

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday July 18, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (176 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 18  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 7

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

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

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 23  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Mountain**, San Bernadino NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Started on state land 14 miles southwest of Palm Springs, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Numerous 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
Mountain	CA	BDF	19,400	10,400	15	UNK	2,985	744	51	228	17	23	4.5M	ST

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

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

**West Mullan**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Heintz). Four miles west of Superior, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Structures and power lines threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Rough Creek**, Nez Perce NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Fry) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Six miles east of Riggins, ID. Timber and grass. Interior burning. Structures threatened.

**Gold Creek**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Benes). Sixteen miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated 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
West Mullan	MT	LNF	2,100	300	20	UNK	479	126	14	25	7	0	1.3M	FS
Rough Creek	ID	NPF	2,600	0	80	7/18	251	-74	4	9	5	0	1.7M	FS
Gold Creek	MT	LNF	167	7	0	UNK	113	8	2	0	4	0	96K	FS

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

New fires: 36  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 6  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Pine Creek**, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Kidd). Started on Forest Service land seven miles southwest of Idaho City, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with isolated single tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

\* **Ridge**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and running. Area closures in effect.

**Sunk**, Boise District, BLM. Six miles southwest of Murphy, ID. Juniper, brush and grass. Running fire. Structures threatened.

**Horse Butte 2**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Thirty miles west of Roseworth, ID. Brush and grass. No further information received.

**Browns Gulch**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Five miles south of Hammett, ID. Grass. Smoldering. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Sinbad**, Manti-Lasal NF. Twenty-nine miles east of Moab, UT. Timber. 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
Pine Creek	ID	IDL	1,569	69	20	UNK	370	139	11	14	3	0	450K	FS
* Ridge	ID	BOF	418	---	0	UNK	72	---	3	0	3	0	30K	FS
Sunk	ID	BOD	2,100	1,100	30	UNK	100	20	2	7	1	0	60K	BLM
Horse Butte 2	ID	TFD	5,800	3,300	60	7/18	59	18	0	14	1	0	70K	BLM
Browns Gulch	ID	TFD	4,800	4,300	80	UNK	40	21	1	4	1	0	85K	BLM
Sinbad	UT	MLF	438	---	75	UNK	30	---	1	0	1	0	775K	FS
* Hwy 16	ID	BOD	1,200	---	100	---	2	---	0	0	0	1	10K	BLM

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

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

**Carpenter 1**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Harvey) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. One mile north of Kyle Canyon, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Creeping and smoldering with isolated interior torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations have been lifted.

**Cattle Guard**, Sho-Pai Tribes. Four miles south of Owyhee, NV. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**Wieland**, Elko District, BLM. Eight miles south of Tuscarora, NV. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

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
Carpenter 1	NV	HTF	27,881	0	90	8/18	578	-246	7	32	5	6	18M	FS
Cattle Guard	NV	DVT	3,000	2,450	15	7/19	77	45	3	5	1	0	100K	BIA
Wieland	NV	EKD	2,600	2,300	15	7/20	169	70	5	12	1	0	300K	BLM

**Alaska Area (PL 3)**

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

**Stuart Creek #2**, Military Zone, Alaska Fire Service. IMT 2 (Kurth). Twenty-five miles east of North Pole, AK. Black spruce and grass. Smoldering with isolated tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Moon Lake**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Twenty miles west of Tok, AK. Black spruce. No new information.

**Tetlin Jct. Ridge**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Eighteen miles east of Tok, AK. 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
Stuart Creek #2	AK	MID	85,475	0	57	UNK	628	13	19	15	5	5	14.7M	BLM
Moon Lake	AK	TAS	17,945	---	10	8/1	130	---	4	0	2	0	4.5M	ST
Tetlin Jct. Ridge	AK	TAS	6,760	---	30	8/1	21	---	1	0	0	0	2.2M	ST

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 46  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Box Springs**, Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (Thorpe). Twenty-four miles northeast of Prineville, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

\* **Cuba**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Thirty miles east of Joseph, OR. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with 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
Box Springs	OR	ODF	500	0	50	7/19	354	116	12	30	2	0	1.4M	ST
* Cuba	OR	WWF	330	---	0	7/23	54	---	1	0	4	0	250K	FS

### **Other Fires**

(As of July 12)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	26	454,138	1	0	1	25
NW	4	2,254	5	7	1	132
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	3	966	0	3	0	13
WB	1	475	0	0	0	18
SW	4	151,148	1	1	1	24
RM	5	1,294	1	3	0	6
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	304	0	1	0	14
Total	44	610,579	8	15	3	232

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms will persist in the Four Corners states with isolated thunderstorms moving through the northern Rockies. Moderate to heavy rain is possible in parts of the Southwest. Hot and dry conditions will spread from the far Southwest to the northern Rockies. In the East, very warm and humid conditions will continue with scattered afternoon thunderstorms forming across the Southeast and parts of the upper Midwest. In Alaska, mild to warm conditions will continue with scattered showers developing in the Southwest and along the North Slope.

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

# WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS



## Aviation Category



Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone. Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

#### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) (pg 61)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0	0	1		1
	ACRES		933	1,193	652	2,090		4,868
Northwest	FIRES	5	1		2	12	26	46
	ACRES	1	35		0	15	20	71
Northern California	FIRES					18	3	21
	ACRES					32	0	32
Southern California	FIRES					20	3	23
	ACRES					4,612	7,100	11,712
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				4	12	18
	ACRES	2				84	309	395
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	9			8	17	36
	ACRES	0	9,496			61	458	10,015
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		30					30
Southwest	FIRES	2			1		7	10
	ACRES	1			0		17	18
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			6	2	13
	ACRES		0			121	0	121
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					37		37
TOTAL	FIRES	11	16	0	3	76	70	176
	ACRES	4	10,494	1,193	652	7,052	7,904	27,299

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	31	30	28	377	2	469
	ACRES	0	402,288	174,663	95,087	398,156	0	1,070,194
Northwest	FIRES	82	78	25	6	511	228	930
	ACRES	1,749	50,034	426	0	5,693	388	58,290
Northern California	FIRES	106	17		8	1,878	280	2,289
	ACRES	100	210		4	14,817	5,002	20,133
Southern California	FIRES	20	76	19	13	2,215	255	2,598
	ACRES	47	2,555	486	165	33,948	41,491	78,692
Northern Rockies	FIRES	384	17	4	4	367	201	977
	ACRES	5,455	239	1,008	2	3,044	19,235	28,983
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	39	344	1	12	264	183	843
	ACRES	213	58,361	0	7	8,870	8,588	76,039
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	183	3	5	50	45	291
	ACRES	24,470	65,850	1	0	878	26,993	118,192
Southwest	FIRES	462	129	25	59	463	729	1,867
	ACRES	45,790	6,725	3,313	1,797	57,546	174,662	289,833
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	396	220	12	24	465	282	1,399
	ACRES	637	4,004	501	1,072	35,492	153,229	194,935
Eastern Area	FIRES	321		35	27	4,447	241	5,071
	ACRES	7,193		994	87	32,744	1,096	42,114
Southern Area	FIRES	150		61	17	8,281	327	8,836
	ACRES	11,138		3,845	1,445	86,596	11,006	114,030
TOTAL	FIRES	1,966	1,095	215	203	19,318	2,773	25,570
	ACRES	96,792	590,266	185,237	99,666	677,784	441,690	2,091,435

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>43,312</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,496,030</b>

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**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					8	4	12
	ACRES					79	2,100	2,179
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	4	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	79	2,100	2,179

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	2	13		16
	ACRES			5	22	5,150		5,177
Northwest	FIRES	7	37	9	3		136	192
	ACRES	2,066	9,043	449	67		28,883	40,508
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	16	21		125	176
	ACRES	35	780	15,998	254		5,472	22,539
Southern California	FIRES		4	5	4	2	139	154
	ACRES		37	603	298	33	4,873	5,844
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	24	2	94	145	287
	ACRES	1,583	2,742	6,747	156	1,085	9,741	22,054
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	18	1	5	21	43	92
	ACRES	696	1,354	1	693	1,357	10,921	15,022
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1		12	7	22
	ACRES		24	35		103	300	462
Southwest	FIRES	17	19	5	1		71	113
	ACRES	19,319	11,472	1,372	10		16,858	49,031
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	37	33	10	32	94	218
	ACRES	1,691	3,317	3,956	616	5,090	24,916	39,586
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		238	48	719	152	1,177
	ACRES	23,148		30,751	4,784	31,407	15,150	105,240
Southern Area	FIRES	50		97	19	10,403	881	11,450
	ACRES	14,298		47,550	22,022	562,702	849,154	1,495,726
TOTAL	FIRES	123	140	430	115	11,296	1,793	13,897
	ACRES	62,836	28,769	107,467	28,922	606,927	966,268	1,801,189

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

## Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	7	37	437	5,447
Yukon Territory	2	46	128	147,605
Alberta	3	281	814	19,268
Northwest Territory	1	14,824	209	220,260
Saskatchewan	8	473	261	43,462
Manitoba	2	3,286	267	551,913
Ontario	1	1,719	390	41,685
Quebec	3	958	410	1,500,475
Newfoundland	2	5	80	30,249
New Brunswick	0	0	331	857
Nova Scotia	0	0	146	301
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	50	62,157
Total	29	21,628	3,523	2,623,678

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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