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
* Independence	NV	EKD	572	---	10	7/27	133	---	3	4	1	0	100K	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Thunderstorm activity in the Northwest and Northern Rockies will be decreasing today and focused mainly over the Washington Cascades, northeast Washington, Idaho and Montana. Widely scattered mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected today over the southern Sierras, Great Basin and western Colorado. The Alaska interior will be hot and dry with strong winds over portions of the central interior.

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



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

Fire Shelter Deployment

Firefighters must never rely on fire shelters, but instead should depend on well-defined and pre-located escape routes and safety zones. However, if the need for shelter deployment should ever arise, it is imperative that the firefighter knows how to deploy and use the shelter.

- Don't think of your fire shelter as a tactical tool.
- Recognize when deployment is your only option. When considering escape, remember that you can hold your breath for only about 15 seconds while running through flames or superheated air.
- If time runs out while attempting to escape, get on the ground before the flame front arrives and finish deploying on the ground. Death is almost certain if the fire catches a person off the ground. (The optimal survival zone with or without a shelter is within a foot of the ground.) Once entrapped, the highest priority is to protect the lungs and airways.
- When deploying, remove packs and place them away from the deployment area.
- Most burnovers occur during initial attack or extended initial attack. However, burnovers have occurred when crews or individuals initiated action without direction from an Incident Management Team, adequate communication, or knowledge of current fire weather.
- Escaped fires often overwhelm initial attack resources. Many wildland fire fatalities can be directly attributed to failure to follow basic wildland fire strategy and tactics—10 Standard Fire Orders, 18 Watchout Situations, and the Downhill Checklist. Use personal protective equipment.
- Even though deploying your shelter is a last resort, time is critical when entrapped. Play it safe; give yourself ample time to deploy. Failure to adequately anticipate the severity and timing of the burnover and failure to utilize the best location and proper deployment techniques contributed to the fatalities and injuries on the Thirtymile incident. Don't let the cost of opening a shelter become a factor in your decision.
- Before passing through superheated gases, try to close the front of your shroud. You can take your shelter out of the plastic bag and use it for a heat shield to pass quickly through a hot area. If you use the shelter in this way, don't drop it or allow it to snag on brush. Remember that your lungs are still vulnerable.
- If flames contact the shelter, the glass/foil fabric heats up more rapidly. If flame contact is prolonged, spots of aluminum foil can melt or tear away, reducing protection. Even if this happens, it is still safer inside the shelter. Your flame-resistant clothing becomes your backup protection. It's even more critical to keep your nose pressed to the ground and stay in your shelter.
- Remember, direct contact with flames or hot gases is the biggest threat to your shelter. It is vital to deploy in a spot that offers the least chance of such contact. The heavier the fuels, the bigger your fuel break needs to be.
- Remember, once you commit yourself to the shelter, stay there. No matter how bad it gets inside, it is usually much worse outside. If you panic and leave the shelter, one breath of hot, toxic gases could damage your lungs. Suffocation may follow. Most firefighters were killed as a result of heat-damaged airways and lungs, not by external burns. Protect your airways and lungs at all costs by keeping your face close to the ground and staying in your shelter.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2	0	0	2		4
	ACRES		13,975	2,956	75	42,375		59,381
Northwest	FIRES	4	4			79	18	105
	ACRES	3	0			623	401	1,027
Northern California	FIRES				1	14	9	24
	ACRES				0	1	0	1
Southern California	FIRES		3		0	16	6	25
	ACRES		5		3	25	2	35
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	2			11	27	49
	ACRES	0	108			10	10	128
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		14			9	5	28
	ACRES		2			3	1	6
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			1	2	9
	ACRES		1			100	0	101
Southwest	FIRES	6	1		1	3	6	17
	ACRES	5	0		0	111	6	122
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		1	4	1	9
	ACRES		1		3	177	0	181
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					32	3	35
TOTAL	FIRES	19	35	0	3	150	75	282
	ACRES	8	14,092	2,956	81	43,457	423	61,017

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	44	38	19	325	18	445
	ACRES	1	298,387	413,736	34,539	760,730	8	1,507,401
Northwest	FIRES	266	117	1	24	485	427	1,320
	ACRES	2,306	2,040	1	260	3,563	1,428	9,598
Northern California	FIRES	83	27	3	15	1,382	399	1,909
	ACRES	82	19	4	2	7,433	10,246	17,786
Southern California	FIRES	27	121	8	14	2,027	388	2,585
	ACRES	42	868	24	1,729	8,818	9,301	20,782
Northern Rockies	FIRES	531	37	11	11	377	371	1,338
	ACRES	1,422	1,088	392	2	15,863	1,949	20,716
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	27	235	3	22	271	160	718
	ACRES	65	5,306	186	2,111	1,259	8,756	17,683
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	249	9	8	64	86	420
	ACRES	20	16,086	150	20	417	256	16,949
Southwest	FIRES	554	223	8	48	758	722	2,313
	ACRES	22,686	70,271	148	3,766	282,104	77,605	456,580
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	359	222	14	10	453	155	1,213
	ACRES	1,623	2,466	533	64	66,507	695	71,888
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	28,857	548	29,939
	ACRES	35,259		42,945	43,957	857,454	26,974	1,006,589
TOTAL	FIRES	2,558	1,275	309	249	46,473	3,792	54,656
	ACRES	64,733	396,531	458,928	86,560	2,107,362	143,814	3,257,928

Ten Year Average Fires	51,216
Ten Year Average Acres	3,618,116

*** 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	100	305	1,407	46,921
Yukon Territory	0	10,770	64	89,330
Alberta	10	0	1,207	64,183
Northwest Territory	0	0	22	781
Saskatchewan	1	1	461	37,732
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	0	0	313	20,141
Quebec	0	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	1	0	70	32,860
Total	112	11,076	4,550	470,683

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

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