

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

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (85 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	33
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
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:	6
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	18
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

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

**Wenatchee Complex** (10 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton and Reinarz). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Short duration crown runs with spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Goat**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Leitch). Three miles southwest of Pateros, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Cascade Creek**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Nickey). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior.

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

**Pole Creek**, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Watts) back to the local unit will occur 9/29. Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Creeping. 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 occasional tree torching and short-range 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
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	36,290	325	10	UNK	1,063	119	19	100	5	3	6.5M	FS
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	53,138	501	30	UNK	1,517	-173	33	90	10	1	22M	FS
Goat	WA	OWF	6,793	683	20	9/30	523	-76	16	25	3	0	1.3M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	13,727	0	40	UNK	599	-12	16	20	6	0	8.1M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	6,131	200	75	10/2	426	-92	9	18	4	0	6M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	26,285	399	70	10/15	832	-171	20	32	9	0	12.8M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,300	0	90	UNK	385	-116	6	30	0	0	8.7M	FS

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	8
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

**McGuire Complex** (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Eagle Creek**, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Heintz). Thirteen miles southwest of Lame Deer, MT. Grass. Running fire with spotting.

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

**Condon Mountain**, Flathead NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Three miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Backing fire with isolated group tree torching. Residences threatened.

**Wilson**, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. Eight miles southeast of Roundup, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Communities threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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

**Millie**, Gallatin NF. Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Cottonwood Creek**, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Started on private land thirty miles southwest of Watford City, ND. Juniper, brush and grass. Creeping fire. Residences 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
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	72,571	2,551	5	10/31	663	-22	10	46	6	0	14.9M	FS
Eagle Creek	MT	NCA	4,200	1,200	0	UNK	114	64	2	16	2	0	170K	BIA

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	ID	NPF	47,228	816	40	UNK	474	-93	9	18	5	2	10.8M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	4,300	200	40	10/31	197	6	3	9	8	0	4.5M	FS
Wilson	MT	SOS	3,682	-418	80	9/25	95	-51	0	21	2	0	200K	ST
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,789	0	45	UNK	47	1	0	4	4	0	6.8M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,515	30	85	11/1	115	-10	2	5	2	0	10.3M	FS
Cottonwood Creek	ND	DPF	665	0	60	9/28	82	-9	2	8	1	0	157K	PRI

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 15  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Wesley**, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Backing fire with isolated torching. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Mustang Complex** (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Sciacca) to IMT 2 (Whalen) will occur today. Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Karney**, Southwest Area Office, IDL. Started on private land eight miles northeast of Boise, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering.

**Horsethief Canyon**, Teton County. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Ourada) back to the local unit will occur today. Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Halstead**, Salmon-Challis NF. Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with short duration crown runs. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect. 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
Wesley	ID	PAF	15,203	1,203	32	11/1	911	-26	27	24	7	0	9.4M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	336,082	0	N/A	N/A	461	-40	5	31	6	7	33.4M	FS
Karney	ID	SWS	440	0	95	9/25	62	-198	2	4	0	1	2.3M	PRI
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	96	9/25	92	0	2	2	3	0	8.9M	CNTY
Halstead	ID	SCF	179,305	-3	N/A	N/A	67	0	1	5	3	0	25.8M	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 17  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Shockey**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Chaney). Three miles southwest of Live Oak Springs, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened. Evacuations and 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
Shockey	CA	MVU	2,451	451	40	9/26	955	589	40	87	3	35	1.4M	ST

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

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

**Alpine Lake**, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Middle Elk**, White River NF. Thirty miles north of New Castle, CO. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Border**, Sheridan County. Fifty miles northeast of Sheridan, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering with single tree torching.

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	43,732	710	N/A	N/A	100	-23	1	11	5	0	3.1M	BIA
Middle Elk	CO	WRF	230	0	N/A	N/A	79	-10	3	4	0	0	250K	FS
Border	WY	SHX	7,000	0	95	9/25	18	-40	0	4	1	0	NR	CNTY
Cornstalk	ND	SRA	2,293	0	100	---	1	-9	0	0	0	0	100K	BIA

SRA – Standing Rock Agency, BIA

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

New fires: 1  
 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
Carter Springs	NV	EFK	3,454	0	100	---	192	-66	8	4	2	0	1.1M	CNTY
Rose Creek	NV	WID	613	163	100	---	0	-79	0	0	0	0	30K	BLM

EFK – East Fork County                      WID – Winnemucca District, BLM

**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:** Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will develop across the Rockies from western Montana to Colorado. Otherwise, slowly warming conditions will spread over the West. A cold front will drop through the central U.S. bringing cooler weather to the northern Plains and upper Midwest. Scattered thunderstorms will develop ahead of the front from Oklahoma to New York. Warm and dry conditions will continue through the South with windy conditions continuing over northern Texas and western Oklahoma.

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



## Today's discussion is from the Entrapment Category.

### VEHICLE ENTRAPMENT

If you find yourself in a fire entrapment situation where a shelter deployment is not possible, using a vehicle for refuge may be an option. The following are some considerations for a vehicle entrapment:

- Park the vehicle in an area void of vegetation.
- Burn out around the vehicle if there is time.
- Park behind a natural barrier or structure. Consider that a structure could become involved which could severely impact nearby exposures/vehicles ([Harris Fire, SoCal, 2007](#)).
- Do not park on the downhill side of a road or under power lines or over-hanging vegetation.
- Stay out of saddles and draws.
- Position the vehicle in a direction that provides the area occupied by crew personnel the maximum protection from an approaching flame front.
- Set the parking break, leave the motor running at high RPM, and keep the vehicle lights on.
- Roll up the windows and do not lock the doors since someone else might need to get in.
- Cover windows with fire shelters with reflective material placed against window.
- You must protect your airway; remain as low in the vehicle as possible, and use a dry bandana to cover your nose and mouth.
- Expect the following conditions if you are trapped inside the vehicle:
  - Temperatures may reach over 200 degrees Fahrenheit.
  - Smoke and sparks may enter the vehicle.
  - Plastic parts may start to melt and give off toxic gases.
  - Windows may start to crack.
  - Exposed skin may receive radiant heat burns.
- If the vehicle catches fire, or windows blow out, and you must exit the vehicle before the fire has passed, then:
  - Each crewmember should cover themselves with a fire shelter.
  - Exit the vehicle from the side away from the greatest heat.
  - Stay together and get as low to the ground as possible, moving away from the vehicle.
  - Deploy your shelter in a safe area.

#### References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern California	FIRES	1	1			8	1	11
	ACRES	2	0			3	0	5
Southern California	FIRES					14	3	17
	ACRES					150	2	152
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0				5	3	8
	ACRES	1,200				3	3,069	4,272
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			4	6	15
	ACRES		1			0	3,806	3,807
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		163					163
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	8	1	2	2	2	15
	ACRES	710	1	25	0	40	0	776
Eastern Area	FIRES	3				6		9
	ACRES	1				54		55
Southern Area	FIRES							
	ACRES							
TOTAL	FIRES	4	15	1	2	44	19	85
	ACRES	1,913	165	25	0	250	6,878	9,231

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	31	21	291	5	386
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,682	68,105	96,653	0	255,817
Northwest	FIRES	176	208	26	28	718	817	1,973
	ACRES	17,745	1,129,116	1,901	20	46,019	243,832	1,438,633
Northern California	FIRES	105	24	2	12	2,512	553	3,208
	ACRES	176	423,780	0	28,526	33,667	327,671	813,820
Southern California	FIRES	32	159	10	58	2,845	584	3,688
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,837	33,783	10,165	78,512
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,158	209	41	23	652	798	2,881
	ACRES	418,032	329,586	11,267	5,174	184,876	401,753	1,350,688
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	822	1	33	792	584	2,291
	ACRES	29,444	785,487	2	2,136	217,372	984,143	2,018,584
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	636	2	16	193	139	991
	ACRES	1	530,140	0	28	67,926	42,227	640,322
Southwest	FIRES	722	179	12	42	519	1,020	2,494
	ACRES	33,699	5,087	187	4,334	33,752	460,508	537,567
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,273	522	35	40	1,611	655	4,136
	ACRES	149,337	52,109	3,988	837	637,087	188,804	1,032,162
Eastern Area	FIRES	732		49	18	8,098	584	9,481
	ACRES	1,893		4,776	402	80,355	12,389	99,815
Southern Area	FIRES	506		78	46	14,875	594	16,099
	ACRES	45,748		32,813	16,752	258,200	80,865	434,378
TOTAL	FIRES	4,769	2,796	287	337	33,106	6,333	47,628
	ACRES	696,161	3,339,315	94,624	128,151	1,689,690	2,752,357	8,700,298

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>61,112</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,561,642</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			300				300
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						492	492
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	300	0	0	492	792

### 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	3	156	223
	ACRES	108	203	22,634	158	15	13,137	36,255
Southern California	FIRES		6	5	5	6	159	181
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,831	4,120	8,799
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	9	75	3	35	192	330
	ACRES	1,881	4,609	18,436	233	1,811	20,854	47,824
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	17	12	18		131	209
	ACRES	1,214	8,039	5,512	320		38,954	54,039
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		501	41	880	152	1,611
	ACRES	22,116		79,226	9,054	55,086	57,595	223,077
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	9,014	842	10,078
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	481,114	814,312	1,397,682
TOTAL	FIRES	146	138	886	169	9,996	1,887	13,222
	ACRES	38,274	24,631	208,797	51,085	557,857	1,008,694	1,889,338

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

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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