

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, August 5, 2010 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (171 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires: ** 8
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 48 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: Bayou Sauvage NWR (LA), Big Branch Marsh NWR (LA), Breton NWR (LA), Delta NWR (LA), Shell Key NWR (LA), Bon Secour NWR (AL), Grand Bay NWR (AL), St. Vincent NWR (FL), and McFaddin NWR (TX).

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

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
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Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 30
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Rooster Rock, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Six miles south of Sisters, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Rainbow Bridge, North Cascades National Park. Washington IMT 2 (Berndt). Two miles north of Stehekin, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity.

* **Leahy Junction**, Washington DNR. Fourteen miles southeast of Bridgeport, WA. Grass. 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
Rooster Rock	OR	DEF	5,500	2,900	30	UNK	712	387	20	27	6	1	1.8M	FS
Rainbow Bridge	WA	NCP	3,710	0	20	UNK	178	-6	4	8	4	0	1.3M	NPS
* Leahy Junction	WA	WFS	1,000	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 19
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Bar, Plumas NF. Three miles west of Rich Bar, CA. Timber, brush and slash. 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
Bar	CA	PNF	992	92	60	8/6	250	-50	11	5	3	0	1M	FS
Dutch	CA	KNF	371	0	100	---	273	-418	4	5	4	0	2.9M	FS

KNF – Klamath NF

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

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

* **Wolf Creek**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Markleeville, CA. Mixed conifer. Active fire behavior 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
* Wolf Creek	NV	HTF	300	---	10	8/8	181	---	7	0	5	0	50K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 16
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Bull, Sequoia NF. Eight miles north of Kernville, CA. Brush and grass. No further information received.

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
Bull	CA	SQF	16,442	---	96	8/10	213	---	3	5	4	14	10.9M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 19
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Little Beaver Complex**, Boise NF. Twenty-six miles west of Stanley, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Spring, Salmon-Challis, NF. Fourteen miles west of North Fork, ID. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping

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* Little Beaver Complex	ID	BOF	936	---	N/A	N/A	82	---	3	0	1	0	75K	FS
Spring	ID	SCF	140	-20	80	UNK	130	-69	5	3	0	0	449K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Packer Meadows, Lolo NF. Twenty-one miles west of Florence, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Beach, Yellowstone NP. Twenty-eight miles southeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Timber. No new information.

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
Packer Meadows	MT	LNF	135	0	80	UNK	47	0	2	0	0	0	525K	FS
Beach	WY	YNP	520	---	95	8/15	12	---	0	0	1	0	2M	NPS

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

Pat Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching and running. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Willow Creek, Military Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Ten miles southwest of Fairbanks, AK. Mixed spruce, hardwoods and grass. Smoldering with group tree 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
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	31,403	2,766	N/A	N/A	133	40	6	0	3	0	7.9M	BLM

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
Willow Creek	AK	MID	11,609	---	N/A	N/A	5	---	0	0	1	0	305K	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 26
 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
* Adobe	CO	MFX	539	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	3K	CNTY

MFX – Moffit County

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot conditions will continue across the northwest quarter of the country today. Wet thunderstorms will develop across portions of Washington, Montana, Wyoming and the Four Corner states. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are possible across portions of the central Sierra, northern California, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

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



Today's discussion is from
"This Day in History"

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Take a virtual Staff Ride of Mann Gulch @http://nifc.gov/safety/mann_gulch/index.htm

The Mann Gulch Fire - August 5, 1949

Summary: Lightning started many fires on the Helena National Forest August 4, 1949 including one near the top of a ridge between Meriwether and Mann Gulches. At 12:55pm August 5, the fire was observed at 6 acres. At 1:30 the call went out for smokejumpers from the Missoula jump base. By the time the jump plane flew over at 3pm the fire was 60 acres. The crew jumped and are scattered by a nearby thunder cell. The crew gathers at the bottom of the gulch up-canyon of the fire. Jumper Foreman goes to scout the fire and meets up with a fire guard working alone near the head of the fire. Observing increased fire activity, the decision is made to start from the toe. While hiking to the toe, the foreman noted that there was fire below them in the gulch and that it had crossed to the other side of the canyon blocking their ability to escape to the river. They reversed direction and headed up toward the NW ridge. The fire is 500 feet behind them crowning in timber and dog hair thickets. The foreman knows that they will not outrun the fire and starts to burn off some grass for a "refuge". He gives the order for his crew to come into the black with him. The foreman stayed in his black and survived the fire passing over. It is not clear how many of the crew heard the orders over the roar of the fire or understood what the foreman was trying to do (burning out was neither taught nor common practice at this time). The crew continued running up the steep slope for the ridge. Two made it to safety in rocks at the top. 5:56 pm marks the time on one firefighter's watch that stopped when the 15 Missoula Smokejumpers and one Meriwether Fire Guard were burned over. Only five would survive the blow-up. Two would die from their burns the next day. This Day in Wildland Fire History is dedicated to all those at Mann Gulch on August 5, 1949.

Lessons Learned Discussion Points

Predicted Fire Danger was "low" but readings from a nearby ranger station were RH=22%, fuel sticks = 5%, and wind=16mph indicating more severe fire danger. No weather was recorded at the fire, but steady SW winds were observed at the time of the jump. The Gulch runs SW down to the Missouri River. Also note the thunder cell that was in the area.

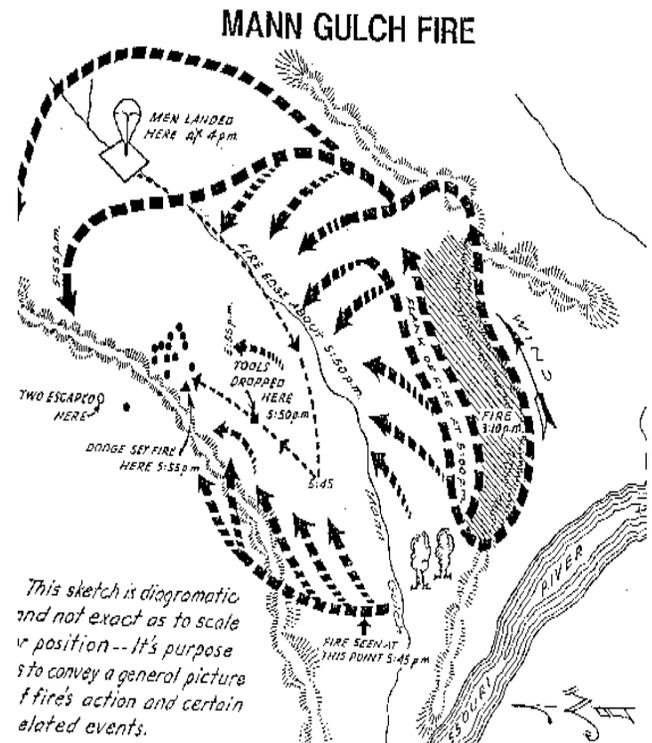
- Open the IRPG to page 1. Based on the above information coupled with the increase in fire size, use the Risk Management Process and the map (right) to discuss some of the actions **you** will take to ensure crew safety: as the FFT2, squad boss, crew boss, etc.

Based on initial aerial size-up, the strategy was to hold the fire on the ridge by anchoring the head of the fire and flanking down both sides to the toe. The fire was noted as "appearing relatively quiet".

- Discuss other tactics that your crew could use if presented with a similar situation. Look at the different options available at different steps of the initial attack.

Though his ability as a firefighter was well respected by his peers, the Foreman was not known by this young group of smokejumpers.

- When we find ourselves in this position (such as a crew boss assignment) what can we do to create and encourage crew cohesion?



Resources: [Mann Gulch Fire Fatalities Report](#)

- [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

"This Day in History" is a collaborative project between "6 Minutes for Safety" and the [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center](#).

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		2	1	3
	ACRES			482		10,664	0	11,146
Northwest	FIRES	3		3		8	16	30
	ACRES	1		0		21	1	23
Northern California	FIRES	1	2			15	1	19
	ACRES	0	0			33	0	33
Southern California	FIRES				0	13	3	16
	ACRES				32	109	0	141
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				1	2	6
	ACRES	1				2	0	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7		1	6	5	19
	ACRES		105		0	1	1,300	1,406
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		0				300	300
Southwest	FIRES	1			1		3	5
	ACRES	1			0		1	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	15			6	4	26
	ACRES	0	1			2	0	3
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		24		25
	ACRES			0		22		22
Southern Area	FIRES					21		21
	ACRES					166		166
TOTAL	FIRES	9	25	4	2	96	35	171
	ACRES	3	106	482	32	11,020	1,602	13,245

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	74	66	52	405	13	611
	ACRES	103	309,828	89,189	110,724	660,019	9	1,169,872
Northwest	FIRES	96	131	7	15	253	556	1,058
	ACRES	1,051	7,145	199	4,003	21,559	450	34,407
Northern California	FIRES	46	110		8	1,508	289	1,961
	ACRES	46	11,511		6	13,550	2,077	27,190
Southern California	FIRES	14	120	3	16	1,597	273	2,023
	ACRES	184	9,962	14	446	21,601	17,926	50,133
Northern Rockies	FIRES	391	29	3	7	211	315	956
	ACRES	2,569	238	977	520	1,700	4,456	10,460
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	26	348	2	16	331	242	965
	ACRES	690	61,600	1	50	109,186	5,312	176,839
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	149	7	14	45	38	255
	ACRES	0	11,860	17	4	1,066	386	13,333
Southwest	FIRES	469	183	5	51	389	820	1,917
	ACRES	7,425	18,349	34	24,409	37,483	72,097	159,797
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	435	297	4	29	300	295	1,360
	ACRES	2,658	4,048	3,051	7,212	16,638	4,292	37,899
Eastern Area	FIRES	615		39	20	9,011	487	10,172
	ACRES	2,708		4,883	26	77,967	4,305	89,889
Southern Area	FIRES	514		48	23	16,033	464	17,082
	ACRES	32,279		3,105	175	210,060	20,824	266,443
TOTAL	FIRES	2,609	1,441	184	251	30,083	3,792	38,360
	ACRES	49,713	434,541	101,470	147,575	1,170,829	132,134	2,036,262

Ten Year Average Fires	50,666
Ten Year Average Acres	3,887,652

*** 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			3				3
	ACRES			107				107
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1,950					1,950
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0		0		8	8
	ACRES	2	8		61		138	209
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					11		11
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	3	0	1	8	13
	ACRES	2	1,958	107	61	11	138	2,277

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	6	1		151	225
	ACRES	6,781	8,616	1,648	11		17,529	34,585
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	23	19	42	229	326
	ACRES	10	771	22,238	34	4,018	9,397	36,468
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	7	17	63	106
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	547	2,359	1,969	7,980
Northern Rockies	FIRES	73	33	104	8	29	145	392
	ACRES	2,329	4,674	25,618	1,240	934	16,007	50,802
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18	6	7	29	40	100
	ACRES		3,510	2,745	520	2,288	10,198	19,261
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	28	20	10	9		115	182
	ACRES	1,595	22,108	8,870	1,084		63,577	97,234
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	54	117	26	50	135	423
	ACRES	5,861	6,815	26,508	5,019	6,301	19,528	70,032
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		367	27	1,529	176	2,146
	ACRES	62,783		55,384	5,516	92,112	58,786	274,581
Southern Area	FIRES	17		190	69	8,820	1,174	10,270
	ACRES	2,905		83,285	72,148	270,704	1,144,605	1,573,647
TOTAL	FIRES	219	204	835	175	10,527	2,235	14,195
	ACRES	82,264	48,174	229,184	86,665	400,213	1,342,234	2,188,734

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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	34	11,008	1,208	84,330
Yukon Territory	1	0	77	155,487
Alberta	1	4,025	1,576	71,770
Northwest Territory	1	44,981	208	302,959
Saskatchewan	14	9,231	535	1,504,245
Manitoba	3	3,333	532	128,158
Ontario	1	0	817	14,676
Quebec	0	0	608	361,856
Newfoundland	1	10	35	805
New Brunswick	0	1	124	112
Nova Scotia	0	0	276	460
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	5	116	95	5,959
Total	61	72,706	6,093	2,630,821

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