

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, August 5, 2014 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (112 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: **	31
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	10
Type 2 IMTs committed:	12

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

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

Two MAFFS C-130 air tankers and support personnel from the 153rd Airlift Wing (Wyoming Air National Guard) have been deployed to Boise, ID to support wildland fire suppression operations in the western U.S.

Two MAFFS C-130 air tankers and support personnel from the 146th Airlift Wing (California Air National Guard) have been deployed to McClellan, CA, in support of the State of California.

Northwest Area (PL 5)

New fires:	40
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	18
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

Snag Canyon, Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (B. Johnson). Started on private land twelve miles north of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Beaver Complex (2 fires), Medford Unit, Oregon DOF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Cline) and Cal Fire. Twenty-one miles southeast of Ashland, OR. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures and energy infrastructure are threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Little Bridge Creek**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Leitch). Ten miles west of Winthrop, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Area closures in effect.

Chiwaukum Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Nine miles northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Timber, heavy logging slash and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Area closure in effect.

Carlton Complex, Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 1 (Blume). Started on private land seven miles south of Twisp, WA. Timber, light logging slash and brush. Interior burning. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

South Fork Complex, (2 fires), Prineville District, BLM. IMT 2 (Watts). Twenty miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Camp Creek Complex, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 1 (Lewis). Thirty miles northeast of Medford, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching.

Logging Unit Complex (5 fires), Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Williams). Twenty-five miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Castle, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Twenty-five miles north of Sisters, OR. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area closure in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Bald Sisters, Malheur NF. NIMO (Quesinberry). Twelve miles east of Prairie City, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting.

* **5 mile**, Wallowa Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (D. Johnson). IMT is also managing the Somers fire. One mile south of Imnaha, OR. Timber and grass. Running with crowning and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

* **Somers**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Fifteen miles east of Imnaha, OR. Grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residence threatened.

Nene Creek, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Twenty-two miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Staley Complex, Willamette NF. Twenty-eight miles south of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

Hurricane Creek, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Previously reported incident. Four miles southwest of Joseph, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching. Residences threatened. 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
Snag Canyon	WA	SES	1,930	82	10	UNK	149	127	1	18	0	8	300K	PRI
Beaver Complex	OR	711S	36,723	0	30	UNK	1,573	293	47	86	20	11	6.9M	ST
* Little Bridge Creek	WA	OWF	150	---	N/A	N/A	60	---	0	0	0	0	150K	FS
Chiwaukum Complex	WA	OWF	17,094	603	N/A	N/A	782	-19	15	45	9	4	24.6M	FS
Carlton Complex	WA	NES	255,164	1,787	90	8/15	1,657	-71	37	94	17	471	53.4M	PRI
South Fork Complex	OR	PRD	24,085	7,104	15	UNK	463	223	11	16	2	0	634K	BLM
Camp Creek Complex	OR	RSF	460	60	0	9/30	515	100	16	5	3	0	1.3M	FS
Logging Unit Complex	OR	WSA	10,447	0	90	8/8	512	-142	11	26	3	0	21.3M	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
Castle	OR	DEF	16	-6	30	8/7	196	112	5	3	4	0	330K	FS
Bald Sisters	OR	MAF	230	125	0	UNK	119	29	4	5	0	0	300K	FS
* 5 Mile	OR	974S	3,700	---	5	UNK	171	---	6	13	0	0	250K	ST
* Somers	OR	WWF	400	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	50K	FS
Nene Creek	OR	WSA	335	35	50	8/9	183	60	6	15	0	0	225K	BIA
Staley Complex	OR	WIF	116	0	0	UNK	275	60	7	10	4	0	400K	FS
Hurricane Creek	OR	WWF	1,178	---	NA	N/A	17	---	0	0	2	0	1.2M	FS
Haystack Complex	OR	952S	1,740	0	100	---	325	-13	11	13	2	0	1.7M	ST
Reeves Creek	OR	712S	204	0	100	---	57	-213	5	2	1	0	1.7M	ST

952S – Grants Pass Unit, Oregon DOF 712S – John Day Unit, Oregon DOF

Northern California Area (PL 5)

New fires: 17
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 9
Type 1 IMTs committed: 6
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Eiler, Lassen NF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Minton) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Smith). Six miles northwest of Old Station, CA. Timber and brush. Extreme fire behavior with group torching and long-range spotting. Numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Bald, Lassen NF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Minton) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Zombro). Eight miles southeast of Fall River Mills, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Moderate fire behavior with short runs, isolated torching and spotting. Residences, railroad and power infrastructure threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Day, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael). Twelve miles north of McArthur, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior.

KNF Beaver, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (M. Johnson). Started on private land nine miles northeast of Horse Creek, CA. Timber and brush. Backing with occasional group torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closure in effect.

Lodge Complex, Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum). Twelve miles northwest of Laytonville, CA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Coffee, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Twenty-nine miles north of Weaverville, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

Little Deer, Klamath NF. Twenty-two miles northeast of Weed, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Railroad infrastructure and high voltage powerlines are threatened. Road closures in effect.

July Complex, Klamath NF. IMT 1 (McGowan). Seven miles east of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching and long-range spotting. Residences threatened. Area closures in effect.

Log, Klamath NF. Previously reported under the July Complex. Unified command between IMT 1 (McGowan) and Cal Fire. Six miles west of Greenview, CA. Timber. Short crown runs and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Area closure 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
Eiler	CA	LNF	28,600	2,700	10	8/20	1,171	861	21	133	3	29	700K	FS
Bald	CA	LNF	39,850	250	20	8/17	949	-541	21	40	8	0	3.8M	FS
Day	CA	LMU	13,047	197	60	8/9	1,685	-93	42	128	10	6	7.4M	ST
KNF Beaver	CA	KNF	11,120	3,720	2	UNK	465	133	10	51	0	0	1.6M	PRI
Lodge Complex	CA	MEU	3,400	700	15	8/20	966	58	25	31	14	0	4M	ST
Coffee	CA	SHF	4,487	1,087	10	UNK	348	61	7	10	4	0	985K	FS
Little Deer	CA	KNF	5,279	800	54	8/10	730	318	13	88	1	0	1.3M	FS
July Complex	CA	KNF	5,407	1,092	0	UNK	193	-120	4	6	0	0	1.6M	FS
Log	CA	KNF	1,460	256	0	UNK	371	135	14	16	0	0	940K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 34
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Upper Mica Complex, West St. Joe Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Benes). Started on private land fifteen miles east of St. Maries, ID. Timber and slash. Moderate fire behavior with short-range spotting.

Big Cougar, Craig Mountain Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Pearson). Twenty-four miles south of Lewiston, ID. Timber and grass. No new information.

* **Thompson River Complex**, Lolo NF. Six miles northeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated and group torching. 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
Upper Mica Complex	ID	SJS	208	88	10	8/10	167	122	6	8	1	0	200K	PRI
Big Cougar	ID	CMS	5,000	---	0	UNK	18	---	0	2	0	0	200K	ST
* Thompson River Complex	MT	LNF	111	---	NA	NA	152	---	6	2	0	0	321K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

French, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Eighteen miles east of Oakhurst, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Dark Hole, Yosemite NP. IMT 1 (Joseph). Four miles north of Yosemite Village, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area 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
French	CA	SNF	13,267	0	40	UNK	1,883	70	39	82	14	0	11M	FS
Dark Hole	CA	YNP	770	0	61	UNK	51	-52	1	1	0	0	407K	NPS
EI Portal	CA	YNP	4,689	0	100	---	354	-124	4	8	2	2	10.6M	NPS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 2
 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
Heron Road	GA	GAS	667	0	100	---	2	---	0	1	0	1	175K	PRI

GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission

Other Fires

(As of August 1)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	4	6,466	6	5	4	258
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	8	24,877	3	9	2	102
RM	2	1,328	0	0	0	3
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	32,671	9	14	6	363

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered thunderstorms and rain are expected again today for much of the Great Basin and northern California as well as the northern and central Rockies. Heavy rain is expected with some of these storms in the Great Basin. Heavier storms are also expected along a cold front stretching from the high Plains eastward to the Mississippi Valley. Tropical moisture and instability from Hurricane Bertha will provide a focus for showers and thunderstorms along the Gulf Coast and Florida.

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



This Day in History is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity and is not intended to second guess or be judgmental of decisions and actions. Put yourself in the following situation as if you do not know what the outcome will be. What are the conditions? What are you thinking? What are YOU doing?

The Mann Gulch Fire - August 5th, 1949

Summary: Lightning started many fires on the Helena National Forest August 4th, 1949 including one near the top of a ridge between Meriwether and Mann Gulches. At 12:55pm August 5th, the fire was observed at 6 acres. At 1:30 the call went out for smokejumpers from the Missoula jump base. By the time the jump plane flew over at 3pm the fire was 60 acres. The crew jumped and are scattered by a nearby thunder cell.

The crew gathers at the bottom of the gulch up-canyon of the fire. Jumper Foreman goes to scout the fire and meets up with a fire guard working alone near the head of the fire. Observing increased fire activity, the decision is made to start from the toe. While hiking to the toe, the foreman noted that there was fire below them in the gulch and that it had crossed to the other side of the canyon blocking their ability to escape to the river. They reversed direction and headed up toward the NW ridge. The fire is 500 feet behind them crowning in timber and dog hair thickets.

The foreman knows that they will not outrun the fire and starts to burn off some grass for a "refuge". He gives the order for his crew to come into the black with him. The foreman stayed in his black and survived the fire passing over. It is not clear how many of the crew heard the orders over the roar of the fire or understood what the foreman was trying to do (burning out was neither taught nor common practice at this time). The crew continued running up the steep slope for the ridge. Two made it to safety in rocks at the top. 5:56pm marks the time on one firefighter's watch that stopped when the 15 Missoula Smokejumpers and one Meriwether Fire Guard were burned over. Only 5 would survive the blow-up. 2 would die from their burns the next day.

This Day in Wildland Fire History is dedicated to all those at Mann Gulch August 5th, 1949.

Predicted Fire Danger was "low" but readings from a nearby ranger station were RH=22%, fuel sticks = 5%, and wind=16mph indicating more severe fire danger. No weather was recorded at the fire, but steady SW winds were observed at the time of the jump. The Gulch runs SW down to the Missouri River. Also note the thunder cell that was in the area.

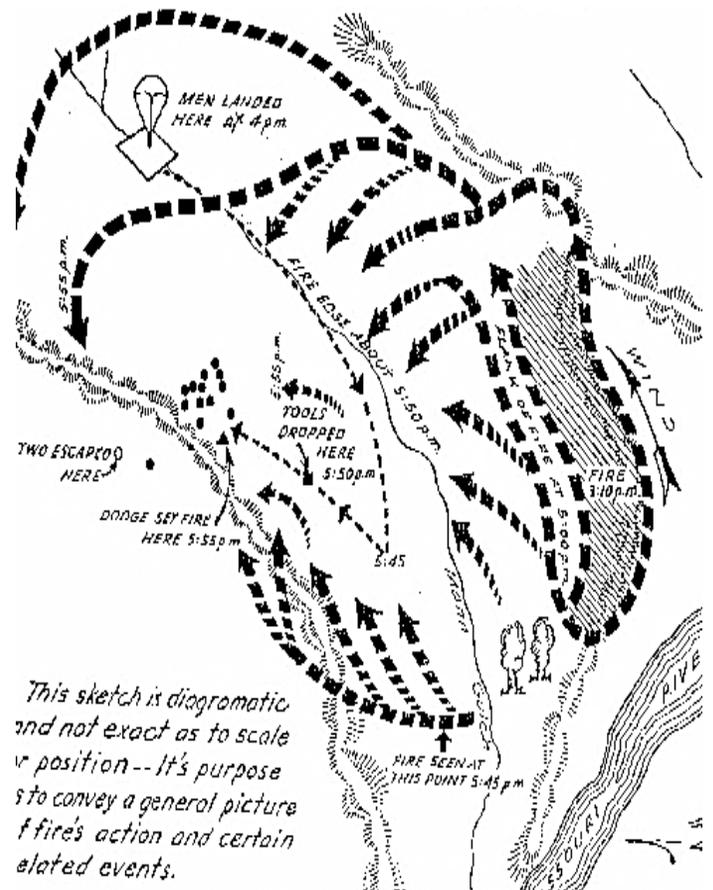
- Open your IRPG to page 1. Based on the above information coupled with the increase in fire size, use the Risk Management Process and the map (right) to discuss some of the actions you will take to ensure crew safety: as the FFT2, squad boss, crew boss, etc.

Based on initial aerial size-up, the strategy was to hold the fire on the ridge by anchoring the head of the fire and flanking down both sides to the toe. The fire was noted as "appearing relatively quiet".

- Discuss other tactics that your crew could use if presented with a similar situation. Look at the different options available at different steps of the initial attack.

Though his ability as a firefighter was well respected by his peers, the Foreman was not known by this young group of smokejumpers.

- When we find ourselves in this position (such as a Crew boss assignment) what can we do to create and encourage crew cohesion?



Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	6	0	0	20	14	40
	ACRES	0	121	0	0	326	3,062	3,509
Northern California	FIRES	1	0	0	0	14	2	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,849	14,504	16,353
Southern California	FIRES	0	1	0	0	3	2	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	1	441	447
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	1	0	0	5	28	34
	ACRES	0	4	0	0	26	14	44
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	1	0	1	2	2	6
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	287	287
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	3	0	0	1	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	50	56
TOTAL	FIRES	1	12	0	2	47	50	112
	ACRES	0	128	0	5	2,215	18,359	20,707

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	33	0	0	282	17	332
	ACRES	0	25,617	0	0	201,231	5	226,853
Northwest	FIRES	181	201	41	22	687	840	1,972
	ACRES	4,376	195,691	44	2,128	273,186	59,508	534,933
Northern California	FIRES	83	32	6	6	2,155	542	2,824
	ACRES	71	16,098	23	30	51,129	36,959	104,310
Southern California	FIRES	33	55	11	48	1,928	364	2,439
	ACRES	234	1,569	512	196	19,486	21,650	43,647
Northern Rockies	FIRES	477	44	5	6	575	352	1,459
	ACRES	6,072	1,304	1,163	3	13,049	650	22,241
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	35	344	1	25	1,071	331	1,807
	ACRES	1,159	60,105	0	204	11,582	15,943	88,993
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	245	1	16	44	72	387
	ACRES	168	32,212	0	7	973	24,224	57,584
Southwest	FIRES	442	147	11	37	556	694	1,887
	ACRES	98,728	1,482	577	7,349	14,288	70,237	192,661
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	400	292	21	16	564	187	1,480
	ACRES	2,266	10,079	1,181	2,503	47,488	2,118	65,635
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	45	22	4,725	300	5,500
	ACRES	602	0	1,492	186	33,980	4,884	41,144
Southern Area	FIRES	382	0	82	26	13,483	476	14,449
	ACRES	110,755	0	4,158	282	241,055	34,770	391,020
TOTAL	FIRES	2,450	1,393	224	224	26,070	4,175	34,536
	ACRES	224,431	344,157	9,150	12,888	907,447	270,948	1,769,021

Ten Year Average Fires	48,136
Ten Year Average Acres	4,403,329

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	59,591	0	0	0	0	59,591
Northwest	FIRES	7	46	6	3	1	164	227
	ACRES	1,450	11,255	2,937	37	1	20,826	36,506
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	16	9	0	127	157
	ACRES	56	135	7,322	60	0	5,950	13,523
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	20	43	4	11	114	205
	ACRES	2,553	8,090	9,365	3,253	241	16,120	39,622
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	30	62	121
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,006	19,278	26,941
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIRES	3	16	7	0	1	50	77
	ACRES	1,600	16,408	1,959	0	75	19,648	39,690
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	21	35	92	18	67	73	306
	ACRES	1,802	2,731	19,531	4,833	2,344	10,256	41,497
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	308	50	1,173	167	1,751
	ACRES	58,417	0	46,380	5,550	71,130	63,922	245,399
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	180	28	7,554	864	8,714
	ACRES	17,721	0	66,834	31,863	339,563	887,330	1,343,311
TOTAL	FIRES	192	149	661	125	8,844	1,695	11,666
	ACRES	83,963	103,265	157,003	46,106	414,507	1,045,628	1,850,472

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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	45	14,810	945	207,729
Yukon Territory	0	0	28	1,208
Alberta	52	239	1,091	17,537
Northwest Territory	0	0	333	2,830,416
Saskatchewan	7	587	306	168,891
Manitoba	3	195	136	2,869
Ontario	4	8	220	4,451
Quebec	1	0	209	38,325
Newfoundland	2	5	76	3,566
New Brunswick	1	0	156	103
Nova Scotia	0	1	143	506
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	66	127,361
Total	115	15,844	3,709	3,402,962

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 change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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