

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 13, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (87 new fires)
New large fires:	2 (*)
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	38
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	18

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

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

Two MAFFS from the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard), and the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, NC are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Sacramento, CA.

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	4
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	18
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

* **Wenatchee Complex** (5 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Okanogan Complex (3 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber and grass. Running fire with torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Barker Canyon Complex (2 fires), Spokane District, BLM. IMT 2 (Nickey). Six miles southwest of Grand Coulee, WA. Brush and hardwood slash. Structures threatened. No further information received.

Pole Creek, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Area closures in effect.

Yakima Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and group tree torching. Residences and power lines threatened. Road closures in effect.

Cascade Creek, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and spotting.

Manila Creek Complex (2 fires), Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Reed). Thirteen miles southeast of Nespalem, WA. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Apache Pass, Washington State. IMT 2 (Leitch). Seventeen miles southwest of Creston, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.

Parish Cabin, Malheur NF. Fifteen miles northeast of Seneca, OR. Timber. No further information received.

Cache Creek, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Forty-two miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. 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
* Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	25,000	---	8	UNK	903	---	26	107	5	0	2.3M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	1,370	170	2	UNK	206	167	7	7	1	0	120K	FS
Barker Canyon Complex	WA	SPD	91,883	13,718	20	UNK	315	129	5	40	2	12	850K	BLM
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	4,583	271	5	UNK	618	125	16	26	6	0	1.6M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	202	31	15	UNK	631	278	19	68	3	1	750K	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	2,150	383	0	UNK	485	95	13	3	4	0	1.1M	FS
Manila Creek Complex	WA	COA	1,641	62	80	UNK	270	13	8	12	1	0	640K	BIA
Apache Pass	WA	WFS	24,500	4,500	40	9/14	113	0	3	26	0	4	200K	ST
Parish Cabin	OR	MAF	6,481	0	97	9/16	13	-95	0	2	0	1	6.2M	FS
Cache Creek	OR	WWF	73,697	0	90	9/26	43	-44	1	5	0	1	11M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 6
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

* **Vimy**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Five miles northeast of Fort Benton, MT. Brush and grass. Running fire.

Sawtooth, Bitterroot NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Heintz) to IMT 1 (Poncin) will occur tomorrow. Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

McGuire Complex, Nez Perce NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Pearson) to IMT 1 (Joseph) will occur tomorrow. One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Sheep, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Turman). One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with group tree torching. Structures threatened.

Millie, Gallatin NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Powell SBW Complex (5 fires), Clearwater NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hutton) back to the local unit will occur today. Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Bean Canyon, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. Previously reported as Bean Canyon MA. Fifteen miles northeast of Toston, MT. Timber and grass. Running fire.

Highway 13/20, Fort Peck Agency BIA. Twenty-five miles southeast of Scobey, MT. Grass. Running fire with short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Porcupine Complex (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. Twenty-five miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect. 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
* Vimy	MT	LED	1,000	---	0	UNK	20	---	0	3	1	0	7K	BLM
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	4,500	400	N/A	N/A	391	66	5	30	5	0	2.7M	FS
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	25,502	500	2	10/31	497	-26	12	27	4	0	7.1M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	23,105	1,435	15	UNK	609	108	14	50	7	1	3.4M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,185	-20	65	11/1	329	-15	7	10	5	0	7.2M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	42,820	599	N/A	N/A	111	-1	1	7	1	0	3.1M	FS
Bean Canyon	MT	CES	3,800	200	25	9/15	146	86	2	20	2	0	250K	ST
Highway 13/20	MT	FPA	10,000	9,000	50	9/13	30	-98	0	14	0	0	50K	BIA
Porcupine Complex	ID	NPF	26,396	8,596	N/A	N/A	22	14	0	0	0	0	23K	FS
Dutch	MT	MCD	19,584	2,708	100	---	74	0	1	14	2	0	170K	BLM
Allen	MT	SOS	350	0	100	---	0	-65	0	0	0	0	75K	ST

MCD - Miles City Field Office, BLM

SOS - Southern Land Office, Montana DNR

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Area Command Teams committed: 1
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Area Command Team (Loach) is assigned to the Salmon-Challis National Forest to manage the Mustang Complex and Halstead fire.

Mustang Complex (4 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Blume) to IMT 1 (Sciacca) will occur today. Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Community of Gibbonsville threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Horsethief Canyon, Teton County. IMT 2 (Ourada). Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Numerous structures, communications site and Snow King Ski Resort threatened. Area closures in effect.

Wesley, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Suwyn). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Isolated torching with short uphill runs. Residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Adell). NIMO (Houseman) will be released today. Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Structures and power lines threatened. Area closures in effect.

Trinity Ridge, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Kurth). Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Isolated torching. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

West Cricket, Richfield Field Office, BLM. Forty miles northwest of Leamington, UT. Timber and grass. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. 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
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	294,760	4,790	N/A	N/A	1,101	87	15	90	5	6	24.8M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	2,918	218	15	10/18	477	177	9	32	7	0	1.8M	CNTY
Wesley	ID	PAF	4,070	287	0	UNK	267	66	5	5	3	0	790K	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	153,955	987	N/A	N/A	336	-60	5	11	2	0	23.5M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	146,677	132	64	10/1	264	-34	1	10	4	13	40M	FS
West Cricket	UT	RID	703	-97	90	9/13	5	0	0	2	0	0	10K	BLM
Shanty Canyon	UT	NWS	5,849	0	100	---	17	-4	0	3	1	0	60K	ST

NWS - Northwest Area, Utah DOF

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 18
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 6
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Ward, Shasta-Trinity NF. One mile northeast of Sims, CA. Timber. IMT 2 (Cooper). IMT is also managing the Bagley fire. Backing fire. Communities, communication towers, major power lines and railroad infrastructure threatened.

Bagley, Shasta-Trinity NF. Four miles west of Big Bend, CA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Backing fire. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Scotts, Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hoffman). Eight miles east of Ukiah, CA. Chaparral. Interior burning.

Stafford, Shasta-Trinity NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Whitcome) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Five miles southeast of Hayfork, CA. Timber and brush. Smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

North Pass, Mendocino NF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Covelo, CA. Timber and logging slash. Creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect.

Likely, Northern California District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Truett) back to the local unit will occur on 9/15. Three miles south of Likely, CA. Timber, juniper, 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
Ward	CA	SHF	550	76	40	9/15	578	-1	21	35	1	0	400K	FS
Bagley	CA	SHF	46,011	0	90	9/15	468	-7	6	15	7	0	32.2M	FS
Scotts	CA	MEU	4,618	0	80	9/15	1,231	-249	48	86	3	0	5.5M	ST
Stafford	CA	SHF	4,461	-20	95	UNK	832	-333	21	50	1	0	10.2M	FS
North Pass	CA	MNF	41,983	0	97	9/16	240	-52	4	6	2	26	30.4M	FS
Likely	CA	NOD	10,000	0	90	UNK	389	-135	12	3	5	0	3.4M	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

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

Sheep Herder Hill Complex, Natrona County. IMT 2 (Pechota). Eight miles south of Casper, WY. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Numerous structures and communication sites threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Alpine Lake, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. 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
Sheep Herder Hill Complex	WY	NAX	15,887	603	50	9/15	354	62	6	26	7	53	1.3M	CNTY
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	20,735	1,382	N/A	N/A	71	-34	1	0	3	0	1.3M	BIA

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 19
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Measles-Bluestem, Osage Agency, BIA. Twelve miles southwest of Pawhuska, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

Stabler, Osage Agency, BIA. Five miles east of Wynona, OK. 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
Measles-Bluestem	OK	OSA	1,218	---	90	UNK	11	---	0	2	0	0	20K	BIA
Stabler	OK	OSA	756	---	90	UNK	6	---	0	2	0	0	20K	BIA
Bo Brown Road	TX	TXS	400	---	100	---	16	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

TXS - Texas Forest Service

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 15
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Shotley, Minnesota DNR. Two miles north of Saum, MN. Timber. 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	-32	45	9/16	70	45	1	5	1	0	25K	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 0
 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
Como	NV	CCD	768	0	100	---	154	-45	4	3	2	0	775K	BLM

CCD - Carson City District, BLM

Other Fires

(As of September 7)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	3	93,161	1	5	0	22
NO	3	103,357	29	45	3	1,126
SO	2	1,377	3	0	0	60
NR	27	34,906	3	3	1	172
EB	8	79,528	0	2	0	15
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	1	700	1	2	0	38
SA	1	252	0	2	0	2
Total	45	313,281	37	59	4	1,435

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

Predictive Services Discussion: Warm and dry conditions will spread across the West with local areas of breezy conditions forming in the northern Rockies and parts of the Northwest. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop from the Great Lakes to Texas and New Mexico with heavy rain possible. Mild conditions will continue over the East and Gulf coasts.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide pg 4](#)
[Fireline Handbook](#)
[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					2	37	39
Northern California	FIRES					15	3	18
	ACRES					10	0	10
Southern California	FIRES					10	4	14
	ACRES					28	2	30
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	1		3	3	7
	ACRES	9,000	2,706	44		300	489	12,539
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	4	7
	ACRES		0			339	6,292	6,631
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0				1	0	1
	ACRES	1,382				0	104	1,486
Eastern Area	FIRES	3				12		15
	ACRES	8				100		108
Southern Area	FIRES					19		19
	ACRES					55		55
TOTAL	FIRES	3	2	1	0	65	16	87
	ACRES	10,390	2,706	44	0	834	6,924	20,898

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	30	20	265	5	358
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,679	68,105	89,860	0	249,021
Northwest	FIRES	171	199	26	23	638	696	1,753
	ACRES	17,586	1,105,248	1,901	13	40,659	183,762	1,349,169
Northern California	FIRES	98	23	2	11	2,427	532	3,093
	ACRES	171	423,780	0	28,526	28,768	288,919	770,164
Southern California	FIRES	31	157	10	56	2,706	559	3,519
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,600	33,403	10,132	77,862
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,111	204	37	22	621	760	2,755
	ACRES	362,104	298,814	11,263	2,371	180,226	282,256	1,137,034
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	57	799	1	31	760	562	2,210
	ACRES	28,745	754,969	2	2,121	207,710	925,506	1,919,053
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	601	2	16	187	141	952
	ACRES	1,200	689,607	0	37	59,351	26,931	777,126
Southwest	FIRES	719	196	12	42	520	995	2,484
	ACRES	33,697	5,198	187	4,334	33,752	460,481	537,649
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,222	508	35	38	1,581	630	4,014
	ACRES	122,730	52,005	3,872	837	629,786	186,118	995,348
Eastern Area	FIRES	706		49	18	8,001	571	9,345
	ACRES	1,713		4,776	402	80,289	10,522	97,702
Southern Area	FIRES	495		77	46	14,598	586	15,802
	ACRES	45,700		32,812	16,752	255,083	80,782	431,129
TOTAL	FIRES	4,616	2,724	281	323	32,304	6,037	46,285
	ACRES	613,732	3,413,631	94,500	125,098	1,638,887	2,455,409	8,341,257

Ten Year Average Fires	58,885
Ten Year Average Acres	6,385,256

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	66	17			158	249
	ACRES	3,502	7,193	1,335			32,015	44,045
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	22	21		146	205
	ACRES	108	203	22,621	151		10,872	33,955
Southern California	FIRES		6	5	5	6	159	181
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,831	4,120	8,799
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	8	73	3	33	192	325
	ACRES	1,822	4,608	18,434	233	1,809	20,854	47,760
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	20	42	79
	ACRES		898	188	230	324	18,824	20,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	4		13	4	24
	ACRES		1,262	419		279	221	2,181
Southwest	FIRES	31	17	12	16		131	207
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	228		38,954	54,427
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	13	109	21	13	51	230
	ACRES	2,100	1,543	21,564	2,492	1,283	8,662	37,644
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		498	41	968	152	1,696
	ACRES	22,116		78,915	9,054	57,638	57,595	225,318
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	8,764	840	9,826
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	479,011	814,126	1,395,393
TOTAL	FIRES	141	137	888	166	9,827	1,875	13,034
	ACRES	35,645	25,747	209,208	50,986	555,489	1,006,243	1,883,318

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

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	51	1,499	1,385	53,836
Yukon Territory	1	0	126	92,116
Alberta	17	13,924	1,425	392,982
Northwest Territory	4	9,849	273	294,035
Saskatchewan	3	43	395	231,807
Manitoba	0	0	449	228,951
Ontario	63	899	1,507	146,653
Quebec	7	0	773	70,077
Newfoundland	1	0	192	137,469
New Brunswick	10	0	338	360
Nova Scotia	0	0	344	817
Prince Edward Island	0	84	5	93
National Parks	0	0	76	272,177
Total	157	26,297	7,288	1,921,371

*****CIFFC information updated weekly*****

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.

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