

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday July 23, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (98 new fires)
New large fires:	6 (*)
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires: **	23
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	11

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

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

One MAFFS C-130 aircraft from the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte (North Carolina Air National Guard), and one from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard), are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID.

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

New fires:	16
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

\* **210 Road**, Sawtooth NF. IMT 1 (Blume). Four miles south of Stanley, ID. Timber and brush. Running fire. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Lodgepole**, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Adell). Ten miles west of Challis, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Ridge**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and spotting.

**Thunder City**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Four miles northeast of Stibnite, ID. Timber. Crown runs with spotting.

**Pine Creek**, Idaho Department of Lands. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kidd) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Started on Forest Service land seven miles southwest of Idaho City, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Interior burning with single tree torching.

**Summit**, Idaho Department of Lands. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Dunford) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Started on Forest Service land eight miles southwest of Lowman, ID. Timber. Isolated interior single tree torching with occasional short-range spotting.

**Rocky**, Salt Lake District, BLM. Twenty-two miles southeast of Grouse Creek, UT. Timber, juniper and grass. Isolated torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Brown Butte**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Six miles northeast of Shoshone, ID. Brush. Smoldering. 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
* 210 Road	ID	STF	300	---	0	UNK	78	---	3	0	3	0	80K	FS
Lodgepole	ID	SCF	1,000	350	0	UNK	273	162	11	2	3	0	796K	FS
Ridge	ID	BOF	3,704	644	10	8/19	309	-2	7	0	7	0	1.9M	FS
Thunder City	ID	PAF	190	100	10	UNK	159	0	6	0	4	0	725K	FS
Pine Creek	ID	IDL	2,797	0	90	7/23	242	-154	6	2	2	0	2.8M	FS
Summit	ID	IDL	370	0	93	UNK	246	-99	6	7	1	0	1.6M	FS
Rocky	UT	SLD	430	-70	65	7/23	89	0	3	6	1	0	100K	BLM
Brown Butte	ID	TFD	7,296	-704	99	7/23	136	-4	3	13	2	0	8K	BLM
Playground	UT	SLD	2,650	56	100	---	109	-37	3	5	2	0	300K	BLM

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**West Mullan**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Heintz). Four miles west of Superior, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Structures and power lines threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Gold Creek**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Benes). Sixteen miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with single tree torching.

\* **Copper City**, Helena NF. Five miles north of Three Forks, MT. Juniper, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

\* **Gold Pan**, Bitterroot NF. Thirty-five miles southwest of Conner, MT. 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
West Mullan	MT	LNF	6,090	210	45	UNK	914	-9	24	43	7	0	6.5M	FS
Gold Creek	MT	LNF	170	0	55	7/25	250	9	5	1	3	0	1.8M	FS
* Copper City	MT	HNF	390	---	60	7/23	32	---	0	7	0	0	50K	FS
* Gold Pan	MT	BRF	2,000	---	N/A	N/A	15	---	1	0	0	0	20K	FS
Rough Creek	ID	NPF	2,600	0	100	---	31	-16	1	2	0	0	2.2M	FS

NPF – Nez Perce NF

## **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 12  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 4  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

\* **Fairfield**, Shoshone NF. IMT 2 (Del Grosso). Six miles southwest of Lander, WY. Timber and grass. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **West Battle Creek**, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty-two miles west of Encampment, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Citadel**, White River Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Dallas). IMT is also managing the East Tschuddi fire. Forty miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Running fire with torching.

**East Tschuddi**, White River Field Office, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Timber and brush. 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
* Fairfield	WY	SHF	670	---	0	UNK	210	---	1	39	2	0	50K	FS
* West Battle Creek	WY	MBF	200	---	0	UNK	10	---	0	4	0	0	NR	FS
Citadel	CO	WRD	1,800	300	10	7/26	155	150	6	4	2	0	63K	BLM
East Tschuddi	CO	WRD	652	352	25	7/24	73	56	2	2	2	0	150K	BLM

## **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

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

**Sunnyside Turnoff**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Watts). Thirteen miles north of Madras, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Stagecoach**, Prineville District, BLM. Seven miles south of LaPine, OR. Timber and grass. Torching and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations 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
Sunnyside Turnoff	OR	WSA	20,000	13,600	20	7/28	329	162	10	33	3	0	200K	BIA
* Stagecoach	OR	PRD	300	---	10	UNK	32	---	1	4	1	0	200K	BLM
Cuba	OR	WWF	530	0	100	---	33	-39	1	1	1	0	550K	FS

WWF – Wallowa-Whitman NF

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

New fires: 16  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Mountain**, San Bernardino NF. Unified command between IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire (Patterson). Started on state land 14 miles southwest of Palm Springs, CA. Timber and chaparral. Smoldering. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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	27,332	53	85	7/24	1,146	-715	33	24	6	23	21.6M	ST
Rancho	CA	KRN	712	-10	100	---	60	-277	2	2	1	0	1.4M	CNTY

KRN – Kern County

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

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

**Smith Ranch**, Northern Region, Nevada DOF. Ten miles northeast of Jiggs, NV. Mahogany, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Bishop**, Ely District BLM. Sixteen miles south of Caliente, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with occasional torching.

**Carpenter 1**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. One mile north of Kyle Canyon, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Isolated interior torching. Numerous 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
Smith Ranch	NV	NNS	2,759	0	95	UNK	283	0	8	13	4	0	500K	ST
Bishop	NV	ELD	500	100	60	7/23	134	69	6	0	3	0	50K	BLM
Carpenter 1	NV	HTF	27,883	0	95	8/18	126	0	2	7	3	6	19.6M	FS
North Valley	NV	EKD	487	0	100	---	61	-10	2	10	0	0	75K	BLM
Wieland	NV	EKD	2,905	0	100	---	0	-52	0	0	0	0	850K	BLM

EKD – Elko District, BLM

### **Alaska Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 5  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
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. Creeping and smoldering with isolated single tree torching. Area closures in effect.

**Moon Lake**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Twenty miles west of Tok, AK. Black spruce. 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
Stuart Creek #2	AK	MID	85,475	0	57	UNK	445	-21	13	2	6	5	17.5M	BLM
Moon Lake	AK	TAS	17,949	0	33	8/1	129	1	5	1	3	0	4.9M	ST

### Other Fires

(As of July 19)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	33	491,765	0	0	0	0
NW	4	2,428	2	1	5	84
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	2	21	0	0	0	1
EB	2	5,449	1	0	1	41
WB	2	925	4	5	1	126
SW	1	138,475	0	0	1	15
RM	7	1,680	1	4	3	62
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	2	307	0	1	0	3
Total	53	641,051	8	11	11	332

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered thunderstorms will develop across the Four Corners region with thunderstorms through California and parts of Nevada. Most storms will produce some rainfall but amounts will be lighter farther west. Hot and dry conditions will continue in the Northwest. Scattered thunderstorms will cover much of the eastern U.S. and Mississippi Valley. Conditions will remain hot across the Plains with mild to warm conditions in the East.

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



## SAFETY ZONES (part 1)

*LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones)  
Category*

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

- What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?
  - The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.
- How do you identify a good safety zone?
  - Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
  - The best locations are usually “in the black;” those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
  - Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
  - Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.
  - For radiant heat only, the distance separation between the firefighter and the flames must be at least four times the maximum flame height. This distance must be maintained on all sides, if the fire has ability to burn completely around the safety zone. Convective heat from wind and/or terrain influences will increase this distance requirement.
  - Take advantage of heat barriers such as lee side of ridges, large rocks, or solid structures.
- What should you avoid in selecting a safety zone?
  - Avoid locations that are downwind from the fire.
  - Avoid locations that are in chimneys, saddles, or narrow canyons.
  - Avoid locations that require a steep uphill escape route.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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

[“LCES and Other Thoughts” by Paul Gleason](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					5		5
Northwest	FIRES	0	1			3	3	7
	ACRES	8,000	100			3	0	8,103
Northern California	FIRES	2	2			14		18
	ACRES	1	0			3		4
Southern California	FIRES				1	10	5	16
	ACRES				0	16	3	19
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				4	1	6
	ACRES	0				8	3,000	3,008
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2		1	6	6	16
	ACRES	0	404		0	94	1,749	2,247
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	1			4	4	12
	ACRES	1	470			2	763	1,236
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					36		36
Southern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					142		142
TOTAL	FIRES	7	6	0	3	62	20	98
	ACRES	8,002	974	0	0	309	5,515	14,800

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	32	30	28	389	2	482
	ACRES	0	402,288	175,329	95,087	398,166	0	1,070,870
Northwest	FIRES	91	81	26	6	526	265	995
	ACRES	16,152	50,164	426	0	5,724	902	73,368
Northern California	FIRES	112	19		8	1,957	288	2,384
	ACRES	105	210		4	15,188	5,007	20,514
Southern California	FIRES	21	76	19	19	2,325	271	2,731
	ACRES	47	2,555	486	230	35,705	41,500	80,523
Northern Rockies	FIRES	389	19	4	4	404	232	1,052
	ACRES	5,477	243	1,008	2	3,655	27,986	38,371
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	88	384	1	20	295	231	1,019
	ACRES	213	77,476	0	61	11,836	19,409	108,995
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	199	3	8	55	50	320
	ACRES	24,470	84,072	1	2	7,259	26,994	142,798
Southwest	FIRES	469	132	25	65	469	805	1,965
	ACRES	45,790	6,725	3,313	1,807	57,353	171,402	286,390
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	503	250	12	27	505	299	1,596
	ACRES	684	7,002	501	1,072	36,796	153,999	200,054
Eastern Area	FIRES	321		35	27	4,489	243	5,115
	ACRES	7,193		994	87	33,052	1,096	42,422
Southern Area	FIRES	150		62	17	8,377	329	8,935
	ACRES	11,138		3,846	1,445	87,776	11,030	115,235
TOTAL	FIRES	2,150	1,192	217	229	19,791	3,015	26,594
	ACRES	111,269	630,735	185,904	99,797	692,510	459,325	2,179,540

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>44,944</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,850,746</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					16		16
	ACRES					132		132
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	132	0	132

**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	3	141	157
	ACRES		37	603	298	153	4,875	5,966
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	50	99
	ACRES	696	1,354	1	693	1,357	14,110	18,211
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1		12	7	22
	ACRES		24	35		103	300	462
Southwest	FIRES	17	22	5	1		72	117
	ACRES	19,319	11,487	1,372	10		16,401	48,589
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		30,749	4,784	31,407	15,150	105,238
Southern Area	FIRES	50		99	19	10,453	885	11,506
	ACRES	14,298		47,988	22,022	564,743	849,946	1,498,997
TOTAL	FIRES	123	143	432	115	11,347	1,807	13,967
	ACRES	62,836	28,784	107,903	28,922	609,088	969,794	1,807,327

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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	18	10	464	5,431
Yukon Territory	0	0	128	193,005
Alberta	0	0	841	1,970
Northwest Territory	3	834	214	241,308
Saskatchewan	0	141	257	61,004
Manitoba	0	30,830	278	595,005
Ontario	8	159	421	42,004
Quebec	1	0	427	1,632,173
Newfoundland	0	0	81	30,253
New Brunswick	1	0	343	864
Nova Scotia	0	0	151	302
Prince Edward Island	0	0	9	55
National Parks	1	0	51	62,157
Total	32	31,974	3,665	2,865,532

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