

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, September 28, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (48 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	28
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

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

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

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	3
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

**McGuire Complex** (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Joseph) to IMT 1 (Poncin) will occur tomorrow. 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. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Turman) to IMT 2 (Kusicko) will occur tomorrow. One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Group tree torching with short duration runs and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Condon Mountain**, Flathead NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Three miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Backing fire with short upslope runs. Residences threatened.

**Eagle Creek**, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Heintz). Thirteen miles southwest of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Sawtooth**, Bitterroot NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hall) back to the local unit will occur today. Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Millie**, Gallatin NF. Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. No new information.

**Cottonwood Creek**, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Started on private land thirty miles southwest of Watford City, ND. Juniper, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

**Elbow Pass Complex**, Lewis & Clark NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-five miles southwest of Augusta, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with short uphill runs. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Pettibone**, Nez Perce NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty-eight miles northeast of Elk City, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Vista**, Nez Perce NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty-three miles northeast of Elk City, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**East Fork**, Helena NF. Previously reported incident. Ten miles northwest of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Backing fire with single tree torching. Area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Burnt Strip**, Bitterroot NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-seven miles southwest of Conner, MT. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Green Mountain**, Bitterroot NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-eight miles southwest of Conner, MT. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Moe**, Nez Perce NF. Twelve miles northeast of Paradise, MT. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **West Trout**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty-five miles northwest of Darby, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Moose Ridge**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty miles northeast of Elk City, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Bell Point**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty-one miles northwest of Darby, MT. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Trout Peak**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty-three miles northwest of Darby, ID. Timber. 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
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	74,249	818	9	10/31	698	-38	10	45	9	0	17.3M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	47,562	79	41	UNK	438	40	6	16	4	2	12.1M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	5,100	300	45	10/31	198	-23	4	8	4	0	5.2M	FS
Eagle Creek	MT	NCA	4,150	0	90	9/28	120	-24	1	13	1	0	710K	BIA
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,882	53	45	UNK	40	-2	0	3	3	0	6.9M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,515	---	87	11/1	76	---	2	1	1	0	10.5M	FS
Cottonwood Creek	ND	DPF	542	0	95	9/28	13	-47	0	4	0	0	304K	PRI
Elbow Pass Complex	MT	LCF	25,964	---	N/A	N/A	15	---	0	0	1	0	4.1M	FS
Pettibone	ID	NPF	13,376	---	N/A	N/A	4	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
Vista	ID	NPF	7,731	---	N/A	N/A	11	---	1	0	0	0	100K	FS
East Fork	MT	HNF	4,200	---	N/A	N/A	15	---	0	0	0	0	450K	FS
Burnt Strip	MT	BRF	3,254	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	14K	FS

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
Green Mountain	MT	BRF	2,608	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	FS
Moe	ID	NPF	2,123	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
* West Trout	ID	NPF	1,827	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Moose Ridge	ID	NPF	1,098	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
* Bell Point	ID	NPF	469	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
* Trout Peak	ID	NPF	402	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

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

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

**Wenatchee Complex** (10 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Backing fire with single tree torching. Numerous residences threatened.

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

**Pole Creek**, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Watts) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Goat**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Leitch) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Three miles southwest of Pateros, WA. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering with torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Okanogan Complex** (3 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Rooper**, Prineville District, BLM. Started on private land three miles northwest of Antelope, OR. Brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	38,267	590	35	10/5	1,479	218	37	87	7	3	9.9M	FS
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	54,428	1,284	36	UNK	976	-99	19	38	10	1	25.8M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	15,565	646	50	UNK	557	-67	15	18	6	0	10.1M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	26,285	0	85	10/15	602	-63	16	20	3	0	14.1M	FS

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
Goat	WA	OWF	7,378	0	80	9/28	362	-148	6	26	3	0	2.9M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	6,169	0	80	10/2	292	11	9	14	2	0	7.2M	FS
Rooper	OR	PRD	600	---	10	UNK	21	---	0	4	1	0	5K	PRI

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

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

**Mustang Complex** (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Whalen). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Wesley**, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Backing fire with single tree torching.

**Halstead**, Salmon-Challis NF. Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Group tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Horsethief Canyon**, Teton County. Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. 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
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	338,787	468	N/A	N/A	362	-34	4	17	4	7	35.4M	FS
Wesley	ID	PAF	15,263	30	63	11/1	672	-51	19	13	4	0	11.5M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	179,311	3	N/A	N/A	61	-1	1	5	3	0	26M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	94	UNK	31	-20	1	1	0	0	8.9M	CNTY

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

New fires: 8  
New large fires: 2  
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
* 263	LA	KIF	681	---	100	---	9	---	0	1	0	0	10K	FS
* Thatcher Road	FL	FLS	550	---	100	---	6	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

KIF – Kisatchie NF

FLS – Florida DOF

**Alaska Area (PL 1)**

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

**Industrial Park**, Military Zone, BLM. Seventeen miles west of Delta Junction, AK. Grass. Running and backing. 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
Industrial Park	AK	MID	5,990	3,694	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 6  
 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
Shockey	CA	MVU	2,556	0	100	---	333	-514	4	6	0	39	4.6M	ST

MVU – Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire

**Other Fires**

(As of September 28)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	2	53,144	0	0	0	0
NW	8	79,067	10	47	3	530
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	26	108,065	1	11	2	246
EB	9	257,624	1	4	2	89
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	3	54,630	1	6	5	103
EA	1	288	0	2	0	26
SA	1	252	0	0	0	0
Total	50	553,070	13	70	12	994

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry and warm conditions will spread across the West. Surface high pressure will cover most of the East with cool and dry conditions. A cold front will push through the South, bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms to the Gulf Coast and Southeast coast states.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.**

### **HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY**

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter. (Eye, hearing, head)
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching an operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember. Keep in pilot's field of vision at all times.
- Never go near the tail of helicopters.
- When loading helicopters in uneven terrain, always approach and depart from the down slope (lower) side and do not hold equipment overhead.
- Remove or secure loose articles prior to working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

**References:**

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), pgs 52, 54,55

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide \(IHOG\)](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2,296		2,296
Northwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES					4	5	9
	ACRES					42	10	52
Southern California	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					8		8
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					115	3,162	3,277
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	930	930
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2					5	7
	ACRES	5					4	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1			1	2	6
	ACRES	1	0			626	0	627
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					9		9
Southern Area	FIRES					4	4	8
	ACRES					7	693	700
TOTAL	FIRES	4	1	0	0	23	20	48
	ACRES	6	0	0	0	3,104	4,799	7,909

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	31	21	293	5	388
	ACRES	43	51,228	39,682	73,415	98,345	0	262,713
Northwest	FIRES	126	213	26	28	798	817	2,008
	ACRES	27,186	1,129,468	1,901	20	46,025	239,524	1,444,124
Northern California	FIRES	106	24	2	12	2,532	564	3,240
	ACRES	196	423,780	0	28,526	33,711	327,682	813,895
Southern California	FIRES	32	159	10	58	2,882	587	3,728
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,837	33,799	10,178	78,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,173	209	41	23	657	804	2,907
	ACRES	413,053	329,586	11,267	5,174	185,148	424,008	1,368,236
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	60	824	1	34	794	585	2,298
	ACRES	29,444	785,494	2	2,136	217,375	991,278	2,025,729
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	637	2	16	193	139	992
	ACRES	1	530,140	0	28	67,926	42,227	640,322
Southwest	FIRES	724	199	12	42	519	1,026	2,522
	ACRES	33,704	5,325	187	4,334	33,752	460,506	537,808
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,308	529	35	40	1,641	672	4,225
	ACRES	153,810	55,703	4,113	837	665,063	189,349	1,068,875
Eastern Area	FIRES	732		49	18	8,183	585	9,567
	ACRES	1,893		4,776	402	80,463	12,390	99,924
Southern Area	FIRES	506		79	46	14,934	602	16,167
	ACRES	45,748		34,238	16,752	258,355	82,239	437,332
TOTAL	FIRES	4,773	2,831	288	338	33,426	6,386	48,042
	ACRES	705,121	3,343,400	96,174	133,461	1,719,962	2,779,381	8,777,499

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>62,172</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,602,859</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			1				1
	ACRES			20				20
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	0
	ACRES						186	186
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					22	1	23
	ACRES					391	1	392
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	22	1	24
	ACRES	0	0	20	0	391	187	598

### 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	62	17			158	245
	ACRES	3,502	5,873	1,335			32,015	42,725
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	6	5	6	159	182
	ACRES		1,521	1,227	946	1,831	4,120	9,645
Northern Rockies	FIRES	19	9	75	3	35	192	333
	ACRES	1,967	4,609	18,436	233	1,811	20,854	47,910
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		133	212
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	470		39,457	55,172
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	13	98	21	13	51	225
	ACRES	4,770	1,543	20,827	2,492	1,283	8,662	39,577
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		501	48	881	152	1,619
	ACRES	22,116		79,226	9,062	55,096	57,595	223,095
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	9,119	844	10,185
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	492,312	814,471	1,409,039
TOTAL	FIRES	150	135	887	176	10,102	1,891	13,341
	ACRES	38,460	23,791	209,643	51,243	569,065	1,009,356	1,901,558

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

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