

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, July 25, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (235 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	9
Uncontained large fires: **	23
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

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

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

Four MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve) and the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard), are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID.

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	48
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

**Fairfield Creek**, Nebraska DOF. IMT 2 (Pechota). Two miles south of Norden, NE. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting.

**Longhorn Complex** (3 fires), Rosebud Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Lowe). Four miles northwest of St. Francis, SD. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Two communities threatened.

**Seminole**, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Rawlins, WY. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Backing fire with group tree torching. Structures and power lines threatened.

\* **Ash Creek**, Nebraska NF. IMT 2 (Pierson). Twenty miles southwest of Chadron, NE. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Conway**, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles southeast of Browns Park, CO. Juniper, brush and grass. No further information received.

**Air Park**, Southern Ute Agency, BIA. Four miles south of Durango, CO. Juniper and brush. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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
Fairfield Creek	NE	NES	62,580	12,580	25	UNK	321	82	6	19	5	20	1.7M	ST
Long Horn Complex	SD	RBA	41,855	2,879	70	7/29	629	32	11	65	10	4	2.9M	BIA
Seminole	WY	RAD	3,605	180	37	7/28	399	238	14	14	4	0	350K	BLM
* Ash Creek	NE	NBF	1,000	---	40	7/26	188	---	7	9	0	0	500K	FS
Conway	CO	LSD	213	0	95	7/25	67	0	3	1	0	0	120K	BLM
Air Park	CO	SUA	499	-101	75	7/26	175	63	7	3	3	0	225K	BIA
Myrtle	SD	BKF	10,080	0	100	---	502	-165	8	34	11	3	4M	FS
Powell Complex	CO	WRD	1,639	0	100	---	218	-66	4	6	1	0	1.3M	BLM
Brush Creek	CO	WRD	514	0	100	---	104	19	4	2	1	0	700K	BLM
Mossagate	NE	NBF	4,302	-12	100	---	27	-45	0	8	0	0	178K	FS
* Grass	KS	KSX	420	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	7K	CNTY

BKF – Black Hills NF

WRD – White River Field Office, BLM

KSX – Kansas Counties

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 23  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Chrandal Creek**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Thirty-two miles south of Darby, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened.

**Mission Road**, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. Fifteen miles north of Wolf Creek, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

\* **Wolf Creek**, Lewiston Field Office, BLM. Thirty-five miles north of Winnett, MT. Juniper, sage and grass. Active fire behavior.

**Wild Horse Ridge**, Crow Agency, BIA. Twelve miles northeast of Pryor, MT. Grass. Structures threatened. 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
Chrandal Creek	MT	BRF	2,300	50	40	UNK	412	-13	12	6	5	0	4.9M	FS
Mission Road	MT	CES	3,250	100	50	7/26	185	21	4	18	2	0	300K	ST
* Wolf Creek	MT	LED	800	---	0	UNK	15	---	0	3	1	0	10K	BLM
Wild Horse Ridge	MT	CRA	1,651	1,051	80	UNK	59	-7	1	7	1	0	100K	BIA

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4

**Gregerson**, Ely District, BLM. Twenty miles east of Alamo, NV. Brush. Active fire behavior.

**Chimney**, Elko District, BLM. Two miles east of Twin Bridges, NV. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Springs**, Carson City District, BLM. Fifteen miles east of Gardnerville, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Palisade**, Nevada DOF. Eleven miles south of Carlin, NV. Juniper, brush and grass. 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
Gregerson	NV	ELD	7,000	4,000	30	7/26	202	46	8	8	3	0	150K	BLM
Chimney	NV	EKD	4,597	1,597	90	7/25	147	-32	6	10	2	0	NR	BLM
Springs	NV	CCD	1,193	0	85	7/25	137	-149	5	6	1	0	400K	BLM
Palisade	NV	NNS	1,435	---	90	UNK	3	---	0	1	0	0	150K	ST

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 22  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**Baboon**, Cedar City District, BLM. Five miles southwest of Minersville, UT. Juniper and brush. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Wolf Den**, Vernal District, BLM. Forty miles south of Vernal, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Micro**, Boise District, BLM. One mile southeast of Boise, ID. Grass. Active fire behavior.

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
Baboon	UT	CCD	20,732	0	95	7/26	20	-34	0	1	0	2	650K	BLM
Wolf Den	UT	VLD	19,865	0	85	8/1	9	0	0	2	0	1	1.9M	BLM
* Micro	ID	BOD	1,000	---	25	7/25	59	---	0	12	3	0	25K	BLM
Owinza	ID	TFD	34,507	0	100	---	64	0	0	9	2	0	200K	BLM
Cottonwood	AZ	ASD	2,018	0	100	---	5	-20	0	1	0	0	50K	BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

ASD – Arizona Strip District, BLM

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 23  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**West Side Complex**, Kaibab NF. Forty miles west of Big Springs, AZ. Brush and grass. 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
West Side Complex	AZ	KNF	2,871	---	50	UNK	243	---	10	38	2	0	325K	FS

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Slope**, Burns District, BLM. Fifteen miles east of Diamond, OR. Juniper and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
Slope	OR	BUD	763	---	95	UNK	18	---	0	2	1	0	346K	BLM
Miller Homestead	OR	BUD	160,853	0	100	---	26	-12	0	5	1	3	6M	BLM

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 30  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Oakwood**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles southwest of Eagle City, OK. Timber and grass understory. No new information.

**Turkey Pin Hollow**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Four miles east of Pleasant Plains, AR. Hardwood litter. 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
Oakwood	OK	OKS	1,600	---	80	UNK	5	---	0	2	0	0	2K	ST
Turkey Pin Hollow	AR	ARS	199	---	90	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Cedardale	OK	OKS	1,900	---	100	---	71	---	0	19	0	0	10K	ST

**Other Fires**  
(As of July 20)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	13	91,984	0	0	0	0
NW	1	557,628	0	1	0	8
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	2	945	7	15	2	231
NR	3	582	0	0	2	26
EB	3	121,399	2	7	1	119
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	4	310,224	0	3	0	21
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	1	0	0	0	0	12
SA	4	2,941	5	12	3	78
Total	31	1,085,703	14	38	8	495

This table does not include fires reported in the large fire section of this report. Updated weekly.

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop over the central and southern Rockies and across the central Plains to the Great Lakes. Scattered storms will also form across the Southeast from the Texas coast to the Appalachian mountains. Generally dry conditions will take over the West with temperatures gradually warming.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



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

"This Day in History" is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity. You can use this summary as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, your team and your unit.

## Dutch Creek Incident - July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Incident Summary:** On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Andy Palmer graduates from high school. He completes Basic Firefighter training June 24<sup>th</sup> and Wildland Fire Chain Saw training (S-212) June 28<sup>th</sup>. He is hired as a seasonal firefighter on an engine crew June 29<sup>th</sup> and completes his A Faller taskbook on July 4<sup>th</sup>. July 22, 2008, the engine receives a resource order for the Iron Complex, California. The supervision at the park are motivated to see the engine crew obtain an assignment and call the crew in on their day off. The crew suffers a series of complications enroute to the fire including mechanical problems with the engine that lead to the eventual separation of the crew and engine captain after arriving at the incident. The remaining crew members are encouraged to pursue a line assignment as a falling team. The IMT personnel assign the crew as a falling module. During that assignment the crew cuts a tree that is outside their falling qualifications. A class C ponderosa pine is cut, falling downslope into a fire-damaged sugar pine. A portion of the sugar pine breaks off and falls upslope, hitting firefighter Andy Palmer, resulting in multiple severe injuries...and *the loss of a firefighters' life*. It was Andy's first fire assignment.

**Zero Hour.** July 25, a radio transmission comes into Iron Complex dispatch: **"Man Down Man Down. We need help. Medical emergency. Dozer pad. Broken leg. Bleeding. Drop Point 72 and dozer line. Call 911, we need help."**

The local sheriff's office receives a call from incident command and begins inquiring for a helicopter. Two air medical services decline the mission due to poor visibility from smoke, California Highway Patrol's helicopter was not available and the US Coast Guard (USCG) had not yet been contacted. Other firefighters arrive on scene. Nomex shirts are used as pressure bandages on shoulder and leg injuries. The injured firefighter is reported as having severe bleeding and being conscious. The severity of the injuries and the sense of urgency are not communicated to paramedics dispatched in an ambulance to the incident. As the medics arrive on scene they realize the injuries are much more serious than they had been told and decide to facilitate a rapid evacuation via carryout. **Fifty-five minutes since the accident.** The patient is prepared to move and the decision is made to go to the ambulance rather than waiting for the helicopter. The ambulance is approximately 2000 ft down the dozer line. **One hour and 25 minutes since the accident.** A third paramedic has arrived on scene and the decision is made to wait for the helicopter. Firefighters start clearing a zone for hoist extraction.

**One hour and 50 minutes since the accident.** Multiple delays of the USCG helicopter are caused due to poor communications of patient status, potential use of a Forest Service helicopter assigned to the fire, and method of extraction. Once the USCG is enroute, communication about the new extraction location, radio frequencies and patient status is an issue and slows the extrication efforts. While being transferred to the hoist basket, personnel on the ground report profuse bleeding. No patient care can be given while being hoisted.

**Two hours and 47 minutes since the accident.** During the flight, cardiac arrest treatment protocol is initiated and the helicopter lands at Redding Municipal Airport with CPR in progress.

**Three hours and 26 minutes since the accident.** An ER Physician pronounced time of death, via radio. The Coroner later determined that Andy Palmer's death was caused by excessive blood loss.

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

- Identify and discuss a variety of options for medical evacuation (ATV, wheeled litter, etc.) anticipating that a helicopter will not be available.
- If the crewmember sitting beside you were to be seriously injured on the fireline, what would you and your crew do? How thorough is your unit or IMT's Incident Emergency Plan? Consider doing a mock-up medical evacuation from start to finish. Utilize the protocol on The Sticker/page 49 of your IRPG to effectively communicate emergency information. Assess the drill with an AAR.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		1		1
	ACRES			462		0		462
Northwest	FIRES	1	3			4	4	12
	ACRES	1	35			1	16	53
Northern California	FIRES					26	10	36
	ACRES					18	4	22
Southern California	FIRES					18	1	19
	ACRES					189	1	190
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	8	2		5	4	23
	ACRES	75	753	51		2,542	117	3,538
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		17		1	2	2	22
	ACRES		250		0	69	0	319
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3			0	4	7
	ACRES	1,199	100			2,448	31	3,778
Southwest	FIRES	6	2			1	14	23
	ACRES	0	1			0	0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	12		3	20	8	48
	ACRES	0	34		9	42	23	108
Eastern Area	FIRES					8	6	14
	ACRES					4	9	13
Southern Area	FIRES				2	27	1	30
	ACRES				40	113	1	154
TOTAL	FIRES	16	45	2	6	112	54	235
	ACRES	1,275	1,173	513	49	5,426	202	8,638

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	28	20	224	4	314
	ACRES	43	50,481	38,896	67,906	49,836	0	207,162
Northwest	FIRES	111	121	17	16	305	236	806
	ACRES	2,052	649,457	1,786	13	2,164	253	655,725
Northern California	FIRES	69	15	2	6	1,645	262	1,999
	ACRES	54	1,476	0	8	11,658	31,404	44,600
Southern California	FIRES	19	106	5	18	1,980	261	2,389
	ACRES	27	4,379	7	367	28,762	2,589	36,131
Northern Rockies	FIRES	874	105	15	8	304	261	1,567
	ACRES	350,050	58,422	869	650	58,851	5,904	474,746
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	30	388		13	513	218	1,162
	ACRES	3,622	512,692		134	168,789	210,640	895,877
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	232	1	13	94	41	384
	ACRES	1,199	99,151	0	37	10,282	12,275	122,944
Southwest	FIRES	649	162	12	29	411	693	1,956
	ACRES	30,234	4,428	187	4,325	31,098	521,309	591,581
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	909	367	21	19	879	471	2,666
	ACRES	62,550	33,198	1,246	829	260,661	246,712	605,196
Eastern Area	FIRES	676		43	15	7,406	470	8,610
	ACRES	1,631		4,754	401	70,401	8,756	85,943
Southern Area	FIRES	295		38	40	13,166	494	14,033
	ACRES	32,886		17,391	16,693	163,216	78,250	308,436
TOTAL	FIRES	3,636	1,533	182	197	26,927	3,411	35,886
	ACRES	484,348	1,413,684	65,136	91,363	855,718	1,118,092	4,028,341

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>46,672</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,886,492</b>

\*\*\* 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							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					1,513	2,218	3,731
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	1	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,513	2,218	3,731

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	10		12
	ACRES				18	13,314		13,332
Northwest	FIRES	8	59	16			157	240
	ACRES	3,502	7,000	1,370			31,956	43,828
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	22	21		153	211
	ACRES	107	203	22,621	151		13,082	36,164
Southern California	FIRES		6	5	5	5	159	180
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,735	4,120	8,703
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	10	68	4	32	187	316
	ACRES	1,792	5,320	16,495	238	1,709	19,890	45,444
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	20	42	79
	ACRES		898	188	230	324	18,824	20,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	31	17	12	15		131	206
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,472	109		38,954	54,268
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	25	91	21	18	61	239
	ACRES	2,025	2,965	19,979	2,492	8,377	10,819	46,657
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		489	41	909	151	1,627
	ACRES	22,116		78,506	9,054	56,878	57,523	224,077
Southern Area	FIRES	23		135	53	8,272	828	9,311
	ACRES	4,783		57,174	37,634	470,896	808,680	1,379,167
TOTAL	FIRES	139	149	844	166	9,279	1,873	12,450
	ACRES	35,539	28,687	202,605	50,872	553,512	1,004,069	1,875,284

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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	4	0	562	2,484
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	81	62,949
ALBERTA	6	1,124	994	325,753
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	27,905	172	197,581
SASKATCHEWAN	1	3,063	276	191,396
MANITOBA	5	0	325	89,276
ONTARIO	24	8	1,050	92,530
QUEBEC	8	5	539	69,611
NEWFOUNDLAND	5	56	164	137,447
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	287	352
NOVA SCOTIA	0	3	308	776
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	5	9
NATIONAL PARKS	0	52,920	37	269,536
TOTALS	58	85,084	4,800	1,439,699

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***