

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

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (84 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires : ** 8
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

Nationally, there are 56 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: 5
 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. 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.

| 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 | 13,910 | 1,184 | 20 | 10/15 | 551 | 0 | 14 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 5.8M | FS |
| Tumblebug Complex | OR | WIF | 13,000 | 1,000 | 25 | 10/15 | 724 | -278 | 13 | 32 | 7 | 0 | 10.6M | FS |

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

MacDonald Pass, Helena NF. IMT2 (Secrest). Eight miles west of Helena, MT. Timber. Residences threatened. Creeping and smoldering.

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. No further information received.

Bielenburg, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Nine miles southwest of Deerlodge, MT. Dead and down timber. Active fire behavior with group-tree torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

North Butte, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Nine miles west of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. No new information.

Saddle Mtn 2, Flathead Agency, BIA. Four miles west of Arlee, MT. Timber and logging slash. Smoldering.

Ninko Creek, Flathead NF. Sixteen miles northwest of Polebridge, MT. Timber. No new information.

Gird End, Bitterroot NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Ten miles east of Hamilton, MT. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. 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 |
|----------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| MacDonald Pass | MT | HNF | 170 | -69 | 75 | 9/29 | 299 | -63 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 1M | FS |
| Baldy | MT | FNF | 246 | 46 | 60 | 9/29 | 159 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 400K | FS |
| Kootenai Creek | MT | BRF | 6,293 | 473 | N/A | N/A | 121 | -84 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 2.5M | FS |
| Bielenburg | MT | BDF | 1,952 | --- | N/A | N/A | 141 | --- | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1M | FS |
| North Butte | MT | NCA | 300 | --- | 80 | UNK | 25 | --- | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10K | BIA |
| Saddle Mtn 2 | MT | FHA | 470 | 0 | 80 | 9/30 | 170 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 530K | BIA |
| Ninko Creek | MT | FNF | 500 | --- | N/A | N/A | 33 | --- | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 350K | FS |
| Gird End | MT | BRF | 1,200 | --- | N/A | N/A | 6 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20K | FS |

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Power, Sequoia NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Eight miles northeast of Porterville, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Station, Angeles NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Wakoski) to local unit will occur today. Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Smoldering. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|---------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Power | CA | SQF | 400 | 145 | 80 | 9/29 | 502 | --- | 20 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 500K | FS |
| Station | CA | ANF | 160,557 | 0 | 98 | UNK | 353 | -149 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 209 | 92.5M | FS |

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

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

Gunsight, Bridger-Teton NF. IMT 2 (Svalberg). Twenty-four miles northeast of Jackson, WY. Timber, sagebrush and grass. No further information received.

Bearpaw Bay, Grand Teton National Park. Ten miles west of Moran, WY. Timber. Moderate fire activity with group-tree 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Gunsight | WY | BTF | 1,200 | 700 | N/A | N/A | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR | FS |
| Bearpaw Bay | WY | GTP | 2,844 | 594 | N/A | N/A | 85 | -9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 157K | NPS |
| Power Station | ID | TFD | 3,031 | 1,531 | 100 | --- | 19 | -49 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 25K | BLM |

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * China | NV | BMD | 322 | --- | 100 | --- | 62 | --- | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 80K | BLM |

BMD – Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Castle**, Shoshone NF. Fifty-four miles east of Cody, WY. Timber. Backing fire with isolated group-tree 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Castle | WY | SHF | 200 | --- | N/A | N/A | 23 | --- | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | NR | FS |

Predictive Services Discussion: Increasing southwest winds in advance of a low pressure system moving southeast across the Pacific Northwest today will bring elevated fire potential due to windy and dry conditions to portions of an area extending from southeast California across Utah and Wyoming to western North Dakota. Fire potential will be on the decrease to the west of this area due to showers and cooler temperatures near and behind the cold front associated with this system. Elevated fire potential due to gusty winds and low humidity will be constrained to northern Arizona on Wednesday as the weather system progresses inland, with cooler temperatures and a chance for showers across much of the remainder of the west. Little or no precipitation is expected either day across the southern half of California.

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



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

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the "Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts" in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or "chimneys" on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.
- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | | 255 | 255 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 4 | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| | ACRES | 0 | | | 310 | 1 | 2,039 | 2,350 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 2 | | 0 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | 3,572 | | 1,344 | 17 | 1,348 | 6,281 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | 82 | | | 2 | 0 | 84 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 15 | 2 | | | 3 | 3 | 23 |
| | ACRES | 18 | 0 | | | 4 | 12 | 34 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 19 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 23 | 84 |
| | ACRES | 18 | 3,654 | 0 | 1,654 | 39 | 3,655 | 9,020 |

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 | 764,818 | 754,710 | 101,190 | 1,321,312 | 10 | 2,942,041 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 325 | 310 | 26 | 74 | 1,023 | 1,370 | 3,128 |
| | ACRES | 5,838 | 27,038 | 2,353 | 2,220 | 55,803 | 42,235 | 135,487 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 153 | 62 | 4 | 37 | 2,553 | 858 | 3,667 |
| | ACRES | 127 | 1,533 | 5 | 1,754 | 60,508 | 35,447 | 99,374 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 42 | 180 | 16 | 34 | 3,134 | 548 | 3,954 |
| | ACRES | 1,589 | 4,208 | 45 | 10,332 | 23,545 | 261,903 | 301,622 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 759 | 121 | 17 | 33 | 626 | 818 | 2,374 |
| | ACRES | 2,869 | 1,017 | 397 | 9,388 | 24,695 | 19,068 | 57,434 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 49 | 532 | 5 | 28 | 600 | 546 | 1,760 |
| | ACRES | 106 | 70,068 | 226 | 4,717 | 16,399 | 39,096 | 130,612 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 10 | 397 | 9 | 11 | 112 | 146 | 685 |
| | ACRES | 2,440 | 29,349 | 150 | 22 | 980 | 318 | 33,259 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 814 | 265 | 10 | 63 | 1,882 | 1,313 | 4,347 |
| | ACRES | 46,719 | 89,400 | 3,843 | 8,010 | 288,102 | 133,635 | 569,709 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 574 | 425 | 19 | 25 | 679 | 389 | 2,111 |
| | ACRES | 2,934 | 9,199 | 535 | 67 | 72,397 | 7,955 | 93,087 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 438 | | 37 | 29 | 12,808 | 567 | 13,879 |
| | ACRES | 1,241 | | 875 | 110 | 113,043 | 6,701 | 121,970 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 298 | | 234 | 54 | 33,518 | 575 | 34,679 |
| | ACRES | 35,259 | | 44,205 | 44,166 | 973,217 | 30,996 | 1,127,843 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 3,463 | 2,341 | 419 | 409 | 57,311 | 7,157 | 71,100 |
| | ACRES | 99,123 | 996,630 | 807,344 | 181,976 | 2,950,001 | 577,364 | 5,612,438 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 67,283 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 6,325,098 |

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Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 1,875 | 1,875 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 10 | 10 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 1,313 | 1,313 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 640 | 640 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 860 | 860 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,698 | 4,698 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 3,438 | 95 | 3,533 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 14 | 118 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 82 | 236 |
| | ACRES | 6,132 | 31,099 | 3,036 | 47 | 1 | 25,111 | 65,426 |
| 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 | 210 | 380 |
| | ACRES | 2,062 | 4,321 | 21,824 | 345 | 2,295 | 25,579 | 56,426 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 23 | 4 | 7 | 23 | 91 | 149 |
| | ACRES | 8 | 11,320 | 1,225 | 282 | 201 | 21,618 | 34,654 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 4 | 2 | | | 6 | 12 |
| | ACRES | | 1,452 | 62 | | | 859 | 2,373 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 40 | 23 | 3 | 4 | | 238 | 308 |
| | ACRES | 9,485 | 46,428 | 501 | 530 | | 121,536 | 178,480 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 70 | 39 | 130 | 14 | 48 | 137 | 438 |
| | ACRES | 7,854 | 4,331 | 20,654 | 7,683 | 1,662 | 30,584 | 72,768 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 71 | | 549 | 51 | 2,593 | 190 | 3,454 |
| | ACRES | 72,390 | | 74,082 | 9,251 | 150,685 | 52,372 | 358,780 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 6 | | 284 | 85 | 816 | 1,106 | 2,297 |
| | ACRES | 2,450 | | 150,289 | 92,929 | 299,369 | 1,004,854 | 1,549,891 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 252 | 256 | 1,112 | 220 | 3,538 | 2,277 | 7,655 |
| | ACRES | 100,606 | 102,030 | 299,006 | 113,765 | 460,358 | 1,297,634 | 2,373,399 |

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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 |

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

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