

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

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (59 new fires)
 New large fires: 8 (*)
 Large fires contained: 3
 Uncontained large fires : ** 9
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 54 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: 3
 New large fires: 1
 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. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

Tumblebug Complex, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Ensley). Twenty-three miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Running fire with torching and spotting.

* **Twin Peaks**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty miles west of Naches, WA. Timber. 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
Boze	OR	UPF	12,726	586	15	10/15	551	-23	14	16	5	0	5.4M	FS
Tumblebug Complex	OR	WIF	12,000	800	18	10/15	1,002	-282	23	37	7	0	9.7M	FS
* Twin Peaks	WA	OWF	750	---	N/A	N/A	92	---	3	6	3	0	300K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 16
 New large fires: 4
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed 1

MacDonald Pass, Helena NF. IMT2 (Secret). Eight miles west of Helena, MT. Timber. Residences threatened. No further information received.

* **Baldy**, Flathead NF. Three miles west of Lakeside, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Community of Lakeside threatened. Road closures in effect.

Kootenai Creek, Bitterroot NF. Seven miles northwest of Stevensville, MT. Timber. Creeping, smoldering and 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. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **North Butte**, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Nine miles west of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

Table Mountain, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Twenty-three miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Running fire with single tree torching. Residences threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Ninko Creek**, Flathead NF. Sixteen miles northwest of Polebridge, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching.

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. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Saddle Mtn 2, Flathead Agency, BIA. Four miles west of Arlee, MT. Timber and logging slash. 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
MacDonald Pass	MT	HNF	239	-61	15	9/28	362	141	13	12	3	0	NR	FS
* Baldy	MT	FNF	200	---	0	9/29	148	---	3	13	3	0	NR	FS
Kootenai Creek	MT	BRF	5,820	---	N/A	N/A	205	---	5	23	2	0	1.9M	FS
Arnica	WY	YNP	9,000	5,198	N/A	N/A	130	40	1	15	5	0	300K	NPS
* North Butte	MT	NCA	300	---	80	UNK	25	---	1	1	0	0	10K	BIA
Table Mountain	MT	BDF	3,500	1,000	N/A	N/A	59	-21	1	5	2	0	NR	FS
* Ninko Creek	MT	FNF	500	---	N/A	N/A	33	---	1	3	1	0	350K	FS
Lily Lake	MT	BDF	1,308	148	N/A	N/A	37	-8	1	0	1	0	NR	FS
Saddle Mtn 2	MT	FHA	470	5	60	9/30	170	-60	5	10	2	0	500K	BIA
* Grand River	SD	NDCI	1,800	---	100	---	95	---	0	33	0	0	NR	PRI

NDCI – North Dakota Dispatch Zone

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

* **Power**, Sequoia NF. Eight miles northeast of Porterville, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity. Road closures 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
Station	CA	ANF	160,557	0	98	UNK	502	-166	11	15	5	209	91.8M	FS
* Power	CA	SQF	255	---	0	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Guiberson	CA	VNC	17,500	0	100	---	547	-621	7	28	0	1	11.4M	CNTY

VNC – Ventura County FD

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Power Station**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Five miles south of Shoshone, ID. Grass. Active fire behavior.

Bearpaw Bay, Grand Teton National Park. Previously reported incident. Ten miles west of Moran, WY. Timber. Moderate fire activity with group-tree torching.

* **Gunsight**, Bridger-Teton NF. Twenty-four miles northeast of Jackson, WY. Timber, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior with running and long-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
* Power Station	ID	TDF	1,500	---	20	9/28	68	---	0	23	0	0	25K	BLM
Bearpaw Bay	WY	GTP	2,250	---	N/A	N/A	94	---	2	4	1	0	49K	NPS
* Gunsight	WY	BTF	500	---	N/A	N/A	5	---	0	1	0	0	8K	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 1
New large fires: 0
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
Miller	NV	NWS	616	0	100	---	135	-82	4	2	0	0	85K	ST

NWS – Nevada Division of Forestry

Predictive Services Discussion: Increasing southwest winds in advance of a low pressure system approaching the northwest coast today will bring elevated fire potential to portions of northeast California, Oregon and southwest Idaho due to windy and dry conditions. The eastward progression of this system on Tuesday will bring decreasing fire potential to this same area, as well as western Montana, due to cooler temperatures and a chance for showers, while shifting the windy and dry conditions to portions of Utah and Arizona. Fire potential will decrease both today and Tuesday across southern California due to cooler and more humid conditions associated with the onshore flow.

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



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

PROPER USE OF TRIGGER POINTS

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don’t wait until you’re in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire Behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time constraints/Time of day
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
 - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
 - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
 - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
 - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
 - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
 - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
 - Account for all your people
 - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	800	800
Northern California	FIRES					9	2	11
	ACRES					4	1	5
Southern California	FIRES				1	11	1	13
	ACRES				12	0	1	13
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7				6	3	16
	ACRES	303				1,837	334	2,474
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2		0		2	5
	ACRES	0	4		1,150		860	2,014
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		0			3	2	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						3	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	8	4	0	1	30	16	59
	ACRES	303	4	0	1,162	1,844	2,001	5,314

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	1,020	1,367	3,121
	ACRES	5,786	27,038	2,353	2,220	55,803	41,234	134,434
Northern California	FIRES	153	62	4	37	2,533	857	3,646
	ACRES	127	1,533	5	1,754	60,498	35,447	99,364
Southern California	FIRES	42	179	16	34	3,134	546	3,951
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	10,332	23,545	261,648	301,367
Northern Rockies	FIRES	755	121	17	34	624	776	2,327
	ACRES	2,869	1,017	397	321	25,555	15,678	45,837
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	530	5	28	596	542	1,750
	ACRES	106	66,504	226	3,373	16,381	37,748	124,338
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	396	9	11	111	145	682
	ACRES	2,440	29,236	150	22	905	318	33,071
Southwest	FIRES	799	257	10	63	1,879	1,310	4,318
	ACRES	46,701	89,391	3,843	8,010	288,096	133,619	569,660
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	556	425	19	25	677	386	2,088
	ACRES	2,579	9,199	535	67	72,395	7,955	92,730
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		37	29	12,801	567	13,872
	ACRES	1,241		875	110	113,002	6,701	121,929
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	3,426	2,328	419	410	57,266	7,095	70,944
	ACRES	98,698	992,945	806,181	171,564	2,950,684	571,352	5,591,424

Ten Year Average Fires	67,063
Ten Year Average Acres	6,309,429

*** 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	79	233
	ACRES	6,132	31,099	3,036	47	1	23,236	63,551
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	20,705	33,741
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	29,724	71,715
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		531	51	2,593	274	3,520
	ACRES	72,390		72,838	9,251	150,685	47,862	353,026
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	1,094	220	3,537	2,354	7,713
	ACRES	100,413	102,030	297,762	113,765	460,220	1,287,762	2,361,952

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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/>.

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