

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (58 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 10  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

\*\* 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 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (California Air National Guard) are deployed at Channel Islands to support wildland fire suppression operations in the western U.S.

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

**King**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Unified command between IMT 1 (Giachino) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Smith). Eleven miles east of Placerville, CA. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, short-range spotting and short crown runs. Numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Happy Camp Complex**, Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active 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
King	CA	AEU	87,592	5,574	18	UNK	6,924	1,367	161	535	19	32	42.5M	ST
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	131,996	607	85	10/31	666	-64	6	14	9	6	86.1M	FS

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 23  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 7  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**36 Pit**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Eight miles southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber. Road and area closures in effect. No further information received.

**Scoggins Creek**, Salem District, BLM. ODF IMT 1 (Cline). Started on state land six miles west of Forest Grove, OR. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

**Onion Mountain**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Fifteen miles west of Grants Pass, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

**Deception Complex**, Willamette NF. Two miles west of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect.

**Freezeout Ridge**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Eleven miles southwest of Riggins, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**South Steens Complex** (2 fires). Ten miles north of Fields, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No new information.

**790**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Thirty miles northeast of Medford, OR. 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
36 Pit	OR	MHF	5,424	323	45	UNK	1,135	6	37	40	5	0	6.9M	FS
Scoggins Creek	OR	SAD	211	0	83	9/23	467	-202	15	8	5	0	1.9M	BLM
Onion Mountain	OR	RSF	4,105	0	70	9/26	674	-249	20	23	4	0	7.8M	FS
Deception Complex	OR	WIF	6,033	23	95	10/15	214	-131	2	5	2	0	26.7M	FS
Freezeout Ridge	OR	WWF	3,558	13	N/A	N/A	242	9	4	0	5	0	1.1M	FS
South Steens Complex	OR	BUD	20,489	---	90	9/24	239	---	3	17	4	0	2.8M	BLM
790	OR	RSF	3,023	---	90	9/24	107	---	3	0	3	0	15.8M	FS

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)**

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

**Johnson Bar**, Nez Perce - Clearwater NF. Twenty miles southeast of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. 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
Johnson Bar	ID	NCF	12,101	1,036	55	10/10	147	3	4	8	3	0	12M	FS

**Other Fires**

(As of September 19)

<b>GACC</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	2	1,999	3	6	0	106
NO	1	50042	1	3	1	67
SO	1	4772	0	0	1	41
NR	3	3782	0	1	1	9
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	4313	0	0	0	3
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	64,908	4	10	3	226

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry and breezy conditions are expected over portions of the western U.S. today in between a ridge of high pressure building over the Great Basin and an incoming trough over the Pacific Northwest. The trough will bring showers and thunderstorms to west of the Cascades of Oregon and Washington. Heavy rain will continue in the southern Plains, with widespread showers and thunderstorms over west Texas. Another moist trough will bring showers and thunderstorms to the northern Plains and Mississippi Valley. Further east, storm development today will stretch along the Atlantic coastline from Florida northward through the Carolinas. An unseasonably cool and dry trend will begin over the northeast U.S.

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



# LEAD Time

## Bias for Action

*Leadership Category*

Leaders in the wildland fire service are not only empowered but also duty-bound to act on a situation that is within our power to affect, even without direction from above.

This empowerment is not intended to encourage freelancing. In a high-risk environment, freelancing is a dangerous and unpredictable element, causing more harm than good. Ultimately, leaders are always accountable for their actions.

- A bias for action acknowledges wildfire as an environment where events do not always go according to plan,
- At times during an incident, one person may be the only one in a position to see what needs to be done and to make it happen,
- Time may not permit gathering all of the information that one might like to have, if you wait until you have all the facts to be 100% sure it will almost always be too late.

In these time critical situations, fire leaders use judgment, act within the intent of their leaders, work in unison with others, develop and communicate a plan, and then inform leaders of actions as soon as safely possible.

On a chaotic and rapidly developing wildfire, one person taking the initiative can make all the difference in seizing and taking advantage of an opportunity. Being hesitant, risk-averse, or indecisive can expose firefighters to greater long-term risks and translate into a waste of time, opportunity, energy, and money.

### Discussion Points

- Discuss the difference between freelancing and a bias for action.
- Describe and Discuss instances of taking appropriate action and indecisiveness / non-action.
- How are some ways we train for situations requiring a bias for action?

### References:

[Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program](#)

[Leading In the Wildland Fire Service](#)

[Tactical Decision Games Library](#)

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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	0	2	0	0	9	12	23
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	37	2	41
Northern California	FIRES	1	0	0	0	7	0	8
	ACRES	16	0	0	0	59	574	649
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	93	1	94
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2	0	0	2	4	8
	ACRES	0	27	0	0	3	1	31
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	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	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	0	0	34	18	58
	ACRES	16	29	0	3	209	578	835

**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	324	294	54	62	1,135	1,485	<b>3,354</b>
	ACRES	81,717	737,820	152	2,937	278,822	183,076	<b>1,284,524</b>
Northern California	FIRES	97	36	8	11	2,848	753	<b>3,753</b>
	ACRES	314	16,102	370	31	88,601	359,347	<b>464,765</b>
Southern California	FIRES	39	72	13	59	2,395	569	<b>3,147</b>
	ACRES	235	2,988	518	224	20,973	24,064	<b>49,002</b>
Northern Rockies	FIRES	657	77	7	12	905	698	<b>2,356</b>
	ACRES	10,509	2,867	1,168	6	82,497	21,380	<b>118,427</b>
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	42	421	1	29	588	534	<b>1,615</b>
	ACRES	1,159	60,837	0	206	21,065	14,797	<b>98,064</b>
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	307	1	16	51	92	<b>476</b>
	ACRES	168	32,447	0	7	1,098	24,988	<b>58,708</b>
Southwest	FIRES	478	165	11	53	609	818	<b>2,134</b>
	ACRES	99,068	1,871	577	11,031	14,329	81,311	<b>208,187</b>
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	555	357	23	17	702	253	<b>1,907</b>
	ACRES	2,511	10,874	1,201	2,505	48,808	2,194	<b>68,093</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	51	22	4,937	320	<b>5,738</b>
	ACRES	602	0	1,815	186	34,084	4,893	<b>41,580</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	403	0	137	26	14,399	504	<b>15,469</b>
	ACRES	111,325	0	9,785	282	248,564	35,251	<b>405,207</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>28,869</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>40,328</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>307,608</b>	<b>897,366</b>	<b>15,586</b>	<b>17,415</b>	<b>1,040,086</b>	<b>751,308</b>	<b>3,029,369</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>59,778</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,626,254</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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
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	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	21	0	0	0	0	178	199
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	65	65
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>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>278</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	47	9	3	16	175	262
	ACRES	2,906	13,255	3,190	49	533	23,280	43,213
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	18	9	0	128	160
	ACRES	56	135	7,390	60	0	5,953	13,594
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	7	0	71	88
	ACRES	9	277	191	455	0	2,082	3,014
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	22	46	4	17	141	243
	ACRES	2,553	8,112	11,227	3,253	523	17,980	43,648
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	31	71	131
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,228	20,354	28,239
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	4	7	3	18
	ACRES	0	716	300	795	147	216	2,174
Southwest	FIRES	10	16	7	1	1	55	90
	ACRES	2,036	18,298	1,959	17	75	21,128	43,513
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	37	93	20	86	84	350
	ACRES	3,683	4,509	19,841	5,383	2,345	13,191	48,952
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	391	51	1,189	186	1,870
	ACRES	58,417	0	58,036	5,551	71,963	64,253	258,220
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	184	28	8,098	876	9,274
	ACRES	17,721	0	77,764	31,863	344,226	889,701	1,361,275
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>9,445</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>12,493</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>87,736</b>	<b>108,955</b>	<b>182,082</b>	<b>47,482</b>	<b>421,040</b>	<b>1,058,138</b>	<b>1,905,433</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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