

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, July 28, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (185 new fires)
New large fires:	10 (*)
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires: **	28
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

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

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

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

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	22
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	10
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Region 24 Complex** (3 fires), Nebraska DOF. IMT 2 (Pechota). Two miles south of Norden, NE. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

\* **Ferris**, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Thirty-five miles north of Rawlins, WY. Timber and brush. Running, spotting and torching.

**Seminole**, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Rawlins, WY. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Backing and isolated torching. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Longhorn Complex** (3 fires), Rosebud Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Lowe). Four miles northwest of St. Francis, SD. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

**Air Park**, Southern Ute Agency, BIA. Four miles south of Durango, CO. Juniper and brush. Smoldering.

\* **Suicide Hill**, Kansas Counties. One mile west of Little River, KS. Brush and 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
Region 24 Complex	NE	NES	74,884	3,479	73	7/30	423	-15	8	27	7	31	2.5M	ST
* Ferris	WY	RAD	800	---	0	UNK	86	---	3	6	4	0	100K	BLM
Seminole	WY	RAD	3,813	-299	90	7/30	203	-52	6	5	4	0	2M	BLM
Long Horn Complex	SD	RBA	43,639	0	95	7/29	311	-98	4	26	4	4	4.2M	BIA
Air Park	CO	SUA	499	0	95	7/29	35	-5	1	0	2	0	608K	BIA
* Suicide Hill	KS	KSX	1,000	---	75	UNK	70	---	0	32	0	2	113K	CNTY
Ash Creek	NE	NBF	2,200	0	100	---	66	-64	1	7	1	0	1M	FS
Crawford	NE	NES	350	0	100	---	35	-55	1	5	0	0	120K	ST

NBF – Nebraska NF

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

New fires: 24  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Skibstad**, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Fry). Eight miles southeast of Columbus, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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

**Wolf Creek**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Thirty-five miles north of Winnett, MT. Juniper, brush and grass. Smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**15 Mile**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Nineteen miles northeast of Winnett, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
Skibstad	MT	SOS	3,354	141	60	UNK	233	-1	3	25	4	3	650K	ST
Chrandal Creek	MT	BRF	2,500	100	60	8/3	391	-5	12	3	5	0	6.1M	FS
Wolf Creek	MT	LED	11,887	-273	50	7/30	117	15	1	25	3	0	436K	BLM
15 Mile	MT	LED	1,509	9	90	7/28	42	0	1	5	1	0	53K	BLM
Garden Coulee	MT	CMR	300	0	100	---	12	0	0	3	0	0	15K	FWS

CMR – Charles M. Russell NWR

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 33  
New large fires: 6  
Uncontained large fires: 5

\* **Sid Crossing**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Twelve miles east of Dietrich, ID. Brush and grass. No further information received.

\* **SE Cedar**, Central Area, Utah DOF. Four miles southeast of Fillmore, UT. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running and long-range spotting. Structures threatened.

\* **East**, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. Twelve miles east of Blackfoot, Idaho. Brush and grass. Running and spotting.

\* **Stevens Peak**, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. Five miles west of Blackfoot, Idaho. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

\* **Ridge Top**, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. Ten miles east of Blackfoot, Idaho. Brush and grass. Running 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
* Sid Crossing	ID	TFD	20,784	---	85	UNK	80	---	0	16	1	0	150K	BLM
* SE Cedar	UT	SCS	1,400	---	75	UNK	42	---	0	10	0	0	5K	ST
* East	ID	FHA	1,000	---	0	UNK	5	---	0	1	0	0	2K	BIA
* Stevens Peak	ID	FHA	906	---	50	7/28	23	---	0	3	1	0	50K	BIA
* Ridge Top	ID	FHA	350	---	0	UNK	45	---	1	2	0	0	25K	BIA
* Yale Road	ID	TFD	625	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	BLM
Wash	AZ	ASD	540	0	100	---	6	2	0	1	1	0	NR	BLM

ASD - Arizona Strip District, BLM

### Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 18  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Graham**, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Veneris). IMT also managing the Penn fire. Two miles north of Groveland, CA. Timber and brush. Smoldering.

**Penn**, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles southeast of Murphys, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
Graham	CA	TCU	100	0	35	7/30	969	455	33	56	7	0	1.2M	ST
Penn	CA	TCU	134	0	80	7/28	330	-94	13	34	0	1	951K	ST

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 36  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 4

**Townley Road**, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles northwest of Indianola, OK. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened.

\* **Bakers Peak**, Wichita Mountains NWR. Twenty-five miles northwest of Lawton, OK. Brush and grass. No further information received.

**Doar**, Francis Marion and Sumter NF. One mile south of Awendaw, SC. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

**Ola**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Three miles southeast of Ola, AR. 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
Townley Road	OK	OKS	28,000	4,564	75	UNK	159	-78	0	34	1	3	85K	ST
* Bakers Peak	OK	WMR	1,500	---	60	7/30	27	---	0	7	1	0	NR	FWS
Doar	SC	FMF	488	0	90	7/31	14	-29	0	7	1	0	30K	FS
Ola	AR	ARS	500	---	90	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

### **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Lava**, Lakeview District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Ft. Rock, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Running. Structures threatened.

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
Lava	OR	LAD	800	---	10	8/15	50	---	2	10	0	0	200K	BLM
Water Tower	OR	BUD	1,540	0	100	---	98	-100	4	3	1	0	400K	BLM

BUD – Burns District, BLM

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

New fires: 6  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Chimney**, Elko District, BLM. Two miles east of Twin Bridges, NV. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
Chimney	NV	EKD	4,597	0	99	7/29	170	0	5	13	0	0	500K	BLM
Gregerson	NV	ELD	7,300	0	100	---	77	-97	3	1	0	0	250K	BLM

ELD – Ely District, BLM

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
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	---	80	UNK	12	---	0	4	0	0	60K	FS

**Other Fires**  
(As of July 27)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	13	113,241	0	0	0	0
NW	3	557,744	6	7	0	151
NO	3	2,763	14	22	5	410
SO	1	109	0	0	0	3
NR	6	2,504	38	6	3	133
EB	6	72,612	2	6	0	101
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	297,845	0	0	0	5
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	3	2,936	5	11	3	76
Total	36	1,049,754	65	52	11	879

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Hot and dry conditions will continue over much of the West with scattered afternoon thunderstorms forming over the high country of the Four Corners states. Near normal temperatures will remain across most of the East with scattered showers moving into the upper Mississippi valley and Great Lakes region. Hot and humid weather will persist across the deep South and southern Plains with thunderstorms again forming along the Gulf and East coasts from Alabama to Maryland.

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



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.

## Stanza Fire Engine Rollover – July 28<sup>th</sup> 2002 - California

**Incident Summary:** July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2002 a lightning strike starts a fire in Stanza Creek on the Klamath National Forest. The area is steep, rugged and has limited access. Slopes range from 40 to 90%, with rock outcroppings and talus slopes. Roads are narrow and winding, often with precipitous drop-offs. The lack of access precludes efficient use of heavy equipment such as bulldozers.

At 2146 July 25<sup>th</sup> an engine (E-11) from Lassen NF is ordered as a part of a strike team assigned to the Stanza Incident. The engine module is composed of an Acting Captain (experienced qualified engine operator), Senior Firefighter (Acting Engineer trainee), and 3 firefighters. The Acting Captain and Acting Engineer are the only licensed drivers on the module. E-11 is a type III engine with a manual transmission. For operation of this type and size of engine a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) was required. The Acting Engineer had recently received a Class B learners permit. This allows the trainee to get driving experience while accompanied by a fully licensed driver with the same type of CDL. The license is restricted to automatic transmissions only. To get experience, the Acting Captain has the Acting Engineer do most of the driving.

**July 26<sup>th</sup> 0830** -The module departs their home base, ties in with the strike team, and arrives at the Stanza ICP around 1600. Indirect strategies had been effective in securing line along existing roads. Safety concerns included steep, inaccessible terrain, rolling rocks and debris, burning snags and narrow roads.

**1800 night shift 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** -The strike team is assigned to support a burnout operation along a road, and after a briefing, depart for the fireline.

The road, normally 14 feet wide, has since been narrowed by falling debris from the fire above the road to 10-12 feet wide. The road is a winding, dead-end road, 0.7 miles long with a native soil surface. There is a steep drop off on one side. The Acting Captain informs the Division Supervisor that he has a fairly inexperienced driver and it is agreed that the engines will only be used when needed and that, due to the narrowness of the road, they will drive the length and turn around at the ends.

**0630 July 27<sup>th</sup>** – E-11 is released from the fireline and off duty at fire camp at 0900. They had been on duty for 24 hours.

**1730 night shift 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – The engine module is assigned to patrol the same location for night shift.

**0120** – A water tender drives the narrow section of road that E-11 had been patrolling and reports that his rear tire was directly at the outside edge of the road as he moved over to drive around firefighters on the inside of the road.

**0200** – E-11 makes another pass on the road. E-11 approaches the firefighters on the side of the road, and like the water tender, moves over. (The firefighters would later report that the engine seemed unusually close to the outside edge of the road). The rear tires slide off the side of the road and E-11 plunges 1059 feet down the steep hillside killing 3 firefighters and injuring the other 2.

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

We all function in the capacity of "trainee" many times in our careers. On-the-job training is a necessary and valuable part of our learning.

- What can you do to help ensure that your trainee opportunities are challenging and a success?

Many fireline situations are challenging and in an unforgiving environment.

- As a supervisor what can you do to set your trainees up for success?

Of the dual tires that slipped off the road first, the inside tire had significantly less tread than the other tires (less than the acceptable standard). There is an entry in the vehicle log book that the left inner dual needs replacing.

- For your crew, what is the protocol to follow for documenting and correcting a deficiency in your crew vehicles?

The length of duty time for drivers for the 26-27<sup>th</sup> exceeded the standard driving duty limitation of 16 hours with 10 hours driving. Both drivers of E-11 exceeded the driving limitation by 8-9 hours.

- If you or your crew are being asked to exceed your duty limitation, what do you do?

At the rollover site the road is only 27 inches wider than E-11.

- When you and your crew are faced with a situation that has a very narrow margin for error, what are some of your options?

### Resources

[Stanza Fire Engine Rollover Investigation Report](#)

[6 Minutes for Safety discussion "Driving Safety"](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					100	4	104
Northern California	FIRES	1				13	3	17
	ACRES	0				2	0	2
Southern California	FIRES	1				17		18
	ACRES	0				1		1
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	4			10	8	24
	ACRES	5	3			120	102	230
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	9		1	9	10	33
	ACRES	353	87		0	1,410	9	1,859
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5			1		6
	ACRES		3			0		3
Southwest	FIRES		3			1	4	8
	ACRES		1			0	2	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	6		1	10	3	22
	ACRES	1,738	661		2	4,587	27	7,015
Eastern Area	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					264	0	264
Southern Area	FIRES				1	34	1	36
	ACRES				10	245	5	260
TOTAL	FIRES	10	27	0	3	112	33	185
	ACRES	2,096	755	0	12	6,729	149	9,741

### 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	50,107	39,270	67,906	49,838	0	207,164
Northwest	FIRES	112	120	18	16	316	261	843
	ACRES	2,053	649,951	1,787	13	2,269	351	656,424
Northern California	FIRES	71	15	2	6	1,718	273	2,085
	ACRES	54	1,476	0	8	11,718	31,401	44,657
Southern California	FIRES	23	107	7	18	2,027	265	2,447
	ACRES	27	4,379	8	436	27,579	2,590	35,019
Northern Rockies	FIRES	878	112	15	8	321	291	1,625
	ACRES	282,682	78,391	869	650	69,915	30,850	463,357
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	34	406		14	526	241	1,221
	ACRES	3,975	516,778		134	170,138	216,573	907,598
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	256	1	13	100	46	419
	ACRES	1,199	100,303	0	37	10,285	12,276	124,100
Southwest	FIRES	657	167	12	31	412	723	2,002
	ACRES	30,236	4,430	187	4,326	31,098	521,315	591,592
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	920	383	21	20	914	486	2,744
	ACRES	64,452	33,896	1,246	831	265,373	246,839	612,637
Eastern Area	FIRES	676		45	16	7,445	480	8,662
	ACRES	1,631		4,755	401	70,845	8,829	86,461
Southern Area	FIRES	448		44	43	13,285	501	14,321
	ACRES	38,408		19,242	16,743	164,281	78,762	317,436
TOTAL	FIRES	3,823	1,603	193	205	27,288	3,571	36,683
	ACRES	424,760	1,439,711	67,364	91,485	873,339	1,149,786	4,046,445

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>47,709</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,022,871</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					1		1
	ACRES					100		100
Southern Area	FIRES			1		6		7
	ACRES			130		17		147
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	7	0	8
	ACRES	0	0	130	0	117	0	247

**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	15			157	239
	ACRES	3,502	7,000	1,305			31,956	43,763
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	6	159	181
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,831	4,120	8,799
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	9	68	3	33	192	320
	ACRES	1,792	4,745	16,495	233	1,809	20,854	45,928
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		490	41	959	151	1,678
	ACRES	22,116		78,658	9,054	57,490	57,523	224,841
Southern Area	FIRES	23		140	53	8,280	832	9,328
	ACRES	4,783		57,688	37,634	470,913	811,626	1,382,644
TOTAL	FIRES	139	148	849	165	9,339	1,882	12,522
	ACRES	35,539	28,112	203,206	50,867	554,337	1,007,979	1,880,040

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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	27	20	625	10,219
YUKON TERRITORY	4	41	91	63,090
ALBERTA	9	2,058	1,014	331,585
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	6	4,777	191	204,931
SASKATCHEWAN	2	5,724	286	200,782
MANITOBA	7	34,513	353	118,563
ONTARIO	7	0	1,132	109,601
QUEBEC	8	17	578	69,625
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	171	137,433
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	289	352
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	312	779
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	5	9
NATIONAL PARKS	2	0	51	270,769
TOTALS	74	47,151	5,098	1,517,738

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