

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, August 2, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (199 new fires)
New large fires:	8 (*)
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires : **	18
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9

Nationally, there are 60 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:	66
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

**Williams Creek**, Umpqua NF. IMT2 (Paul). Fifteen miles east of Glide, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior. Community of Moorehill, power transmission lines and anadromous fisheries are threatened. Hwy 138 has been closed.

**Discovery**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Washington IMT2 (Gormely). Timber. Thirty miles west of Yakima, WA. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting.

\* **Gold Hill Complex**, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF. Washington IMT2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Multiple locations near Darrington, WA .Timber. Smoldering and creeping. Road closures in effect.

**Cougar Creek**, Malheur NF. IMT2 (Batten). Ten miles south of John Day, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Light fire activity with isolated interior torching.

**Langille**, Gifford-Pinchot NF. IMT2 (Hutton). Confine/contain management strategy. Fifteen miles southwest of Randle, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior.

**Long Prong**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Thirty-five miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**Wells**, Lakeview District, BLM. Eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Smoldering with isolated 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
Williams Creek	OR	UPF	3,250	866	20	8/7	957	345	23	38	5	0	1.8M	FS
Discovery	WA	OWF	850	350	0	8/10	372	127	8	3	4	0	NR	FS
* Gold Hill Complex	WA	MSF	NR	---	N/A	N/A	261	---	8	7	0	0	300K	FS
Cougar Creek	OR	MAF	1,052	8	85	8/4	288	-22	6	0	4	0	2.3M	FS
Langille	WA	GPF	296	196	N/A	N/A	19	3	0	0	1	0	64K	FS
Long Prong	OR	WWF	145	5	40	8/13	109	0	7	0	3	0	NR	FS
Wells	OR	LAD	325	25	10	8/2	63	19	2	5	0	0	NR	BLM
Union Valley	WA	SES	768	0	100	---	97	-102	3	0	0	0	950K	ST

SES – Southeast Washington DNR

### **Alaska Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 2 IMTs committed 2

**Railbelt Complex** (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT2 (Doty). Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

\***Crazy Mountain Complex** (4 fires), IMT2 (Kurth). Includes previously reported Little Black One, Puzzle Gulch and Bluff Creek fires. Three miles southwest of Circle, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Active fire behavior with spotting. Community of Circle is threatened. 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 activity with sustained crown fires. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	438,447	160,000	N/A	N/A	359	28	12	4	7	0	8.2M	ST
* Crazy Mountain Complex	AK	UYD	323,330	---	N/A	N/A	169	---	6	0	0	0	1.3M	BLM
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	38,500	1,361	N/A	N/A	104	-3	4	0	0	0	4.0M	FWS

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

New fires: 74  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **W-4**, Northern California Resource Area, BLM. Five miles southeast of Madeline, CA. Juniper, mahogany, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. 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
* W-4	CA	NOD	1,000	---	0	8/7	205	---	8	2	4	0	75K	BLM

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 22  
 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.

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	3,975	1,241	30	UNK	1,360	65	28	18	10	0	5.7M	FS

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

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

**Lake Fork**, Manti-Lasal NF. Previously reported confine / contain management strategy. Fourteen miles west of Emery, UT. Timber. Active fire behavior. 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
Lake Fork	UT	MLF	1,166	---	N/A	N/A	14	---	0	1	0	0	NR	FS
Cliffs	UT	CCD	744	0	100	---	153	8	6	0	4	0	430K	BLM

CCD – Cedar City Field Office, BLM

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

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

\* **Limbo**, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. Seventeen miles south of Gerlach, NV. Pinyon, juniper, sage and grass. Minimal 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
* Limbo	NV	WID	478	---	50	8/3	128	---	4	3	2	0	NR	BLM
Independence	NV	NNS	510	-9	100	---	0	-126	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

NNS – Nevada DOF

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

New fires: 6  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Warm Springs**, Nez Perce NF. Confine /contain management strategy. Twenty-three miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior. 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
* Warm Springs	ID	NPF	111	---	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	1	0	0	10K	FS

### **Southwest Area (PL 2)**

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

\* **Rim**, Tonto NF. Twelve miles northeast of Payson, AZ. Heavy logging slash. Creeping.

\* **Miller**, Kaibab NF. Managed for resource benefit objectives. Seven miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Rae**, Kaibab NF. Confine / contain management strategy. Four miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Anderson**, Kaibab NF. Sixteen miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Wildhorse**, Kaibab NF. Previously reported incident. Sixteen miles northeast of Williams, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with occasional short runs with 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
* Rim	AZ	TNF	250	---	0	8/15	117	---	4	3	2	0	83K	FS
* Miller	AZ	KNF	390	---	N/A	N/A	43	---	1	4	0	0	NR	FS
* Rae	AZ	KNF	250	---	N/A	N/A	2	---	0	0	0	0	12K	FS
* Anderson	AZ	KNF	214	---	N/A	N/A	39	---	1	4	0	0	NR	FS
Wildhorse	AZ	KNF	1,149	---	N/A	N/A	68	---	3	1	1	0	NR	FS

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 1  
New large fires: 0  
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. No further information received.

**Carolina Bay**, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Multiple 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
2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	6,933	97	0	UNK	308	2	0	4	3	13	5.1M	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	2,660	0	75	UNK	13	-2	0	5	1	0	140K	FS
Concan	TX	TXS	400	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

TXS - Texas Forest Service

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 9  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Spring Creek**, Rio Blanco County FD. Started on BLM land ten miles southeast of Rangely, CO. Timber, 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
Spring Creek	CO	RBX	1,340	0	90	UNK	74	-90	2	4	1	0	598K	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Thunderstorms should continue today across portions of northern California, the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. A few thunderstorms are expected over the Great Basin, western Colorado and the Southwest. Alaska will be cool with generally dry weather over the central and eastern interior.

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



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

## **SMOKE EXPOSURE**

Exposure to smoke during fire operations can be a significant safety concern. Research has shown that smoke exposure on prescribed fires, especially in the holding and ignition positions, often exceeds that on wildfires. There are many precautions that can be taken to reduce personnel exposure to smoke.

- Planning: Smoke exposure needs to be considered when planning suppression tactics and prescribed fires. Simple actions can mitigate smoke exposures, such as:
  - Altering line locations can have a significant impact on smoke exposure.
  - Placing firelines in areas of lighter fuels or moving lines to roads or other barriers that will require less holding, patrol and mopup will significantly reduce the smoke exposure to personnel.
  - Use flanking attack as opposed to head attack (where appropriate) in heavy smoke situations.
  - Check fire behavior forecasts for smoke and inversion potential.
  - In heavy smoke, give up acres to gain control.
  
- Implementation: Many techniques can help reduce the exposure of personnel to heavy smoke, such as:
  - Rotating people out of the heaviest smoke area may be the single most effective method.
  - Locate camps and incident command posts in areas that are not prone to inversions.
  - Minimize snag falling, consistent with safety concerns, to avoid putting heavy fuels on the ground that will require mopup.
  - Changing firing patterns and preburning (black lining) during less severe conditions can greatly reduce exposure to smoke.
  - The use of retardant, foam or sprinklers can also significantly reduce the workload and exposure time for holding crews.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			0		0		0
Northwest	FIRES		8	2	1	25	30	66
	ACRES		384	1	0	66	24	475
Northern California	FIRES		10			30	34	74
	ACRES		1,099			49	40	1,188
Southern California	FIRES	1	2			16	3	22
	ACRES	0	0			3	0	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	1					11	12
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					12	1	13
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	5			3		11
	ACRES	70	1			0		71
Southwest	FIRES	0	1				3	4
	ACRES	1,600	0				335	1,935
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2			3	3	9
	ACRES	8	0			13	6	27
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			4				4
TOTAL	FIRES	6	28	4	1	80	80	199
	ACRES	1,679	1,484	5	0	143	417	3,728

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	46	40	20	343	18	468
	ACRES	1	461,996	595,447	54,133	969,710	8	2,081,295
Northwest	FIRES	295	145	3	42	558	527	1,570
	ACRES	2,338	2,594	12	623	5,026	2,381	12,974
Northern California	FIRES	89	49	3	15	1,581	452	2,189
	ACRES	85	1,126	4	2	7,960	10,406	19,583
Southern California	FIRES	31	129	11	19	2,134	403	2,727
	ACRES	43	915	24	733	9,022	10,759	21,496
Northern Rockies	FIRES	566	61	12	13	437	432	1,521
	ACRES	1,633	1,045	392	2	16,004	2,353	21,429
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	34	315	3	23	286	196	857
	ACRES	72	7,009	186	2,119	1,330	9,107	19,823
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	293	9	9	76	95	491
	ACRES	140	16,093	150	20	335	250	16,988
Southwest	FIRES	603	236	8	54	772	851	2,524
	ACRES	26,233	70,275	148	3,856	282,545	82,917	465,974
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	386	291	15	13	480	180	1,365
	ACRES	1,644	3,679	533	64	67,029	817	73,766
Eastern Area	FIRES	425		30	26	11,528	521	12,530
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,448	6,598	112,204
Southern Area	FIRES	298		194	52	29,841	552	30,937
	ACRES	35,259		43,071	43,957	871,173	26,985	1,020,445
TOTAL	FIRES	2,737	1,565	328	286	48,036	4,227	57,179
	ACRES	68,687	564,732	640,776	105,619	2,333,582	152,581	3,865,977

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>53,035</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,977,009</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						2	2
	ACRES						35	35
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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	35	35

### 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	1,073	195	8,627	11,207
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	17	77	2	24	182	324
	ACRES	1,973	1,329	18,408	345	2,241	17,479	41,775
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	4	7	22	54	109
	ACRES	15	3,986	1,225	282	180	13,804	19,492
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	110	10	45	121	397
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,952	5,851	1,564	28,302	66,732
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		431	43	1,787	174	2,502
	ACRES	72,214		64,365	9,201	82,079	46,156	274,015
Southern Area	FIRES	5		256	80	805	1,071	2,217
	ACRES	2,370		130,452	90,752	299,215	979,154	1,501,943
TOTAL	FIRES	226	251	931	203	2,738	2,178	6,527
	ACRES	92,961	77,301	265,363	110,084	391,934	1,221,913	2,159,556

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	62	2,398	1,687	53,457
Yukon Territory	12	626	101	96,521
Alberta	4	9	1,240	64,213
Northwest Territory	0	0	28	997
Saskatchewan	0	0	463	37,734
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	0	0	314	20,395
Quebec	1	0	414	122,527
Newfoundland	0	0	163	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	156	233
Nova Scotia	0	0	150	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	83	32,862
Total	79	3,033	4,929	484,903

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

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