

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Heavy (332 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires : ** 16
 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: 23
 New large fires: 0
 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. Smoldering with occasional flare-ups. Structures threatened.

Johnson Lake Complex (3 fires), Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Reed). Six miles northeast of Nespalem, WA. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Structures threatened.

Cougar Creek, Malheur NF. IMT2 (Batten). Ten miles south of John Day, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	3,417	1,007	50	7/31	505	43	20	15	6	0	980K	ST
Johnson Lake Complex	WA	COA	955	0	80	7/29	497	10	13	20	2	0	1.3M	BIA
Cougar Creek	OR	MAF	688	-12	15	UNK	356	186	9	0	4	0	330K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 17
 New large fires: 0
 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. Evacuations in effect.

Lion, Sequoia NF. Previously reported confine / contain management strategy. Twenty-seven miles northeast of Kernville, CA. Mixed timber and chaparral. Creeping and smoldering with isolated single-tree 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
Knight	CA	STF	600	325	0	UNK	566	299	16	11	9	0	NR	FS
Lion	CA	SQF	1,170	---	N/A	N/A	26	---	2	0	0	0	450K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 29
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Goodluck, Salmon-Challis NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Bridge	UT	DIF	3,766	0	80	UNK	27	-1	1	2	0	0	1.6M	FS
Goodluck	ID	SCF	150	0	40	7/30	189	31	5	5	4	0	725K	FS
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	309	0	100	---	6	0	0	1	0	0	NR	FS

FIF – Fishlake NF

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 65
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Rescue, Helena NF. Twenty-two miles northwest of Helena, MT. Timber and grass. 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
Rescue	MT	HNF	589	---	60	7/29	47	---	2	1	1	0	89K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 9
 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. 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	295,623	4,723	N/A	N/A	225	10	7	0	5	0	6.6M	ST
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	28,500	1,000	N/A	N/A	89	-22	3	0	2	0	3.4	FWS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 108
 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. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Multiple structures threatened.

Carolina Bay, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Backing fire. Multiple structures threatened.

Beaver Lake, Texas Forest Service. Two miles northeast of Juno, TX. Brush and grass. Smoldering and creeping.

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	6,706	60	0	UNK	290	16	0	5	4	6	3.7M	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	2,600	---	60	8/8	27	-22	0	5	1	0	85K	FS
Beaver Lake	TX	TXS	1,400	100	60	UNK	20	0	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

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

Independence, Elko District, BLM. Twenty miles northeast of Wells, NV. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	511	-61	40	7/28	133	---	5	4	1	0	100K	BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 34
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Willow, Gila NF. Previously reported confine / contain management strategy. Fourteen miles northeast of Reserve, NM. Hardwood litter. 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
Willow	NM	GNF	8,850	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot, dry and unstable conditions will continue across the West Coast states today. Mostly wet thunderstorms will continue across the Rocky Mountains, Northern Rockies, and Washington. Isolated drier thunderstorms are likely to develop across portions of the southern Great Basin and the Sierra Nevada. Dry and windy conditions will continue in south Texas. 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		3	0	0	6		9
	ACRES		28,588	329	3,713	5,438		38,068
Northwest	FIRES	6	6		2	1	8	23
	ACRES	7	110		1	1	104	223
Northern California	FIRES	1				7	1	9
	ACRES	0				2	0	2
Southern California	FIRES		1		0	15	1	17
	ACRES		0		2	100	0	102
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	1		5	37	65
	ACRES	146	80	0		0	62	288
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	11			6	8	29
	ACRES	6	3			0	191	200
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		1	1	1	4
	ACRES		0		0	1	0	1
Southwest	FIRES	6	3			4	21	34
	ACRES	4	1			45	33	83
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	14	1		5	10	32
	ACRES	0	5	0		1	2	8
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES			4		102	2	108
	ACRES			73		361	1,809	2,243
TOTAL	FIRES	30	50	6	3	153	90	332
	ACRES	163	28,787	402	3,716	5,949	2,202	41,219

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	47	38	19	331	18	454
	ACRES	1	326,975	406,926	38,252	766,168	8	1,538,330
Northwest	FIRES	272	123	1	26	488	435	1,345
	ACRES	2,313	2,150	1	261	3,565	1,132	9,422
Northern California	FIRES	84	27	3	15	1,386	399	1,914
	ACRES	82	19	4	2	7,433	10,246	17,786
Southern California	FIRES	27	121	8	14	2,042	388	2,600
	ACRES	42	868	24	1,731	8,918	9,301	20,884
Northern Rockies	FIRES	551	44	12	11	390	413	1,421
	ACRES	1,575	1,057	392	2	15,868	2,042	20,936
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	31	246	3	22	277	168	747
	ACRES	71	5,309	186	2,111	1,261	8,951	17,889
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	251	9	9	65	87	425
	ACRES	20	16,087	150	20	357	256	16,890
Southwest	FIRES	566	226	8	48	762	753	2,363
	ACRES	22,706	70,272	148	3,766	282,149	77,660	456,701
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	361	232	14	10	455	165	1,237
	ACRES	1,623	2,469	533	64	66,509	696	71,894
Eastern Area	FIRES	425		30	26	11,505	519	12,505
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,438	6,597	112,193
Southern Area	FIRES	298		188	52	29,140	549	30,227
	ACRES	35,259		43,018	43,957	858,225	26,982	1,007,441
TOTAL	FIRES	2,620	1,317	314	252	46,841	3,894	55,238
	ACRES	64,931	425,206	452,191	90,276	2,113,891	143,871	3,290,366

Ten Year Average Fires	51,705
Ten Year Average Acres	3,694,218

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	10	10

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	17	77	2	24	182	324
	ACRES	1,973	1,329	18,408	345	2,241	17,474	41,770
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		216	281
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		108,551	166,280
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	251	925	203	2,738	2,164	6,507
	ACRES	92,961	77,301	264,889	110,089	391,934	1,218,250	2,155,424

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	16	152	1,423	47,073
Yukon Territory	0	114	64	89,444
Alberta	11	20	1,218	64,203
Northwest Territory	0	0	22	781
Saskatchewan	0	2	461	37,734
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	0	0	313	20,141
Quebec	0	0	413	122,539
Newfoundland	1	0	162	52,590
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	149	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	72	32,860
Total	30	288	4,580	470,969

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

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