

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, September 14, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (54 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 11  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

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

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

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 16  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Dog Bar**, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Six miles south of Grass Valley, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Happy Camp Complex**, Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (McGowan) to IMT 1 (Opliger) will occur today. One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group torching, crown runs and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Bald Hill 3**, Hoopa Valley Tribe, BIA. IMT 2 (Minton). One mile northwest of Hoopa, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Gulch**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles north of Bella Vista, CA. Chaparral. Interior burning.

**July Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. Four miles east of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. 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
* Dog Bar	CA	NEU	150	---	0	UNK	477	---	14	66	0	0	120K	ST
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	110,472	2,232	55	9/20	1,864	-366	44	65	13	6	75.5M	FS
Bald Hill 3	CA	HIA	367	167	20	9/17	391	230	11	14	6	0	200K	BIA
Gulch	CA	SHU	1,300	0	85	9/15	1,173	-118	43	70	2	12	5M	ST

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
July Complex	CA	KNF	47,470	970	78	10/1	185	-9	3	3	4	2	49.5M	FS

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

New fires:	14
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

\* **Trinidad**, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Five miles west of Quincy, WA. Brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Deception Complex**, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Two miles west of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Numerous residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to removal of all fires except Deception Creek fire from the complex.

**790**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (D. Johnson). Thirty miles northeast of Medford, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with interior isolated torching. Area closures in effect.

**Yellow Point**, Western Lane District, Oregon DOF. ODF IMT 1 (Thorpe). Twenty-five miles west of Cottage Grove, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. 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
* Trinidad	WA	WFS	1,500	---	0	UNK	73	---	0	21	0	0	25K	ST
Deception Complex	OR	WIF	5,286	-32	75	9/25	711	-145	15	38	7	0	22.9M	FS
790	OR	RSF	3,036	0	70	9/30	438	-60	12	5	5	0	14M	FS
Yellow Point	OR	781S	790	0	85	9/14	434	-190	13	11	3	0	4.8M	ST

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

New fires:	16
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Silverado**, Cleveland NF. IMT 2 (Garwood). Two miles east of Silverado, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Meadow**, Yosemite NP. IMT 2 (Cooper). Five miles east of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. 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
Silverado	CA	CNF	1,500	200	10	UNK	826	348	26	43	9	0	4.3M	FS
Meadow	CA	YNP	4,960	27	N/A	N/A	536	1	11	0	5	0	3.9M	NPS

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 2  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 0

**Johnson Bar**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty miles southeast of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Structures 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
Johnson Bar	ID	NCF	9,638	---	N/A	N/A	83	---	2	6	0	0	10.3M	FS

### Other Fires

(As of September 12)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	6	71,333	7	8	7	235
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	7	16,979	1	4	1	66
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	4,313	0	1	0	3
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	92,625	8	13	8	304

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Most of the western U.S. will see above normal temperatures and very dry conditions today as an upper level ridge of high pressure amplifies through the Pacific Northwest. A surge of tropical moisture under this ridge in the southwest U.S. and central Rockies will provide showers and thunderstorms. Storms are also expected today along the Mid-Atlantic Coast and to a lesser extent in the central Plains with an upper level disturbance and surface warm front.

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



## **ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE**

*Operational Engagement Category*

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

- If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:
- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.
- Are you relying on aircraft for support operation? Any operation, especially frontal assault, should not need air resources to be safe.

In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

References:

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

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### 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	2	0	0	0	8	4	14
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	16	31	48
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	14	2	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	61	8,427	8,488
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	14	2	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	1	0	0	3	1	5
	ACRES	0	7	0	0	6	0	13
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	0	0	40	11	54
	ACRES	1	7	0	0	87	8,460	8,555

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	55	0	0	300	24	<b>379</b>
	ACRES	0	31,560	0	0	201,245	7	<b>232,812</b>
Northwest	FIRES	317	288	54	58	1,035	1,447	<b>3,199</b>
	ACRES	81,408	737,766	152	2,937	278,563	177,813	<b>1,278,639</b>
Northern California	FIRES	95	36	7	11	2,747	739	<b>3,635</b>
	ACRES	88	16,102	35	31	83,377	270,759	<b>370,392</b>
Southern California	FIRES	39	69	13	55	2,289	536	<b>3,001</b>
	ACRES	235	2,988	518	219	20,591	23,846	<b>48,397</b>
Northern Rockies	FIRES	656	77	7	11	887	685	<b>2,323</b>
	ACRES	10,494	2,867	1,168	5	82,222	20,974	<b>117,730</b>
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	39	414	1	28	571	510	<b>1,563</b>
	ACRES	1,159	60,806	0	206	21,034	14,740	<b>97,945</b>
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	303	1	16	51	88	<b>468</b>
	ACRES	168	32,447	0	7	1,098	24,247	<b>57,967</b>
Southwest	FIRES	473	163	11	53	603	814	<b>2,117</b>
	ACRES	99,065	1,870	577	11,031	14,329	81,311	<b>208,183</b>
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	478	344	22	17	678	234	<b>1,773</b>
	ACRES	2,332	10,869	1,181	2,505	48,766	2,181	<b>67,834</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	51	22	4,883	320	<b>5,684</b>
	ACRES	602	0	1,815	186	34,064	4,893	<b>41,560</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	403	0	117	26	14,376	502	<b>15,424</b>
	ACRES	111,325	0	9,743	282	248,315	35,138	<b>404,803</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>28,420</b>	<b>5,899</b>	<b>39,566</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>306,876</b>	<b>897,275</b>	<b>15,189</b>	<b>17,409</b>	<b>1,033,604</b>	<b>655,909</b>	<b>2,926,262</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>58,274</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,494,281</b>

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### Prescribed 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	350	351
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>351</b>

**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	12	46	9	3	15	174	259
	ACRES	2,906	11,255	3,190	37	447	23,199	41,034
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	17	9	0	127	158
	ACRES	56	135	7,330	60	0	5,950	13,531
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	21	45	4	11	125	219
	ACRES	2,553	8,092	10,950	3,253	241	17,002	42,091
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	30	69	128
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,203	19,975	27,835
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIRES	10	16	7	1	1	54	89
	ACRES	2,036	18,298	1,959	17	75	20,805	43,190
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	37	92	18	68	77	315
	ACRES	1,919	3,479	19,531	4,833	2,345	11,958	44,065
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	381	51	1,180	171	1,836
	ACRES	58,417	0	57,583	5,551	71,398	63,949	256,898
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	184	28	8,054	875	9,229
	ACRES	17,721	0	77,764	31,863	344,060	889,691	1,361,099
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>12,341</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>85,972</b>	<b>105,905</b>	<b>180,982</b>	<b>46,124</b>	<b>419,916</b>	<b>1,054,827</b>	<b>1,893,726</b>

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