

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, July 28, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (109 new fires)
New large incidents:	4
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	14
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

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

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

Five wildland fire suppression crews and an IARR are assigned to support large fires in Alberta, Canada. Additionally, several states are supporting Canada through interstate forest fire compacts.

Northern California Area (PL 3)

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

Lowell, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Gouvea). Two miles west of Gold Run, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, single tree torching and flanking. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Wragg, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Estes). Four miles west of Winters, CA. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area closures in effect.

Queen, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles northwest of Weitchpec, CA. Heavy logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Lowell	CA-NEU	1,700	0	25	Ctn	8/01	2,048	624	46	187	18	0	5.8M	ST
Wragg	CA-LNU	6,591	0	75	Ctn	7/30	1,166	-244	24	75	8	2	11M	ST
Queen	CA-HUU	200	0	42	Ctn	NR	922	-129	37	59	0	0	1.5M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Cutca, Cleveland NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski). Four miles south of Aguana, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

Willow, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Two miles west of Wishon, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, group torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Cutca	CA-CNF	167	0	75	Ctn	7/29	385	-40	12	5	3	0	1.8M	FS
Willow	CA-SNF	1,521	0	5	Ctn	8/01	1,215	430	21	71	8	0	2.1M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

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

Muddy Creek Two, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Leach). Five miles southwest of Lame Deer, MT. Active fire behavior with single tree torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Reynolds, Glacier NP. IMT 1 (Poncin). Twelve miles southwest of Babb, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Pine Ridge**, Crow Agency, BIA. Four miles northeast Crow Agency, MT. Brush. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened.

* **5 mile**, Yellowstone County. Five miles northwest of Custer, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and torching. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Muddy Creek Two	MT-NCA	2,000	553	10	Ctn	NR	145	105	5	6	0	0	400K	BIA
Reynolds	MT-GNP	3,170	-67	45	Ctn	NR	691	36	16	23	8	2	4.3M	NPS
* Pine Ridge	MT-CRA	1,700	---	80	Ctn	UNK	13	---	0	4	0	0	50K	BIA

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* 5 mile	MT-LG03	300	---	0	Ctn	7/28	30	---	0	9	1	0	20K	CNTY
Cabin Gulch	MT-HNF	1,616	0	100	Ctn	---	147	-139	2	3	1	0	2.6M	FS
Beaver	MT-LG40	1,539	-461	100	Ctn	---	0	-32	0	0	0	0	20K	CNTY
Missouri River	MT-LED	423	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	50K	BLM

HNF – Helena NF LG40 – Sweet Grass, County LED – Lewiston Field Office, BLM

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 20
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Blue Creek, Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Started on private land 10 miles east of Walla Walla, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

North Boulder 2, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Twenty-seven miles northwest of Colville, WA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Rye, Wallowa Unit, DOF. Started on private land four miles northeast of Paradise, OR. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Oak Canyon, Prineville District, BLM. Started on private land nine miles southeast of Dufur, OR. Short grass. No new information.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Blue Creek	WA-SES	6,004	-221	73	Ctn	NR	879	-106	21	65	10	12	7.3M	ST
North Boulder 2	WA-COF	175	0	22	Ctn	NR	385	24	11	2	2	0	1M	FS
Rye	OR-974S	763	0	80	Ctn	7/28	25	25	1	1	0	0	611K	PRI
Oak Canyon	OR-PRD	930	---	90	Ctn	NR	77	---	3	5	0	0	75K	BLM

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

Tanana Area Fires (5 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (Grant). Started on native corporation land seven miles northeast of Tanana, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

Aggie Creek, Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. Thirty miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Aniak Complex (3 fires), Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. One mile east of Aniak, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

* **Bridge**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Thirty-five miles southeast of Poorman, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tanana Area Fires	AK-TAD	491,366	36	90	Comp	NR	256	-60	7	0	2	0	13.1M	TRI
Aggie Creek	AK-FAS	31,705	0	55	Comp	NR	159	-21	5	3	1	0	13M	ST
Aniak Complex	AK-SWS	155,072	0	85	Comp	NR	74	-45	1	0	2	0	8.3M	ST
* Bridge	AK-TAD	2,279	---	0	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Bitter Creek**, High Desert District, BLM. Twenty miles southeast of Green River, WY. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* Bitter Creek	WY-HDD	2,366	---	0	Ctn	8/02	101	---	2	13	2	0	80K	BLM

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	46	1,990,308	31	5	11	979
NWCC	16	47,601	51	109	17	1,988
ONCC	4	8,566	109	327	26	4,216
OSCC	3	2,134	33	76	11	1,600
NRCC	15	11,617	33	71	15	1,383
GBCC	11	19,423	3	11	3	158
SWCC	2	1,097	0	0	0	0
RMCC	5	2,455	2	15	2	117
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	4	4,614	0	6	0	22
Total	106	2,087,818	262	620	85	10,463

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	12	6	20
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	4	0	6
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	7	23
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	36	4	40
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	6	13	0	19
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	6	6	14
	ACRES	500	82	0	0	101	0	683
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	7	0	0	7	5	19
	ACRES	0	132	0	0	12	1	145
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	3	1	6
	ACRES	0	100	0	0	1	0	101
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	4	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	1	18
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	9	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	29	126	155
TOTAL FIRES:		1	14	0	0	55	39	109
TOTAL ACRES:		505	316	0	6	213	132	1,172

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	258	0	0	440	22	720
	ACRES	0	3,638,602	0	0	1,080,581	775	4,719,958
Northwest Area	FIRES	105	156	31	44	1,031	835	2,202
	ACRES	7,267	36,320	14,584	1,897	6,674	37,434	104,176
Northern California Area	FIRES	113	20	5	21	1,937	611	2,707
	ACRES	121	143	354	1	15,500	2,678	18,797
Southern California Area	FIRES	19	40	11	33	2,155	349	2,607
	ACRES	29	1,907	12	111	20,449	35,676	58,184
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	761	51	2	8	747	444	2,013
	ACRES	7,120	9,321	564	3,171	69,410	8,634	98,220
Great Basin Area	FIRES	28	481	4	25	384	284	1,206
	ACRES	15	32,120	0	60	6,453	20,785	59,433
Southwest Area	FIRES	406	158	5	25	410	603	1,607
	ACRES	51,905	2,554	4	3,737	16,306	83,111	157,617
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	422	186	11	16	607	117	1,359
	ACRES	13,495	2,181	178	7,408	62,937	822	87,021
Eastern Area	FIRES	527	0	29	14	5,416	342	6,328
	ACRES	2,181	0	2,102	547	43,979	5,490	54,299
Southern Area	FIRES	287	0	15	13	13,672	259	14,246
	ACRES	35,766	0	2,108	188	160,487	13,417	211,966
TOTAL FIRES:		2,668	1,350	113	199	26,799	3,866	34,995
TOTAL ACRES:		117,899	3,723,148	19,906	17,120	1,482,776	208,822	5,569,671

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	44,992
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	3,701,633

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2,219	2,219
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	0	2,219	2,219

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	7
	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	4,953
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	147	187
	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	23,534	43,869
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	136
	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	13,240
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	2	0	100	109
	ACRES	0	78	495	83	0	1,860	2,516
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	118	196
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	728	17,735	47,119
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	113
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	85	1,713	17,314	21,643
Southwest Area	FIRES	41	29	8	7	0	144	229
	ACRES	615	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	72,839	99,384
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	19	34	57	11	48	80	249
	ACRES	2,085	6,299	15,899	1,153	2,134	22,351	49,921
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	261	22	1,372	157	1,842
	ACRES	39,398	0	32,934	6,637	65,469	49,517	193,955
Southern Area	FIRES	86	0	142	11	8,042	699	8,980
	ACRES	16,333	0	114,309	14,261	506,581	613,582	1,265,066
TOTAL FIRES:		194	154	516	76	9,500	1,608	12,048
TOTAL ACRES:		64,563	59,178	185,192	28,654	577,613	826,466	1,741,666

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

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	3	0	1,342	297,632
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	182	176,700
ALBERTA	11	0	1,492	486,568
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	207	599,071
SASKATCHEWAN	1	156,295	661	1,738,185
MANITOBA	9	756	419	43,403
ONTARIO	5	117	421	37,154
QUEBEC	1	0	312	4,975
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	111	6,274
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	191	252
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	220	506
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	2
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	90	509,544
TOTALS	32	157,168	5,652	3,900,265

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: While a ridge of high pressure aloft dominates the southern U.S. today, a deep low pressure trough will move eastward through the northern Rockies and Dakotas. A strong cold front extending through the high Plains and central Rockies will continue to bring gusty winds to the region. Showers and thunderstorms with these features will focus on eastern Montana, the southern Rockies, and the upper Mississippi River Valley. Further west, significant warming and drying will begin over California and Oregon today with some areas seeing gusty offshore winds and poor humidity recoveries through morning. It will continue to be unsettled in Florida with showers and thunderstorms triggered by a frontal boundary. In Alaska, the northwest part of the state will remain dry, but wetting rain is expected elsewhere as an upper level low pressure system moves into the Gulf.

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

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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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?

Point Fire - Idaho – July 28th 1995

Incident Summary: On July 28, 1995, dry thunderstorms move into southwestern Idaho sparking dozens of wildfires. At **1829**, a fire is reported about 16 miles southwest of Boise. BLM and Kuna Rural Fire District (RFD) resources are dispatched to the fire. As resources arrive on scene, the fire is 60-65 acres actively burning in mature sagebrush and dense cheatgrass with moderate rates of spread. West winds 4 to 6 mph fan 3-5 foot flame lengths along the flanks. The IC (BLM) instructs the BLM engines to split up and directly attack the flanks with the Kuna engines following behind the BLM engines. Kuna Command instructs the two Kuna engines to stay together and follow the BLM engines to compensate for less experienced firefighters occupying engine 620. By **2010**, it is reported that engines on both flanks had met and the spread of the fire had been stopped at 120 acres.

At **2022**, a Red Flag warning for dry lightning and locally strong winds is issued by the National Weather Service predicting wind gusts of up to 50 mph from a thunderstorm that was moving toward the fire. Engines along the northern perimeter of the fire are alerted via BLM Dispatch on a BLM radio channel.

Kuna RFD engines 620 and 622 continue to mop-up along the northern flank passing multiple federal fire resources and end up at a fence on the southeast corner of the fire line where they are given instructions to turn around and work back around the perimeter. The Kuna RFD engines work in tandem until Kuna 622 runs out of water. Kuna 620 takes the lead and continues using its remaining water. Using the radio in a nearby BLM engine, Kuna 622 contacts the IC and is instructed to refill and standby due to predicted high winds. Kuna 622 leaves the fireline to refill.

While Kuna 622 is enroute to refill, Kuna 620 contacts them with a report that their vehicle is overheating. They are instructed to clean the radiator screen. Soon after, and for unknown reasons, Kuna 620 turns north on a two track road and then north-northeast driving cross-country through unburned heavy sagebrush. At this point, the vehicle becomes disabled.

At about **2046**, the fire escapes the northern perimeter at several locations, fanned by strong south winds from the thunderstorm. Several fire personnel immediately drive north to assess fire behavior. They see that the fire is burning intensely with flame lengths over 20 feet long, and estimate the rate of spread to be about 560 ft./min. They see a stationary engine in the path of the oncoming flame front and make repeated attempts to contact the engine on the BLM tactical channel, but receive no response. They do not know if the engine is occupied.

At **2049**, Kuna 620 contacts the Kuna Commander on a local non-federal frequency and reports “we are on the north line, we have fire coming hard, and this thing has died.” The Kuna 620 engine crew makes a radio transmission one minute later “the truck’s been overtaken by fire!” That was their last transmission. Two firefighters lose their lives. It took 4 minutes from the point of escape for the fire to overrun the engine.

Discussion Points

L - How do you establish and maintain lookouts during initial attack?

- If terrain is relatively flat, can we be lookouts for other crews nearby? If so, how?

C - The BLM IC could not monitor Kuna Command because the frequency was not programmed into his radio, some Kuna crews could utilize the Boise District frequencies while others could not, Kuna Command did not have radio communications capability at all times with all the units, and Kuna RFD Engines 620 and 622 had communication capabilities with both BLM and Kuna Command, but could not communicate with Kuna Command when they switched to the BLM frequency.

- During initial attack, how do you establish and maintain effective communications with other agencies and cooperators?
- As an IC, how do you ensure Red Flag warnings and other vital information is received by all resources on the fire?

- What will you and your crew do during any fire assignment to get accurate information about weather and current fire behavior?

E and S - Sometimes it is necessary to travel through the unburned fuel while accessing the fire, burning out, or shuttling water.

- What are your concerns?
- How do you maintain your Escape Routes and Safety Zones:
 - As you move down the line?
 - When enroute to refill?
 - How much water do you keep as reserve in the tank?

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