

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 18, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (142 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 10
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 53 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service include these areas: Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- Support to the National Park Service include these areas: Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve, Everglades National Park, Dry Tortugas, Biscayne National Park, De Soto National Memorial and Big Cypress National Preserve.

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
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Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Swakane, Washington DNR. Transfer of command from Washington IMT 2 (Barnett) back to local unit will occur today. Six miles north of Wenatchee, WA. Timber and grass. Interior smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Line, Spokane Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Lentz). Four miles southeast of Wellpinit, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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
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Swakane	WA	SES	19,291	-455	75	7/30	262	-120	7	9	7	0	2.7M	ST
Line	WA	SPA	917	17	90	7/18	185	-112	4	7	1	1	1M	BIA

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 41
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Valley Complex**, (2 fires) Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. Includes previously reported Cactus and Skinner incidents. Seven miles southeast of Hemet, CA. Chaparral and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Bodfish, Central California District, BLM. IMT2 (Cooper). Two miles southwest of Bodfish, CA. Brush and Grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Sand 2**, California Desert District, BLM. Four miles northwest of Inyokern, CA. Hardwood slash and brush. Moderate fire activity with short-range spotting.

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* Valley Complex	CA	RRU	1,230	---	60	UNK	543	---	25	23	0	0	1.2M	ST
Bodfish	CA	CND	560	32	80	UNK	756	547	18	49	4	0	100K	BLM
* Sand 2	CA	CDD	200	---	25	7/22	100	---	5	0	0	0	20K	BLM

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 1
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Peavey Creek, Tanana Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles southwest of Bettles, AK. Black spruce. Creeping and smoldering with isolated single-tree torching.

Pat Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Smoldering with single-tree torching.

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Peavey Creek	AK	TAD	24,518	7,010	1	UNK	31	0	2	0	2	0	413K	BLM
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	16,018	0	35	UNK	145	-33	6	0	3	0	6.3M	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

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

Indian Valley, Rio Blanco County. Fifteen miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Smoldering.

* **Twin Buttes**, White River Field Office, BLM. Limited perimeter control incident. Twenty-five miles southwest of Rangely, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity with short crown runs. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Indian Valley	CO	RBX	322	0	95	7/18	57	-5	2	3	1	0	122K	CNTY
* Twin Buttes	CO	WRD	200	---	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	1	0	0	15K	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

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

Lakeside, Helena NF. Eight miles northeast of Helena, MT. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Numerous structures threatened.

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Lakeside	MT	HNF	855	495	50	7/20	146	146	5	7	2	3	250K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0

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Penneys	UT	NWS	696	-804	100	---	3	-28	0	1	0	0	40K	ST

NWS – Wasatch Front Area, Utah DOF

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry weather persists today over the West with a mix of wet and dry thunderstorms over the Four Corner States, Wyoming, Montana and eastern Idaho. Gusty winds and low humidity are expected over the northern Great Basin into Wyoming.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations
Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		1		1
	ACRES			1,341		9,800		11,141
Northwest	FIRES	1				4	5	10
	ACRES	0				2	0	2
Northern California	FIRES					14	3	17
	ACRES					7	0	7
Southern California	FIRES		3			27	11	41
	ACRES		700			1,483	42	2,225
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	4	7
	ACRES	0				6	1	7
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7		0	1	5	13
	ACRES		6		4	5	0	15
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11	2				13
	ACRES		3	0				3
Southwest	FIRES	1	2				20	23
	ACRES	0	0				555	555
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	0			2	7	10
	ACRES	0	50			2	177	229
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					43		43
TOTAL	FIRES	4	23	2	0	58	55	142
	ACRES	0	759	1,341	4	11,348	775	14,227

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	74	65	50	387	11	588
	ACRES	103	298,761	70,848	101,161	643,980	9	1,114,862
Northwest	FIRES	78	33	2	4	131	177	425
	ACRES	706	1,876	1	0	20,912	133	23,628
Northern California	FIRES	11	12		6	1,148	136	1,313
	ACRES	2	15		5	12,403	25	12,450
Southern California	FIRES	13	95	3	6	1,393	227	1,737
	ACRES	184	6,344	14	5	20,715	439	27,701
Northern Rockies	FIRES	351	11	1	3	128	123	617
	ACRES	2,497	126	761	0	1,300	1,016	5,700
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	16	178	2	6	223	104	529
	ACRES	519	43,320	1	46	122,658	290	166,834
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	99	4	6	32	16	158
	ACRES	0	623	17	1	655	22	1,318
Southwest	FIRES	432	166	4	40	365	629	1,636
	ACRES	7,321	18,339	33	24,270	37,079	64,541	151,583
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	363	196	4	22	209	201	995
	ACRES	2,511	2,598	3,051	7,208	11,918	2,844	30,130
Eastern Area	FIRES	615		38	19	8,760	458	9,890
	ACRES	2,708		4,883	27	77,838	4,301	89,757
Southern Area	FIRES	513		47	22	15,404	435	16,421
	ACRES	32,278		1,684	150	205,559	18,906	258,577
TOTAL	FIRES	2,394	864	170	184	28,180	2,517	34,309
	ACRES	48,829	372,002	81,293	132,873	1,155,017	92,526	1,882,540

Ten Year Average Fires	46,120
Ten Year Average Acres	2,939,192

*** 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				1			1
	ACRES				5			5
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						1	1
	ACRES						9	9
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	0	9	14

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					21,497		21,497
Northwest	FIRES	12	55	4	1		121	193
	ACRES	6,781	8,616	1,610	11		17,529	34,547
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	23	20	25	229	318
	ACRES	10	347	22,238	64	3,570	9,397	35,626
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	6	17	68	110
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	415	2,359	2,408	8,287
Northern Rockies	FIRES	73	33	99	8	29	163	405
	ACRES	2,329	4,674	25,262	1,240	934	17,357	51,796
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		17	6	7	30	40	100
	ACRES		1,560	2,745	520	2,288	10,198	17,311
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	27	22	10	5		99	163
	ACRES	1,575	22,599	8,870	951		62,921	96,916
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	56	117	26	49	135	424
	ACRES	5,860	8,215	26,508	5,019	6,300	19,528	71,430
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		366	26	1,520	169	2,128
	ACRES	62,783		55,331	5,514	91,918	58,143	273,689
Southern Area	FIRES	17		185	69	8,807	1,147	10,225
	ACRES	2,905		81,149	72,148	261,803	1,130,789	1,548,794
TOTAL	FIRES	218	215	822	170	10,488	2,178	14,091
	ACRES	82,243	47,691	226,601	86,428	390,669	1,328,908	2,162,540

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

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	493	16,575	487	16,439
Yukon Territory	62	150,997	62	150,997
Alberta	1,187	40,091	1,184	40,034
Northwest Territory	120	106,148	114	96,587
Saskatchewan	356	1,044,344	356	1,019,650
Manitoba	361	94,885	361	94,885
Ontario	732	14,056	723	13,647
Quebec	559	363,185	556	363,075
Newfoundland	30	791	30	791
New Brunswick	118	109	118	109
Nova Scotia	267	459	267	473
Prince Edward Island	2	5	2	5
National Parks	54	4,723	54	4,723
Total	4,341	1,836,369	4,314	1,801,415

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