

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, September 16, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (59 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	30
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

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

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

**Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	9
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	17
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

**Wenatchee Complex** (7 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

**Pole Creek**, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened.

**Yakima Complex** (2 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson and Reed). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Active fire behavior with running, crowning and spotting. Numerous residences and power lines threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Okanogan Complex** (3 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Cascade Creek**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

\* **Hunsaker**, Vale District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Halfway, OR. Brush. No further information received.

**Barker Canyon Complex** (2 fires), Spokane District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Nickey) back to the local unit will occur today. Six miles southwest of Grand Coulee, WA. Brush, hardwood slash and grass. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. 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
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	32,771	2,165	17	UNK	1,542	254	37	155	12	1	6.4M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	15,000	8,000	10	UNK	945	121	23	31	8	0	4.4M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	3,500	2,699	10	UNK	902	122	24	77	5	1	3M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	3,911	741	15	UNK	466	43	15	15	4	0	1.5M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	5,800	800	4	UNK	578	-17	15	7	5	2	3M	FS
* Hunsaker	OR	VAD	693	---	0	9/17	76	---	0	7	5	0	125K	BLM
Barker Canyon Complex	WA	SPD	81,155	-10,728	96	9/19	194	-40	3	25	0	12	2.3M	BLM

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

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

\* **Dugan**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Three miles south of Ekalaka, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with sustained crown runs. Structures and powerlines threatened.

**McGuire Complex**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Sawtooth**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Sheep**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Turman). One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with crown runs. Structures threatened.

**Millie**, Gallatin NF. Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Area closure in effect.

**Bean Canyon**, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. Fifteen miles northeast of Toston, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

**Welder**, Fort Belknap Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Harlem, MT. Grass. Smoldering.

\* **Wall Creek**, Flathead NF. Forty miles northeast of Seeley Lake, MT. Timber. Creeping with isolated torching. Trail closures in effect. 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
* Dugan	MT	MCD	9,000	---	10	UNK	113	---	1	22	1	0	145K	BLM
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	30,575	3,691	2	10/31	452	23	9	28	7	0	8.6M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	4,707	-18	25	UNK	490	-20	11	31	5	0	4.4M	FS

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Sheep	ID	NPF	29,171	4,410	24	UNK	652	4	16	33	7	1	5.4M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,285	100	75	11/1	167	0	2	5	3	0	8.1M	FS
Bean Canyon	MT	CES	4,325	0	95	9/16	129	-10	2	16	2	0	670K	ST
Welder	MT	FPA	33,318	3,318	80	9/16	76	23	0	22	0	0	UNK	BIA
* Wall Creek	MT	FNF	514	---	N/A	N/A	5	---	0	0	0	0	14K	FS
Highway 13/20	MT	FBA	10,500	0	100	---	26	-2	0	5	1	1	80K	BIA
B Smith	MT	FPA	400	0	100	---	0	-67	0	0	0	0	30K	BIA

FPA - Fort Peck Agency, BIA

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

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

**Mustang Complex** (5 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Sciacca). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Backing fire with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Horsethief Canyon**, Teton County. IMT 2 (Ourada). Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Group tree torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures, communications site and Snow King Ski Resort threatened.

**Wesley**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Suwyn) and IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Residences threatened.

**Halstead**, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Adell). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with crown runs and spotting. Structures and powerlines threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Trinity Ridge**, Boise NF. Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

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	319,037	17,212	N/A	N/A	824	-42	10	70	5	7	27.6M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,353	29	42	9/20	669	18	16	46	9	0	4.7M	CNTY
Wesley	ID	PAF	7,807	1,683	8	UNK	483	96	12	13	4	0	2.5M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	162,800	2,820	N/A	N/A	299	-14	5	11	2	0	24.5M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	146,832	92	64	10/1	83	-9	1	4	3	13	40.6M	FS

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 5  
New large fires: 1  
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 isolated torching. Numerous structures and communication sites threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Alpine Lake**, Wind River Agency, BIA. Previously reported incident. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Gilead**, Bighorn NF. Previously reported incident. Fourteen miles northwest of Buffalo, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and short-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	15,556	63	90	9/16	275	-50	5	14	3	60	2.6M	CNTY
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	23,410	---	N/A	N/A	65	---	1	0	3	0	1.4M	BIA
Gilead	WH	BHF	7,500	---	N/A	N/A	7	---	0	0	1	0	220K	FS
* Bird	SD	SDS	800	---	100	---	27	---	0	10	0	0	6K	ST

SDS - South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression, DOF

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

New fires: 3  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**North Pass**, Mendocino NF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Covelo, CA. Timber and logging 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
North Pass	CA	MNF	41,983	0	97	9/16	221	-7	3	3	1	26	30.3M	FS
Bagley	CA	SHF	46,011	0	100	---	453	-15	6	17	2	0	34M	FS
Cheney	CA	LMU	230	0	100	---	128	-170	2	13	0	0	462K	ST

SHF - Shasta-Trinity NF

LMU - Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Shotley**, Minnesota DNR. Two miles north of Saum, MN. Timber. 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	0	70	9/17	156	83	3	5	0	0	300K	ST

**Other Fires**

(As of September 14)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	1	40,529	0	0	0	0
NW	2	105,336	4	12	2	154
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	1	4,192	3	0	5	150
NR	27	98,859	2	12	3	250
EB	6	16,687	0	4	0	26
WB	1	768	0	1	1	11
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	2	27,115	1	1	5	96
EA	1	5	0	3	0	8
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	41	293,491	10	33	16	695

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warm and dry weather will continue across much of the West with temperatures in the Southwest reaching 100-110 degrees. A cold front dropping through the central U.S. will bring much cooler conditions to the northern Rockies and northern Plains. Mild conditions will continue over much of the eastern half of the nation. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form over the southern Plains to the mid-Mississippi Valley and along the Gulf Coast.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Hazard Tree Category.

## FALLING SNAGS

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
  - Strong winds
  - Night operations
  - Steep slopes
  - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
  - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
  - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
  - Numerous downed trees
  - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
  - Accumulation of downed limbs
  - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
  - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
  - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
  - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
  - Establish lookouts.

### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 80  
[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3				1	5	9
	ACRES	158				0	10,702	10,860
Northern California	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	0					1	1
Southern California	FIRES					17	1	18
	ACRES					52	0	52
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	1			2	4	7
	ACRES	33,318	9,000			0	5,906	48,224
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			0	2	3
	ACRES		5			233	29,863	30,101
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	1			3	1	5
	ACRES	2,263	2			31	603	2,899
Eastern Area	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					17	0	17
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	4	3	0	0	34	18	59
	ACRES	35,739	9,007	0	0	333	47,075	92,154

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	30	20	267	5	360
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,679	68,105	89,861	0	249,022
Northwest	FIRES	176	201	26	27	651	724	1,805
	ACRES	17,745	1,105,491	1,901	20	40,667	161,166	1,326,990
Northern California	FIRES	100	23	2	11	2,441	535	3,112
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,829	288,943	770,252
Southern California	FIRES	31	157	10	58	2,742	564	3,562
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,748	33,470	10,132	78,077
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,115	207	37	22	624	776	2,781
	ACRES	396,824	307,848	11,263	2,371	181,410	347,090	1,246,806
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	803	1	31	772	561	2,227
	ACRES	29,445	782,483	2	2,121	215,017	938,329	1,967,397
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	632	2	16	191	139	985
	ACRES	1,200	690,705	0	28	59,353	26,935	778,221
Southwest	FIRES	720	197	12	42	520	999	2,490
	ACRES	33,698	5,201	187	4,334	33,752	460,481	537,653
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,224	509	35	38	1,591	633	4,030
	ACRES	125,407	52,006	3,872	837	629,867	187,517	999,506
Eastern Area	FIRES	712		49	18	8,027	583	9,389
	ACRES	1,878		4,776	402	80,319	12,388	99,763
Southern Area	FIRES	495		77	46	14,609	586	15,813
	ACRES	45,700		32,812	16,752	255,202	80,782	431,248
TOTAL	FIRES	4,638	2,766	281	329	32,435	6,105	46,554
	ACRES	652,157	3,451,524	94,500	125,244	1,647,747	2,513,763	8,484,935

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>59,730</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,475,987</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					2		2
	ACRES					100		100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	100	0	100

**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	17		131	208
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	318		38,954	54,517
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	8,857	840	9,919
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	479,969	814,126	1,396,351
TOTAL	FIRES	141	137	888	167	9,920	1,875	13,128
	ACRES	35,645	25,747	209,208	51,076	556,447	1,006,243	1,884,366

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>26,297</b>	<b>7,288</b>	<b>1,921,371</b>

**\*\*\*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.

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