

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, July 29, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Moderate (251 new fires)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 20  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

Nationally, there are 63 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: 32  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 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** (4 fires), Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Reed). Six miles northeast of Nespalem, WA. Timber and grass. Smoldering.

**Cougar Creek**, Malheur NF. IMT2 (Batten). Ten miles south of John Day, OR. Juniper, 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
McGinnis Creek	OR	952S	3,417	0	60	7/31	488	-17	19	14	4	0	1.4M	ST
Johnson Lake Complex	WA	COA	955	0	90	7/29	328	-169	7	14	1	0	1.6M	BIA
Cougar Creek	OR	MAF	744	56	35	8/4	434	78	12	0	8	0	844K	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 28  
 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, and spotting. Structures threatened.

\* **Ash**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Confine / contain management strategy. Five miles south of O'Neals, CA. Grass. 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
Knight	CA	STF	750	150	0	UNK	658	92	20	11	9	0	929K	FS
* Ash	CA	MMU	393	---	N/A	N/A	160	---	3	3	0	0	NR	ST

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 23  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

\* **Cedar Bench Complex** (2 fires), Dixie NF. Nine miles north of St. George, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching.

**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
* Cedar Bench Complex	UT	DIF	350	---	10	UNK	40	---	1	3	1	0	NR	FS
Goodluck	ID	SCF	150	0	60	7/30	185	-4	5	5	2	0	863K	FS

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 32  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

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

### **Alaska Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 2  
 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 with long-range spotting. 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. Active fire behavior.

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	337,884	42,261	N/A	N/A	235	10	8	0	6	0	6.9M	ST
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	32,500	4,000	N/A	N/A	89	0	3	0	2	0	3.5M	FWS

### Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 20  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 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. Multiple structures threatened.

\* **Owl Creek**, Texas Forest Service. Seven miles southeast of Gatesville, TX. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**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	6,956	250	0	UNK	295	5	0	5	4	8	4M	ST
* Owl Creek	TX	TXS	3,000	---	50	UNK	7	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	2,660	60	60	8/8	27	0	0	5	1	0	95K	FS
Beaver Lake	TX	TXS	1,536	136	70	UNK	0	-20	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

### Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Independence**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty miles northeast of Wells, NV. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. No further information 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
Independence	NV	EKD	519	8	98	UNK	126	-7	3	4	1	0	NR	BLM

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 17  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Spring Creek**, White River Field Office, BLM. Ten miles southeast of Rangely, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

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
* Spring Creek	CO	WRD	250	---	0	UNK	31	---	1	2	0	0	NR	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Hot, dry and unstable conditions will continue across the West Coast states today. Isolated dry thunderstorms are possible across portions of northern California and southern Oregon. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will continue across the southern Sierra Nevada and the southern Great Basin, with wetter storms further east and south. Dry and windy conditions will continue in south Texas. The Alaska interior will be hot and dry with strong winds over portions of the eastern interior.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Fatigue/Stress

Accumulated (Chronic) Fatigue is defined as fatigue from which normal rest does not produce recovery. Accumulated fatigue is often caused by extended periods of stress with inadequate recovery periods, which results in decreased productivity, compromised immune function, and reduced alertness. Fatigued workers perform poorly, behave carelessly, tolerate greater errors and become inattentive. Chronic fatigue often results in increased stress, which may present itself through certain behavioral and physiological indicators, such as those described below:

- Decreased motivation and low morale.
- Increased irritability and depression.
- Confused, poor problem solving.
  - Poor abstract thinking poor attention/decisions, poor concentration/memory
- Altered state of alertness.
  - A marked increased or decreased awareness of surroundings.
- Physical reactions (any of these symptoms may indicate need for medical evaluation. When in doubt, contact a medical professional).
  - chills, thirst, nausea, fainting, twitches, vomiting, dizziness, weakness, chest pain, headaches, elevated blood pressure, rapid heart rate, muscle tremors, profuse sweating, difficulty breathing
- Extreme emotional responses.
  - fear, panic, intense anger, emotional outbursts, feeling overwhelmed, loss of emotional control, inappropriate emotional response
- Social/behavioral changes.
  - withdrawn, antisocial acts, erratic movements, change in speech patterns, change in usual communications, alcohol or substance abuse
- Recommendations for chronic fatigue/stress are:
  - Take longer periods of rest/recovery
  - Ensure that workers are adequately rested before they begin workshifts
  - Slow the work pace to a moderate level on physically demanding tasks
  - Provide periodic rest breaks to allow physical and mental recovery
  - Alternate between heavy and light tasks
  - Change assignments to prevent boredom
  - Provide breaks, naps, or time off after tasks have been completed
  - Eat well-balanced meals regularly, with energy supplements during periods of high exertion.
  - Maintain hydration
  - Ensure workers maintain good personal hygiene
  - maintain high standards of physical fitness and work capacity
  - Seek medical attention when in doubt of symptoms
  - In extreme cases, personnel may need to be relieved of their duties.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					4		4
Northwest	FIRES		1			15	16	32
	ACRES		0			17	7	24
Northern California	FIRES	1				15	2	18
	ACRES	0				115	0	115
Southern California	FIRES	2			0	25	1	28
	ACRES	1			3	0	830	834
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	6			9	15	32
	ACRES	47	5			0	7	59
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	7			7	8	23
	ACRES	0	1			7	200	208
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8			1	2	11
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	30	2		1	5	27	65
	ACRES	133	0		2	125	2,938	3,198
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	8			4	2	17
	ACRES	1	5			1	1	8
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES			2		15	3	20
	ACRES			2		3,054	63	3,119
TOTAL	FIRES	39	32	2	1	99	78	251
	ACRES	182	11	2	5	3,323	4,047	7,570

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	45	39	19	330	18	452
	ACRES	1	340,150	456,277	49,333	759,101	8	1,604,870
Northwest	FIRES	272	122	1	26	516	458	1,395
	ACRES	2,313	2,150	1	278	4,958	1,827	11,527
Northern California	FIRES	85	27	3	15	1,501	402	2,033
	ACRES	82	19	4	2	7,550	10,246	17,903
Southern California	FIRES	27	121	8	14	2,167	389	2,726
	ACRES	42	868	24	1,734	9,106	9,301	21,075
Northern Rockies	FIRES	553	59	12	11	402	427	1,464
	ACRES	1,622	1,077	392	2	16,006	2,135	21,234
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	32	253	3	22	284	176	770
	ACRES	71	5,310	186	2,111	1,268	9,151	18,097
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	259	9	9	67	89	437
	ACRES	20	16,087	150	20	365	256	16,898
Southwest	FIRES	596	228	8	48	767	791	2,438
	ACRES	22,937	70,274	148	3,766	282,399	80,934	460,458
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	376	232	14	10	459	172	1,263
	ACRES	1,627	2,469	533	64	66,694	777	72,164
Eastern Area	FIRES	425		30	26	11,506	521	12,508
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,438	6,598	112,194
Southern Area	FIRES	298		191	52	29,777	552	30,870
	ACRES	35,259		43,021	43,957	870,937	26,985	1,020,159
TOTAL	FIRES	2,669	1,346	318	252	47,776	3,995	56,356
	ACRES	65,213	438,404	501,545	101,377	2,121,822	148,218	3,376,579

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>51,887</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,766,088</b>

\*\*\* 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						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						29	29
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,406	1,406
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,436	1,436

### 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		430	43	1,787	170	2,497
	ACRES	72,214		64,354	9,201	82,079	45,781	273,629
Southern Area	FIRES	5		256	80	805	1,068	2,214
	ACRES	2,370		130,452	90,752	299,215	977,376	1,500,165
TOTAL	FIRES	226	251	927	203	2,738	2,167	6,512
	ACRES	92,961	77,301	264,892	110,089	391,934	1,219,685	2,156,862

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	36	708	1,459	47,781
Yukon Territory	2	431	66	89,875
Alberta	5	0	1,223	64,201
Northwest Territory	2	13	24	793
Saskatchewan	1	0	462	37,734
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	0	80	313	20,221
Quebec	0	0	413	122,527
Newfoundland	1	3	163	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	1	0	150	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	2	73	32,862
Total	49	1,237	4,629	472,191

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

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***