

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, August 16, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (129 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 19  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 5  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 101 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.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Molunby) is assigned to the Terrace Mountain fire north of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Twenty smokejumpers are assigned to Fort St. John, British Columbia.

**Northern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 22  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 1 IMTs committed 2

**Lockheed**, San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Hutchinson). Four miles northwest of Boulder Creek, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**SHU Lightning** (3 fires), Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Wenham). Three miles northeast of Burney, CA. Timber. Smoldering and creeping.

**Corral**, Santa-Clara Unit, Cal Fire. Eighteen miles east of Pleasanton, CA. Oak, brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**Yuba**, Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles northeast of Dobbins, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Powerhouse and transmission lines threatened. Communities of Dobbins and Oregon House threatened. Evacuations 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
Lockheed	CA	CZU	6,843	1,807	40	8/23	2,165	617	21	63	14	0	5.2M	ST
SHU Lightning	CA	SHU	17,623	0	85	8/16	1,429	-151	24	18	8	0	28M	ST
Corral	CA	SCU	15,000	0	60	8/17	337	2	4	25	7	0	NR	ST

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
Yuba	CA	NEU	2,000	1,000	15	8/20	1,385	1,192	19	40	11	2	1.4M	ST
Coffin	CA	SHU	1,200	0	100	---	888	-115	15	14	3	0	2.8M	ST

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 22  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed 2

**La Brea**, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire IMT1 (Lewin). Twenty-one miles east of Santa Maria, CA. Chaparral and grass. Active fire behavior. 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
La Brea	CA	LPF	84,150	15,019	25	UNK	2,152	172	49	41	14	1	15M	FS

**Alaska Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 0  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 7  
 Type 2 IMTs committed 2

**Railbelt Complex** (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Doty) back to the local unit will occur today. Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Hardluck Creek**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT2 (Cowie). Twenty-seven miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Residences threatened.

**Crazy Mountain Complex** (4 fires). Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Three miles southwest of Circle, AK. Black spruce and mixed hardwoods. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	636,224	0	N/A	N/A	428	-81	13	5	6	0	17M	ST
Hardluck Creek	AK	FAS	12,834	0	70	8/17	358	-130	10	0	3	7	3.5M	ST
Crazy Mountain Complex	AK	UYD	447,420	0	N/A	N/A	121	-77	4	3	2	0	6.7M	BLM

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Williams Creek**, Umpqua NF. IMT2 (Paul). Fifteen miles east of Glide, OR. Timber. Smoldering and occasional torching. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Discovery**, Southeast Area, Washington DNR. Seven miles southeast of Moxee City, WA. Timber, brush 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
Williams Creek	OR	UPF	8,395	6	90	8/16	684	0	17	23	2	0	13.7M	FS
Discovery	WA	SES	4,279	---	95	8/18	230	---	12	25	1	0	166K	ST

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 10  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Woodchute**, Prescott NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Prescott, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. 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
Woodchute	AZ	PNF	730	-60	95	8/17	20	0	1	0	0	0	816K	FS

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

New fires: 39  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Big Pole**, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Twelve miles west of Grantsville, UT. Timber. 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
Big Pole	UT	SLD	43,923	---	75	UNK	134	---	4	2	2	11	2.3M	BLM
White Valley	UT	BRS	2,400	0	100	---	0	-43	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

BRS – Bear River Area, Utah DOF

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Narraguinnep**, San Juan NF. Twelve miles southeast of Dove Creek, CO. Mixed hardwoods, chaparral and grass. Smoldering. 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
Narraguinnep	CO	SJF	6,779	0	90	8/17	257	-8	6	15	2	0	1.9M	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warmer and drier across California and the Pacific Northwest. Winds diminishing but remaining dry across the Southwest and the Great Basin and into west Texas. Cool with some showers across the Northern Rockies, as well as Alaska.

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



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

### **Fire not Scouted and Sized Up**

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

- Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:
  - Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
  - Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
  - Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
  - Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
  - Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
  
- Continued from above...
  - Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
  - Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
  - Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)
  
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
  - Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		0		0
	ACRES		1,905	885		4,172		6,962
Northwest	FIRES	1	2			1	5	9
	ACRES	0	0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES				0	20	2	22
	ACRES				200	8,158	0	8,358
Southern California	FIRES	1			1	19	1	22
	ACRES	0			3	40	13,619	13,662
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			1	1	4
	ACRES	1	1			0	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10			19	10	39
	ACRES		201			1,249	8	1,458
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		0			1	0	1
Southwest	FIRES	1				3	6	10
	ACRES	0				39	34	73
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			1	2	7
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					238		238
TOTAL	FIRES	4	18	0	1	77	29	129
	ACRES	1	2,107	885	203	13,898	13,661	30,755

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	48	41	20	372	23	505
	ACRES	1	754,023	754,357	101,595	1,319,817	9	2,929,802
Northwest	FIRES	372	270	12	70	896	1,003	2,623
	ACRES	5,607	20,414	124	1,649	6,439	9,870	44,103
Northern California	FIRES	96	57	3	24	2,023	751	2,954
	ACRES	91	1,531	4	1,411	41,255	28,141	72,433
Southern California	FIRES	33	125	13	25	2,421	440	3,057
	ACRES	82	917	25	803	9,410	95,530	106,767
Northern Rockies	FIRES	637	91	15	20	524	612	1,899
	ACRES	2,232	1,090	393	2	16,583	5,606	25,906
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	419	2	24	388	328	1,204
	ACRES	113	65,603	186	2,120	12,173	14,814	95,009
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	327	9	9	92	103	550
	ACRES	2,440	17,501	150	20	344	277	20,732
Southwest	FIRES	655	255	10	40	813	968	2,741
	ACRES	43,452	92,702	3,843	6,863	287,422	96,403	530,685
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	434	359	15	18	547	253	1,626
	ACRES	1,984	9,215	533	65	70,634	6,887	89,318
Eastern Area	FIRES	432		30	28	11,690	525	12,705
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,551	6,600	112,309
Southern Area	FIRES	298		219	53	30,787	559	31,916
	ACRES	35,259		43,544	43,957	897,998	27,083	1,047,841
TOTAL	FIRES	3,011	1,951	369	331	50,553	5,565	61,780
	ACRES	92,500	962,996	803,968	158,595	2,765,626	291,220	5,074,905

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>56,962</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,859,556</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							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	1	88	232
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	1	12,361	31,529
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	25	153	286
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,876	7,527	41,174
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	6	1	115	138
	ACRES		564	748	1,118	195	8,627	11,252
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	76	2	24	182	333
	ACRES	2,062	4,106	18,988	345	2,241	17,479	45,221
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	4	7	22	84	139
	ACRES	8	3,986	1,225	282	180	13,940	19,621
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	2			5	16
	ACRES		1,942	62			219	2,223
Southwest	FIRES	26	33	3	4		220	286
	ACRES	2,046	59,850	501	530		109,576	172,503
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	112	10	45	122	400
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	19,099	5,851	1,564	28,306	66,883
Eastern Area	FIRES	68		436	44	1,787	177	2,512
	ACRES	72,232		66,378	9,221	82,078	46,644	276,553
Southern Area	FIRES	6		257	83	805	1,082	2,233
	ACRES	2,450		130,585	92,802	295,356	987,730	1,508,923
TOTAL	FIRES	230	265	938	204	2,719	2,228	6,584
	ACRES	93,448	85,668	268,236	111,630	387,829	1,232,409	2,179,220

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	7	249	2,352	129,822
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	268,842
Alberta	1	0	1,341	64,243
Northwest Territory	0	0	39	1,872
Saskatchewan	0	0	473	37,746
Manitoba	0	0	139	2,456
Ontario	1	0	320	20,620
Quebec	1	0	426	122,527
Newfoundland	0	0	165	52,593
New Brunswick	1	0	164	237
Nova Scotia	1	0	153	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	120	35,976
Total	12	249	5,810	737,869

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

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