

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, July 21, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (157 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires: ** 9
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 55 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 includes these areas: Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- Support to the National Park Service includes 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 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | 4 | 769 | 107 | 29 |

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Indian, California Desert District, BLM. IMT 2 (Cooper). Sixteen miles west of Ridgecrest, CA. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Interior burning.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Indian | CA | CDD | 2,812 | 1,755 | 80 | 7/22 | 702 | 122 | 19 | 31 | 5 | 0 | 1.5M | BLM |
| Sand 2 | CA | CDD | 1,254 | -1 | 100 | --- | 0 | -127 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100K | BLM |

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

Swakane, Washington DNR. Six miles north of Wenatchee, WA. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Cowiche Mill, Yakima County Fire District. Twelve miles west of Yakima, WA. Brush and grass. Residences threatened. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Swakane | WA | SES | 19,291 | -455 | 85 | 7/30 | 63 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2.9M | ST |
| Cowiche Mill | WA | YKC | 6,200 | 3,200 | 55 | 7/21 | 143 | --- | 1 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 500K | CNTY |

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 24
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 2
NIMOs committed: 1

* **Logging**, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Ten miles southeast of Greystone, CO. Pine, juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

* **East Fork**, White River Field Office, BLM. Ten miles south of Elk Springs, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

Meadow Creek, White River NF. NIMO (Gage). Confine/contain incident. Thirteen miles northeast of Rifle, CO. Timber. Creeping fire with 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Logging | CO | LSD | 450 | --- | 5 | 7/22 | 55 | --- | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | NR | BLM |
| * East Fork | CO | WRD | 450 | --- | 70 | 7/21 | 39 | --- | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | NR | BLM |
| Meadow Creek | CO | WRF | 1,500 | 286 | N/A | N/A | 101 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 363K | FS |

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

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

Beach, Yellowstone NP. IMT2 (Secret). Twenty-eight miles southeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and short duration 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Beach | WY | YNP | 500 | 115 | 20 | UNK | 168 | 87 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 340K | NPS |

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 25
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Badger**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Nineteen miles north of Cedar City, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Active fire behavior with running, 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Badger | UT | CCD | 300 | --- | 10 | 7/22 | 18 | --- | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 20K | BLM |
| Rainbow Road | ID | CAX | 4,380 | 0 | 100 | --- | 38 | -34 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1.7M | CNTY |

CAX – Cassia County

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 35
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Turkey**, Tonto NF. Confine/contain incident. Fifteen miles south of Young, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Turkey | AZ | TNF | 350 | --- | N/A | N/A | 92 | --- | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 447K | FS |

Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Peavey Creek, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land fifteen miles southwest of Bettles, AK. Black spruce. Creeping and smoldering.

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

Tchulkade Lake, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Started on FWS land thirty-four miles northeast of Circle, City, AK. Harwood slash and brush. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. 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 |
|----------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Peavey Creek | AK | TAD | 24,518 | 0 | 5 | UNK | 31 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 511K | FWS |
| Pat Creek | AK | UYD | 16,018 | 0 | 45 | UNK | 129 | -3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6.8M | BLM |
| Tchulkade Lake | AK | UYD | 6,258 | --- | N/A | N/A | 16 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR | FWS |

Predictive Services Discussion: Gusty winds are expected today across the southern Great Basin. Thunderstorms are expected across central Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and the Four Corner states. Driest storms will be across the Great Basin and Wyoming.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
 - Has it been approved and relayed to adjoining forces?
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | 1 | | 0 | | 1 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | 3 | 1 | | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | 1 | 0 | | 1 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | 16 | 4 | 20 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1,323 | 0 | 1,323 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| | ACRES | 10 | 1 | | | 0 | 67 | 78 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 9 | | | 5 | 11 | 25 |
| | ACRES | | 305 | | | 4,057 | 0 | 4,362 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 3 | | | 1 | 3 | 28 | 35 |
| | ACRES | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 702 | 705 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 1 | 10 | | 1 | 5 | 7 | 24 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 480 | | 0 | 64 | 286 | 830 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 10 | | 10 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 22 | | 22 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 90 | | 90 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 5 | 22 | 1 | 5 | 70 | 54 | 157 |
| | ACRES | 11 | 787 | 1 | 2 | 5,553 | 1,065 | 7,419 |

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Alaska | FIRES | 1 | 74 | 66 | 50 | 391 | 11 | 593 |
| | ACRES | 103 | 299,003 | 81,352 | 110,642 | 645,270 | 9 | 1,136,379 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 78 | 34 | 2 | 7 | 144 | 191 | 456 |
| | ACRES | 706 | 1,881 | 1 | 1 | 20,923 | 136 | 23,648 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 11 | 12 | | 6 | 1,203 | 144 | 1,376 |
| | ACRES | 2 | 15 | | 5 | 12,442 | 26 | 12,490 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 14 | 96 | 3 | 10 | 1,362 | 237 | 1,722 |
| | ACRES | 184 | 6,344 | 14 | 7 | 12,897 | 454 | 19,900 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 365 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 140 | 130 | 654 |
| | ACRES | 2,528 | 175 | 761 | 0 | 1,320 | 1,083 | 5,867 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 16 | 206 | 2 | 7 | 247 | 126 | 604 |
| | ACRES | 519 | 44,061 | 1 | 46 | 127,286 | 291 | 172,204 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 110 | 6 | 6 | 33 | 16 | 172 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 636 | 17 | 1 | 661 | 22 | 1,337 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 442 | 173 | 4 | 44 | 374 | 705 | 1,742 |
| | ACRES | 7,419 | 18,339 | 33 | 24,298 | 37,394 | 70,183 | 157,666 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 367 | 208 | 4 | 23 | 229 | 227 | 1,058 |
| | ACRES | 2,512 | 3,441 | 3,051 | 7,208 | 12,219 | 3,945 | 32,376 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 615 | | 38 | 19 | 8,763 | 472 | 9,907 |
| | ACRES | 2,708 | | 4,883 | 26 | 77,785 | 4,304 | 89,706 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 513 | | 47 | 22 | 15,482 | 437 | 16,501 |
| | ACRES | 32,278 | | 1,684 | 150 | 205,815 | 18,909 | 258,836 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 2,423 | 928 | 173 | 197 | 28,368 | 2,696 | 34,785 |
| | ACRES | 48,959 | 373,895 | 91,797 | 142,384 | 1,154,012 | 99,362 | 1,910,409 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 47,065 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 3,203,406 |

*** 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 | | | | 25 | | | 25 |
| 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 | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | 1 | | | 3 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | 2 | | | 794 | 796 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 0 | 797 | 824 |

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 | 7 | 68 | 100 |
| | ACRES | | 1,612 | 1,493 | 435 | 82 | 2,408 | 6,030 |
| 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 | 6 | | 99 | 164 |
| | ACRES | 1,575 | 22,809 | 8,870 | 951 | | 63,321 | 97,526 |
| 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 | 170 | 2,129 |
| | ACRES | 62,783 | | 55,331 | 5,514 | 91,918 | 58,146 | 273,692 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 17 | | 186 | 69 | 8,808 | 1,150 | 10,230 |
| | ACRES | 2,905 | | 81,151 | 72,148 | 262,381 | 1,132,186 | 1,550,771 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 218 | 215 | 823 | 171 | 10,479 | 2,182 | 14,088 |
| | ACRES | 82,243 | 47,901 | 226,603 | 86,448 | 388,970 | 1,330,708 | 2,162,873 |

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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 | 545 | 16,733 | 487 | 16,439 |
| Yukon Territory | 62 | 150,997 | 62 | 150,997 |
| Alberta | 1,204 | 40,275 | 1,184 | 40,034 |
| Northwest Territory | 131 | 106,225 | 114 | 96,587 |
| Saskatchewan | 360 | 1,160,512 | 356 | 1,019,650 |
| Manitoba | 365 | 105,571 | 361 | 94,885 |
| Ontario | 741 | 14,060 | 723 | 13,647 |
| Quebec | 561 | 362,550 | 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 | 56 | 4,801 | 54 | 4,723 |
| Total | 4,442 | 1,963,088 | 4,314 | 1,801,415 |

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