

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, September 22, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (54 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	37
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:	4
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	23
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Wenatchee Complex (9 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with spotting and isolated torching. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Table Mountain (5 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Reed) and IMT 1 (Morcom). Sixteen miles east of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Backing fire with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Okanogan Complex (4 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Pole Creek, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

Yakima Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened.

Cascade Creek, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Crown fire.

Bear Slide, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Five miles northeast of Warm Springs, OR. Brush and grass. No new information.

Trail 2, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Eleven miles southwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber 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
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	42,161	312	28	UNK	2,096	34	55	151	13	1	18M	FS
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	30,434	0	7	UNK	857	82	19	80	5	1	3.5M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	8,131	800	18	UNK	791	5	21	41	7	0	5.2M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	25,553	1,161	50	UNK	1,024	-67	28	38	8	0	10.2M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,198	0	70	UNK	611	-55	12	41	11	0	7.5M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	10,700	900	50	UNK	606	-1	16	22	6	0	6.6M	FS
Bear Slide	OR	WSA	1,680	---	99	UNK	21	---	1	2	0	0	40K	BIA
Trail 2	OR	WSA	139	---	50	UNK	94	---	3	9	0	0	75K	BIA

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

* **Cottonwood Creek**, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Thirty miles southwest of Watford City, ND. Juniper and grass. Running fire.

McGuire Complex, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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

Condon Mountain, Flathead NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Five miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short duration crown runs and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Trail closures in effect.

Sawtooth, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Hall). Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Millie, Gallatin NF. Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Backing fire. Structures threatened.

Little Swallow, Fort Berthold Agency, BIA. Nine miles south of Mandaree, ND. Timber and grass. Interior torching.

Avalanche, Glacier NP. Twelve miles northeast of West Glacier, MT. Timber. No new information.

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* Cottonwood Creek	ND	DPF	600	---	0	9/23	25	---	0	9	0	0	2K	FS
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	67,560	3,297	4	10/31	746	0	14	57	7	0	13M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	44,581	821	28	UNK	620	-15	14	35	5	2	9.4M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	3,500	660	40	10/31	174	-4	4	6	2	0	3.6M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,479	0	45	UNK	131	-107	0	3	4	0	6.6M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,485	20	75	11/1	139	0	3	4	3	0	9.9M	FS
Little Swallow	ND	FBA	9,500	3,500	95	9/23	66	-10	1	16	0	0	40K	BIA
Avalanche	MT	GNP	122	---	30	UNK	5	---	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires:	4
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Wesley, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Backing fire with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Karney, Southwest Area Office, IDL. IMT 2 (Wilde). Started on private land eight miles northeast of Boise, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering.

Chall Creek, Bridger-Teton NF. Thirty miles west of Pinedale, WY. Timber and heavy logging slash. Creeping and smoldering.

Mustang Complex (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Sciacca). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Horsethief Canyon, Teton County. IMT 2 (Ourada). Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Numerous residences, communications site and Snow King Ski Resort threatened.

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Adell) back to local unit will occur today. Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Trinity Ridge, Boise NF. Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Isolated torching. Structures threatened. Area and 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
Wesley	ID	PAF	11,430	1	8	11/1	715	87	22	11	6	0	6.9M	FS
Karney	ID	SWS	440	0	80	9/23	357	11	8	15	5	1	1.5M	PRI
Chall Creek	WY	BTF	688	288	85	9/22	245	-17	6	19	3	0	1.4M	FS

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Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	332,301	0	N/A	N/A	665	0	9	39	6	7	31.5M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	92	9/25	245	-17	4	4	2	0	8.3M	CNTY
Halstead	ID	SCF	179,035	3,325	N/A	N/A	97	-11	1	8	3	1	25.4M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	146,832	0	75	10/1	86	0	1	6	1	13	41.3M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

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

Alpine Lake, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with interior torching. Structures threatened.

* **Cornstalk**, Standing Rock Agency, BIA. Five miles south of Selfridge, ND. Grass. Running fire. 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	41,148	295	N/A	N/A	125	-13	1	12	5	0	2.5M	BIA
* Cornstalk	ND	SRA	1,000	---	10	UNK	21	---	0	6	0	0	25K	BIA
Tire Swing	SD	PRA	587	0	100	---	9	-10	0	4	0	0	100K	BIA

PRA – Pine Ridge Agency, BIA

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

* **Carter Springs**, East Fork County. Five miles southeast of Gardnerville, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road 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
* Carter Springs	NV	EFK	1,500	---	5	9/25	250	---	5	20	4	0	500K	CNTY

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	---	100	---	171	17	5	3	0	0	1.2M	ST

MNS – Minnesota DNR

Other Fires

(As of September 21)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	4	93,600	4	27	0	222
NO	1	46,011	4	8	2	328
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	30	50,440	2	5	1	237
EB	9	81,931	0	1	0	9
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	1	8,068	4	4	3	153
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	45	280,050	14	45	6	949

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

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper low will cross through the Northwest, producing isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms across central and eastern Oregon and Washington. Dry and warm conditions will continue over the remainder of the West. A cold front dropping into the deep South will usher in much cooler weather to the most of the central and eastern U.S. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will form over the Great Lakes, New England and the mid-Atlantic. The Gulf coast states will remain warm and dry.

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



Today's discussion is from the Weather / Fire Behavior Category.

BASE ALL ACTIONS ON CURRENT AND EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? What information will you want to get from resources you are replacing?
- Can you observe the area or use scouts? What information are the scouts looking for?
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted? List some ways your crew will scout out an area before you begin working
- Are escape routes and safety zones marked for night use? How do you adjust marking safety zones and escape routes for night use?
- Have potential dangers been located and can they be dealt with? List some dangerous fire behavior you may encounter and how you would deal with it.
- Do you have access to weather and fire behavior forecasts? What is your unit's procedure for obtaining forecasts?
- To reduce risk, initiate the following:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Check communications.
 - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or if the situation becomes too complex. Discuss fires where you have adjusted your actions based on current and expected fire behavior.

How would you judge the fire season? (Above normal, below, or average.)

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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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					0	1,162	1,162
Northern California	FIRES					9	2	11
	ACRES					0	202	202
Southern California	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				1	1	5
	ACRES	3,837				1	5,442	9,280
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		136			16	3,331	3,483
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1,500		1,500
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				3	2	6
	ACRES	1,295				7	20	1,322
Eastern Area	FIRES	3				2		5
	ACRES	1				7		8
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					32		32
TOTAL	FIRES	7	2	0	0	30	15	54
	ACRES	5,133	136	0	0	1,563	10,158	16,990

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	207	26	27	703	801	1,940
	ACRES	17,745	1,129,113	1,901	20	46,014	231,673	1,426,466
Northern California	FIRES	103	23	2	12	2,463	553	3,156
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,829	327,671	808,980
Southern California	FIRES	32	159	10	58	2,813	573	3,645
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,748	33,626	10,136	78,237
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,153	207	37	22	637	792	2,848
	ACRES	413,733	329,523	11,263	2,418	181,466	391,780	1,330,183
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	803	1	33	784	577	2,257
	ACRES	29,444	773,457	2	2,136	216,933	970,884	1,992,856
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	633	2	16	193	139	988
	ACRES	1	527,573	0	28	67,926	42,227	637,755
Southwest	FIRES	722	199	12	42	519	1,018	2,512
	ACRES	33,699	5,321	187	4,334	33,752	460,484	537,777
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,267	511	34	38	1,608	649	4,107
	ACRES	146,655	52,107	3,963	837	637,038	188,493	1,029,093
Eastern Area	FIRES	729		49	18	8,064	584	9,444
	ACRES	1,892		4,776	402	80,279	12,389	99,738
Southern Area	FIRES	506		78	46	14,806	594	16,030
	ACRES	45,748		32,813	16,752	257,075	80,865	433,253
TOTAL	FIRES	4,753	2,779	281	332	32,857	6,285	47,287
	ACRES	689,177	3,324,884	94,592	125,306	1,672,799	2,716,602	8,623,360

Ten Year Average Fires	60,693
Ten Year Average Acres	6,551,494

*** 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				1			1
	ACRES				2			2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			11				11
Southern Area	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					76	184	260
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	1	16	1	20
	ACRES	0	0	11	2	76	184	273

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	26	22		156	220
	ACRES	108	203	22,634	158		13,137	36,240
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		15	4	26
	ACRES		625	419		3,079	221	4,344
Southwest	FIRES	31	18	12	18		131	210
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	320		38,954	54,519
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	13	98	21	13	51	224
	ACRES	4,670	1,543	20,827	2,492	1,283	8,662	39,477
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		500	41	968	152	1,698
	ACRES	22,116		78,926	9,054	57,638	57,595	225,329
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	8,982	842	10,046
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	480,829	814,312	1,397,397
TOTAL	FIRES	146	138	883	169	10,047	1,887	13,270
	ACRES	38,215	25,110	208,495	51,085	560,107	1,008,694	1,891,706

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

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