

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday July 26, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (109 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	21
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

\*\* 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.

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	12
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

\* **Mill Creek**, Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNRC. Two miles east of Frenchtown, MT. Timber and grass. Extreme fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Moose Meadows**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Twenty miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**West Mullan**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Heintz). Four miles west of Superior, MT. Timber. Interior creeping and smoldering with isolated single tree torching. Area closures in effect.

**Emigrant**, Gallatin NF. Nine miles south of Emigrant, MT. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with short crown runs. Residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Gold Creek**, Lolo NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Crescendo**, Idaho Panhandle NF. Twenty-two miles south of Avery, ID. Timber and brush. Creeping with isolated torching.

**Gold Pan**, Bitterroot NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty-five miles southwest of Conner, MT. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Red Shale**, Lewis & Clark NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty-seven miles west of Choteau, MT. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Bailey**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty-four miles east of Lowell, 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
* Mill Creek	MT	SWS	550	---	0	UNK	167	---	4	24	1	0	100K	ST
* Moose Meadows	MT	BDF	100	---	0	UNK	100	---	5	2	5	0	30K	FS
West Mullan	MT	LNF	6,300	0	82	7/28	507	-93	11	26	3	0	8.6M	FS
Emigrant	MT	GNF	520	70	0	10/20	122	27	4	1	2	0	140K	FS
Gold Creek	MT	LNF	170	0	98	7/26	82	-126	4	0	0	0	2.2M	FS
Crescendo	ID	IPF	170	10	0	UNK	96	3	3	3	1	0	899K	FS
Gold Pan	MT	BRF	4,295	---	N/A	N/A	4	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS
Red Shale	MT	LCF	3,850	---	N/A	N/A	26	---	0	0	2	0	95K	FS
* Bailey	ID	NPF	163	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	FS

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

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

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

**Ridge**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Road closures in effect.

**Thunder City**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Four miles northeast of Stibnite, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with torching and short-range spotting.

**Goslin**, Ashley NF. Four miles northeast of Dutch John, UT. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

**Papoose**, Salmon-Challis NF. Previously reported incident. Forty miles west of Salmon, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Backing fire with short runs. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Summit**, Idaho Department of Lands. Started on Forest Service land eight miles southwest of Lowman, ID. 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
Lodgepole	ID	SCF	6,700	400	5	UNK	660	100	20	21	10	0	2.9M	FS
Ridge	ID	BOF	5,143	333	20	8/19	400	4	11	0	8	0	3.3M	FS
Thunder City	ID	PAF	535	41	N/A	N/A	309	12	6	0	9	0	2.1M	FS
Goslin	UT	ASF	630	0	70	UNK	82	-6	3	1	1	0	247K	FS
Papoose	ID	SCF	9,200	---	N/A	N/A	40	---	0	0	1	0	859K	FS
Summit	ID	IDL	370	---	93	UNK	132	---	2	2	0	0	1.8M	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
210 Road	ID	STF	230	0	100	---	275	-20	7	23	3	0	625K	FS

STF – Sawtooth NF

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

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

**Aspen**, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Seven miles northwest of Big Creek, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Structures and power lines threatened. Evacuations in effect. Road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Mountain**, San Bernardino NF. Started on state land 14 miles southwest of Palm Springs, CA. Timber and chaparral. Area closures in effect. 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
Aspen	CA	SNF	2,500	-1,000	0	7/31	678	240	17	25	8	0	1.5M	FS
Mountain	CA	BDF	27,531	0	92	7/30	190	-11	6	5	3	23	25.2M	ST
Water	CA	KRN	612	0	100	---	33	-221	2	2	0	0	621K	CNTY

KRN – Kern County

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 9  
 New large fires: 1  
 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. Minimal fire behavior with interior burning. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**West Battle Creek**, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty-two miles west of Encampment, WY. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations have been lifted. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**East Tschuddi**, White River Field Office, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Dallas) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Citadel fire. Twenty miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering.

**Citadel**, White River Field Office, BLM. Forty miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **Hardluck**, Shoshone NF. Fifty-two miles southwest of Cody, WY. Timber. Isolated group torching and spotting. 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
Fairfield	WY	SHF	1,559	4	71	7/28	364	135	8	25	6	0	1.5M	FS
West Battle Creek	WY	MBF	103	0	45	8/1	62	-1	2	0	2	0	NR	FS
East Tschuddi	CO	WRD	647	20	90	UNK	196	-26	3	1	1	0	945K	BLM
Citadel	CO	WRD	2,009	0	90	UNK	139	-23	5	1	1	0	611K	BLM
* Hardluck	WY	SHF	1,011	---	N/A	N/A	18	---	0	0	1	0	15K	FS

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

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

**Sunnyside Turnoff**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Watts). Five miles northeast of Warm Springs, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Backing fire with short crown runs. Residences threatened.

**Stagecoach**, Prineville District, BLM. Seven miles south of LaPine, OR. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residences 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
Sunnyside Turnoff	OR	WSA	47,153	1,662	40	8/1	767	11	17	33	7	0	2.4M	BIA
Stagecoach	OR	PRD	330	0	70	7/26	169	-88	7	2	0	0	550K	BLM

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

New fires: 0  
New large fires: 1  
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.

**Currant Creek**, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Forty-five miles northeast of Iliamna, AK. Timber. Backing fire with single tree torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Ray River 2**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Forty-three miles southeast of Bettles, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Shaktoolik River**, Galena Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Twenty-three miles northeast of Unalakleet, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Castle Rock**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Thirty miles south of Lake Minchumina, AK. Tundra. 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
Stuart Creek #2	AK	MID	85,475	0	65	8/15	386	-26	12	3	6	5	15.6M	BLM
Moon Lake	AK	TAS	17,949	0	42	12/1	148	12	7	1	1	0	5.2M	ST
Currant Creek	AK	SWS	170,034	---	N/A	N/A	2	---	0	0	0	0	128K	ST
Ray River 2	AK	TAD	13,073	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM
Shaktoolik River	AK	GAD	7,634	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Castle Rock	AK	TAD	316	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

### Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Carpenter 1**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. One mile north of Kyle Canyon, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Interior 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
Carpenter 1	NV	HTF	27,883	0	95	8/18	74	-22	1	1	1	6	19.9M	FS

### Other Fires

(As of July 26)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	24	535,698	0	0	0	13
NW	3	2,100	1	1	1	38
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	3	471	0	0	0	0
EB	3	1,260	3	0	2	86
WB	1	4,700	5	1	2	143
SW	3	322	0	5	0	28
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	166	0	0	0	4
Total	38	544,717	9	7	5	312

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop across the Southwest, the central Rockies, and the southern Great Basin. Isolated thunderstorms will develop across far northern California and move through southeastern Oregon, central Idaho, and southwestern Montana. Scattered rain and a few thunderstorms will form along a front from the Great Lakes to Oklahoma and northern Texas. Cooler conditions will spread across the northern Plains, the Midwest, and the mid-Mississippi Valley. Rain will continue over New England with much cooler weather while the Southeast remains warm and humid.

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



## Subjective vs. Objective Hazards

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

A popular mountaineering test divides the alpinists' hazards into two distinct types: subjective, which one has direct control over (e.g., condition of the equipment, the decision to turn back) and objective hazards which are inherent to the alpine environment (e.g., avalanches, rock fall).

Objective hazards are a natural part of the environment. They cannot be eliminated and either one must not go into the environment where they exist or adhere to a procedure where safety from the hazard is assured.

Similarly, the wildland firefighter's hazards are either subjective or objective. Examples of subjective hazards would be working below a dozer constructing fireline or the use of improper techniques while felling a tree. The fireline supervisor has direct control over these types of hazards.

The wildland fire environment has four basic objective hazards; lightning, fire-weakened timber (standing and lying), rolling rocks and entrapment by running fires. When these hazards exist the options are to not enter the environment or to adhere to a safe procedure. I feel the key to this safe procedure is LCES.

Although, the following discussion applies to all objective hazards, we will directly address fire entrapments.

- Identify subjective or objective hazards of working in the vicinity of:
  - Dozer(s) or Tractor Plows
  - Snags
  - Helicopters
  - Fixed Wing Aircraft
  - Other Engines and Vehicles
  - ATVs
  - Oil and Gas Wells and Pipelines
  - Power lines

References:  
["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							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1			0	6	2	9
	ACRES	5			15	6	1	27
Northern California	FIRES					13	6	19
	ACRES					54	0	54
Southern California	FIRES	1				9	8	18
	ACRES	40				9	1	50
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	3			5	1	12
	ACRES	9	4			558	2,043	2,614
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	7	5	19
	ACRES		282		0	1	1,146	1,429
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			1	4	11
	ACRES		16			0	1	17
Southwest	FIRES	4	1			1	1	7
	ACRES	0	0			2	0	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	1			2	2	9
	ACRES	4	20			0	669	693
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					14		14
TOTAL	FIRES	13	17	0	1	47	31	109
	ACRES	58	322	0	15	644	3,861	4,900

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	32	32	28	392	2	487
	ACRES	0	202,288	175,329	95,087	602,142	0	1,074,846
Northwest	FIRES	93	83	26	6	558	278	1,044
	ACRES	16,170	50,494	426	15	5,795	904	73,804
Northern California	FIRES	113	19		9	2,004	309	2,454
	ACRES	105	210		4	15,308	5,009	20,636
Southern California	FIRES	22	84	19	24	2,356	320	2,825
	ACRES	87	2,635	486	230	35,751	43,343	82,532
Northern Rockies	FIRES	399	24	4	4	417	238	1,086
	ACRES	5,485	247	1,008	2	4,175	33,267	44,184
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	44	387	1	22	311	240	1,005
	ACRES	267	76,516	0	61	12,842	28,548	118,234
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	206	3	8	56	58	336
	ACRES	24,470	84,581	1	2	7,091	27,001	143,146
Southwest	FIRES	473	137	25	65	470	821	1,991
	ACRES	45,790	6,726	3,313	1,807	57,355	171,857	286,848
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	505	257	12	27	509	305	1,615
	ACRES	690	8,038	501	1,072	36,796	155,955	203,052
Eastern Area	FIRES	322		35	27	4,509	246	5,139
	ACRES	7,193		994	87	33,067	1,096	42,437
Southern Area	FIRES	150		62	17	8,388	329	8,946
	ACRES	11,138		3,846	1,445	87,822	11,030	115,281
TOTAL	FIRES	2,127	1,229	219	237	19,970	3,146	26,928
	ACRES	111,395	431,735	185,904	99,812	898,144	478,010	2,205,000

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>45,755</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,977,074</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						2	2
	ACRES						6	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						8	8
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					65		65
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	65	14	79

### 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		5	5	4	3	141	158
	ACRES		38	603	298	153	4,875	5,967
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		74	119
	ACRES	19,319	11,492	1,372	10		16,407	48,600
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	11	10,493	885	11,538
	ACRES	14,298		47,988	5,872	565,612	849,946	1,483,716
TOTAL	FIRES	123	144	432	107	11,387	1,809	14,002
	ACRES	62,836	28,790	107,903	12,772	609,957	969,800	1,792,058

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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	8	28	491	5,486
Yukon Territory	0	0	130	196,005
Alberta	2	0	846	19,788
Northwest Territory	1	3,852	216	283,375
Saskatchewan	1	0	258	61,340
Manitoba	0	0	284	564,435
Ontario	2	696	430	43,286
Quebec	2	6	433	1,652,620
Newfoundland	0	0	82	30,357
New Brunswick	0	0	345	868
Nova Scotia	0	0	152	302
Prince Edward Island	0	0	9	55
National Parks	1	0	52	62,157
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>3,728</b>	<b>2,920,073</b>

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