

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

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (72 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 3  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 7  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 55 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 2)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Boze**, Umpqua NF. NIMO (Cable). Nine miles southwest of Toketee Falls, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Tumblebug Complex**, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Ensley). Twenty-three miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Running fire with group-tree torching and short-range 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
Boze	OR	UPF	12,140	629	15	10/15	574	-114	16	16	5	0	4.9M	FS
Tumblebug Complex	OR	WIF	11,200	100	15	10/15	1,284	9	34	45	9	0	8.7M	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Guiberson**, Ventura County FD. Cal Fire IMT1 (Lewin). Three miles southeast of Fillmore, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

**Station, Angeles NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski).** Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

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Guiberson	CA	VNC	17,500	0	97	9/27	1,168	-260	27	70	0	1	9.3M	CNTY
Station	CA	ANF	160,557	0	98	UNK	668	-3	15	27	5	209	90.7M	FS
Crafton	CA	BDU	347	0	100	---	5	4	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

BDU – San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed 1

\* **MacDonald Pass**, Helena NF. IMT2 (Secrest). Eight miles west of Helena, MT. Timber. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect. No further information received.

**Saddle Mtn 2**, Flathead Agency, BIA. Four miles west of Arlee, MT. Timber and logging slash. Moderate fire activity with torching.

**Arnica**, Yellowstone National Park, NPS. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Five miles west of Bridge Bay, WY. Lodgepole pine. Active fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting.

**Table Mountain**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Twenty-three miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with active fire behavior and sustained crown runs. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Lily Lake**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Ten miles northeast of Wisdom, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and short crown 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
* MacDonald Pass	MT	HNF	300	---	0	UNK	221	---	9	10	3	0	NR	FS
Saddle Mtn 2	MT	FHA	465	0	40	9/30	230	0	8	6	3	0	450K	BIA
Arnica	WY	YNP	3,802	2,602	N/A	N/A	90	30	1	2	5	0	210K	NPS
Table Mountain	MT	BDF	2,500	1,458	N/A	N/A	80	-10	3	6	2	0	150K	FS
Lily Lake	MT	BDF	1,160	---	N/A	N/A	45	---	1	0	2	0	165K	FS
Copper Creek	MT	SWS	109	0	100	---	23	-45	0	4	0	0	243K	ST

SWS – Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Land and Resources

### **Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

Miller, Nevada Division of Forestry. Five miles north of Yerington, NV. Brush. Smoldering with isolated torching.

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
Miller	NV	NWS	616	0	85	9/27	217	15	6	6	0	0	81.5K	ST

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

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

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
* K-3	ID	TFD	891	---	100	---	43	---	0	11	1	0	20K	BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** High pressure shifting southeast towards the Four Corners today will maintain elevated fire potential across California due to near record heat and dryness, while bringing a cooling trend to Oregon and Washington. Fire potential will decrease across Idaho, Montana and Wyoming as less windy, cooler and generally more humid conditions prevail behind a low pressure system dropping southeast into the upper Great Plains. A low pressure system approaching the northwest coast on Monday will bring increased fire potential to some interior areas of Oregon and northern California due to increased southwest winds and low humidity, while also beginning to break the heat across the rest of California.

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



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

## Driving Safety

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about every thing you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
  - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
  - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
  - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
  - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
  - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
  - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving, pull over and park.
  - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations causal and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
  - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.
- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				5	1	7
	ACRES	4				4	100	108
Northern California	FIRES					21	3	24
	ACRES					31	37	68
Southern California	FIRES				0	15	4	19
	ACRES				15	5	1	21
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1			5	0	8
	ACRES	2	0			218	920	1,140
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			3	1	4
	ACRES		891			26	253	1,170
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	2	4
	ACRES	1				0	0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			1	1	2
	ACRES		3			0	0	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	4	1	0	0	55	12	72
	ACRES	7	894	0	15	285	1,311	2,512

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	42	21	376	27	516
	ACRES	1	764,819	753,547	101,189	1,321,310	10	2,940,876
Northwest	FIRES	325	309	26	74	1,017	1,364	3,115
	ACRES	5,786	27,038	2,353	2,220	55,803	40,434	133,634
Northern California	FIRES	153	62	4	37	2,518	854	3,628
	ACRES	127	1,533	5	1,754	60,493	35,445	99,357
Southern California	FIRES	42	179	16	32	3,123	545	3,937
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	10,308	23,545	261,647	301,342
Northern Rockies	FIRES	748	121	17	34	618	808	2,346
	ACRES	2,566	1,017	397	321	23,568	15,630	43,499
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	528	5	28	596	1,040	2,245
	ACRES	106	66,500	226	2,223	16,381	37,713	123,149
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	395	9	11	111	134	670
	ACRES	2,440	29,235	150	22	905	317	33,069
Southwest	FIRES	799	256	10	63	1,878	1,308	4,314
	ACRES	46,701	89,391	3,843	8,010	288,093	133,617	569,655
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	556	425	19	25	676	381	2,082
	ACRES	2,579	9,199	535	67	72,392	7,952	92,724
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		35	29	12,800	567	13,869
	ACRES	1,241		838	110	113,002	6,701	121,892
Southern Area	FIRES	298		234	54	33,515	572	34,673
	ACRES	35,259		44,205	44,166	973,194	30,994	1,127,818
TOTAL	FIRES	3,418	2,324	417	408	57,228	7,600	71,395
	ACRES	98,395	992,940	806,144	170,390	2,948,686	570,460	5,587,015

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>66,991</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,307,643</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						550	550
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		150				80	230
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	150	0	0	0	630	780

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					3,300	78	3,378
Northwest	FIRES	14	118	17	4	1	78	232
	ACRES	6,132	31,099	3,036	47	1	23,233	63,548
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	22	46	20	100	230
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,585	1,450	2,512	6,398	39,684
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	7	1	116	141
	ACRES	1	564	748	1,248	195	8,628	11,384
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	92	2	27	208	378
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	21,824	345	2,295	25,494	56,341
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	23	89	147
	ACRES	8	11,320	1,225	282	201	20,655	33,691
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,452	62			859	2,373
Southwest	FIRES	40	23	3	4		237	307
	ACRES	9,485	46,428	501	530		120,896	177,840
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	70	39	130	14	48	134	435
	ACRES	7,661	4,331	20,654	7,683	1,662	29,709	71,700
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		523	51	2,593	274	3,512
	ACRES	72,390		71,741	9,251	150,685	47,862	351,929
Southern Area	FIRES	6		284	85	816	1,110	2,301
	ACRES	2,450		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,003,882	1,548,919
TOTAL	FIRES	252	256	1,086	220	3,537	2,353	7,704
	ACRES	100,413	102,030	296,665	113,765	460,220	1,287,694	2,360,787

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	15	14,441	3,027	226,988
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Alberta	22	7	1,528	64,273
Northwest Territory	0	102	41	2,057
Saskatchewan	1	0	506	37,776
Manitoba	0	0	158	2,813
Ontario	17	3	369	20,654
Quebec	4	0	471	122,685
Newfoundland	0	0	176	36,981
New Brunswick	7	1	190	249
Nova Scotia	1	0	167	932
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	80	128	37,037
Total	67	14,634	6,761	552,444

**\*\*\* CIFFC table updated weekly \*\*\***

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

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