

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, July 31, 2015 - 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (124 new fires)
New large incidents:	5
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	15
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

\*\* 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 4)**

New fires:	20
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3

\* **Rocky**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson). Six miles east of Lower Lake, CA. Timber and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with long-range spotting, wind-driven runs and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Lowell**, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Gouvea). Two miles west of Gold Run, CA. Timber, light logging slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing. Structures threatened. 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. Road closures in effect.

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

\* **Swedes**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles north of Bangor, CA. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel			Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli				
* Rocky	CA-LNU	10,200	---	5	Ctn	NR	918	---	26	119	8	0	1.1M	ST	
Lowell	CA-NEU	2,303	0	70	Ctn	8/03	1,789	-293	42	149	7	1	13.5M	ST	
Wragg	CA-LNU	7,900	400	85	Ctn	8/03	1,444	-147	31	95	7	2	17.6M	ST	

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Queen	CA-HUU	158	0	85	Ctn	NR	384	-92	11	25	0	0	3M	ST
* Swedes	CA-BTU	550	---	45	Ctn	8/01	408	---	13	42	1	3	952K	ST

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 18  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 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. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**Reynolds**, Glacier NP. IMT 1 (Poncin). Twelve miles southwest of Babb, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, short-range spotting and group torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Pine Ridge**, Crow Agency, BIA. Four miles northeast of Crow Agency, MT. Brush. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. 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			
Muddy Creek 2	MT-NCA	2,322	0	70	Ctn	8/01	229	-66	5	8	1	0	1.1M	BIA
Reynolds	MT-GNP	3,170	0	63	Ctn	NR	604	-66	16	13	7	2	6.5M	NPS
Pine Ridge	MT-CRA	1,778	78	95	Ctn	UNK	7	0	0	2	0	0	60K	BIA
* Charlie	MT-MCD	2,264	---	100	Ctn	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	500K	PRI
Coal Creek	MT-MCD	51	---	100	Ctn	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	PRI

MCD – Miles City District, BLM

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

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

**Cable Crossing**, Central Unit, ODF. ODF IMT 1 (Smith). Six miles east of Glide, OR. Heavy logging slash and brush. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, short-range spotting and isolated torching. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Increase 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. Moderate fire behavior with torching, flanking and backing.

**Blue Creek**, Southeast Region, DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Ciraulo) back to the local unit will occur today. Started on private land 10 miles east of Walla Walla, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect.

\* **Stout Creek**, South Unit, ODF. ODF IMT 1 (Buckman). Sixteen miles east of Canyonville, OR. Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Wolverine**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Previously reported incident. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with spotting, uphill runs and group torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect. 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			
Cable Crossing	OR-733S	830	690	15	Ctn	NR	785	561	33	7	6	0	800K	ST
North Boulder 2	WA-COF	210	10	35	Ctn	NR	280	-100	7	0	2	0	2.2M	FS
Blue Creek	WA-SES	6,225	221	95	Ctn	NR	584	-143	13	39	2	12	9.3M	PRI
* Stout Creek	OR-732S	5,200	---	0	Ctn	NR	237	---	7	17	4	0	650K	ST
Wolverine	WA-OWF	1,500	700	0	Comp	NR	50	18	1	0	3	0	1M	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 32  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Willow**, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Two miles west of Wishon, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

\* **Cabin**, Sequoia NF. IMT 1 (McGowan). Seven miles northeast of Sequoia Crest, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with running, spotting and torching. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Cutca**, Cleveland NF. Four miles south of Aguana, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Willow	CA-SNF	3,383	1,306	30	Ctn	NR	1,900	355	44	122	10	0	8.3M	FS
* Cabin	CA-SQF	800	---	0	Comp	NR	208	---	7	0	3	0	500K	FS
Cutca	CA-CNF	150	0	85	Ctn	7/31	58	-20	2	0	1	0	2.7M	FS

**Alaska Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 1  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Tanana Area Fires (5 fires)**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Grant) back to the local unit will occur today. Started on native corporation land seven miles northeast of Tanana, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Ruby Area Fires (2 fires)**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Twenty-six miles southeast of Ruby, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. 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	496,813	682	100	Comp	NR	225	0	6	0	2	0	13.7M	TRI
Ruby Area Fires	AK-TAD	409,013	1,400	75	Comp	NR	37	0	1	0	2	0	2.8M	BLM

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Ft. Craig**, Socorro Field Office, BLM. Twenty-three miles southwest of San Antonio, NM. Chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Commissary**, Santa Fe NF. Previously reported incident. Twelve miles east of Pecos, NM. Closed timber litter. 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			
Ft. Craig	NM-SCD	685	-7	60	Ctn	8/03	141	-38	4	10	1	0	331K	BLM
Comm-issary	NM-SNF	2,483	153	0	Comp	8/06	7	0	0	0	0	0	1.6M	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 4  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Bitter Creek**, High Desert District, BLM. Twenty miles southeast of Green River, WY. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Bitter Creek	WY-HDD	2,487	0	90	Ctn	7/31	28	-28	0	6	0	1	550K	BLM

**Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Boulder	NV-EKD	2,224	1724	100	Ctn	UNK	14	-78	0	3	1	0	100K	BLM

EKD – Elko District, BLM

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	39	2,020,380	24	3	9	689
NWCC	14	23,719	75	91	20	2,412
ONCC	6	21,186	125	436	23	5,023
OSCC	5	4,983	70	160	17	2,681
NRCC	18	14,522	29	39	9	1,130
GBCC	14	8,295	9	21	3	346
SWCC	4	5,868	7	12	1	199
RMCC	5	2,657	0	8	0	38
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	6	1,469	0	4	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2,103,081</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>12,532</b>

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	6	7	<b>14</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	4	2	1	<b>7</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	19	1	<b>20</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	9,148	0	<b>9,148</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	1	21	9	<b>32</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	6	2	2,112	<b>2,120</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	9	7	<b>18</b>
	ACRES	6	0	0	0	143	5	<b>154</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	3	0	0	3	1	<b>8</b>
	ACRES	0	1,729	0	0	2	135	<b>1,866</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	2	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	6	0	0	0	2,414	<b>2,420</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	1	1	0	1	1	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	<b>6</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	1	2	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	1	1	<b>3</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	16	0	<b>19</b>
	ACRES	343	0	0	0	267	0	<b>610</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>349</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9,571</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>16,339</b>

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	259	0	0	442	22	<b>723</b>
	ACRES	0	3,671,583	0	0	1,076,483	775	<b>4,748,841</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	105	162	32	45	1,048	852	<b>2,244</b>
	ACRES	7,267	36,325	14,584	1,906	6,106	37,438	<b>103,626</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	113	20	5	21	2,002	645	<b>2,806</b>
	ACRES	121	143	354	1	26,386	3,206	<b>30,211</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	20	42	11	66	2,195	362	<b>2,696</b>
	ACRES	30	1,907	12	146	20,458	38,351	<b>60,904</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	761	54	3	8	768	461	<b>2,055</b>
	ACRES	7,587	9,347	565	3,175	71,090	8,662	<b>100,426</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	29	489	4	26	396	291	<b>1,235</b>
	ACRES	15	34,714	0	60	6,456	20,908	<b>62,153</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	408	162	5	25	423	609	<b>1,632</b>
	ACRES	51,905	2,567	4	3,737	16,407	85,734	<b>160,354</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	422	191	12	16	612	120	<b>1,373</b>
	ACRES	13,495	3,464	178	7,408	62,965	823	<b>88,333</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	527	0	29	15	5,425	348	<b>6,344</b>
	ACRES	2,181	0	2,102	548	43,985	5,491	<b>54,307</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	290	0	16	13	14,225	279	<b>14,823</b>
	ACRES	36,109	0	2,233	188	188,615	14,007	<b>241,152</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,675</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>27,536</b>	<b>3,989</b>	<b>35,931</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>118,710</b>	<b>3,760,050</b>	<b>20,032</b>	<b>17,169</b>	<b>1,518,951</b>	<b>215,395</b>	<b>5,650,307</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>45,782</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>3,866,013</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	57	<b>57</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	21	1	<b>23</b>
	ACRES	125	0	0	0	92	2,300	<b>2,517</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>2,574</b>

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	<b>7</b>
	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	<b>4,953</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	147	<b>187</b>
	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	23,534	<b>43,869</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	<b>136</b>
	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	<b>13,240</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	3	0	100	<b>110</b>
	ACRES	0	78	495	261	0	1,860	<b>2,694</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	118	<b>196</b>
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	728	17,735	<b>47,119</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	<b>113</b>
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	85	1,713	17,314	<b>21,643</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	41	29	8	7	0	145	<b>230</b>
	ACRES	615	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	72,896	<b>99,441</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	19	35	57	11	48	80	<b>250</b>
	ACRES	2,085	6,433	15,899	1,153	2,134	22,351	<b>50,055</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	261	22	1,373	158	<b>1,844</b>
	ACRES	39,398	0	32,934	6,637	65,482	49,780	<b>194,231</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	145	11	8,119	700	<b>9,063</b>
	ACRES	16,583	0	115,220	14,261	507,631	615,882	<b>1,269,577</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>196</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>9,578</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>12,136</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,813</b>	<b>59,312</b>	<b>186,103</b>	<b>28,832</b>	<b>578,676</b>	<b>829,086</b>	<b>1,746,822</b>

\*\*\* 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	14	0	1,353	276,490
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	182	176,700
ALBERTA	32	0	1,513	487,657
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	0	208	575,758
SASKATCHEWAN	5	184,277	665	1,766,167
MANITOBA	28	1,734	438	44,381
ONTARIO	28	665	444	37,702
QUEBEC	12	9	323	4,983
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	112	6,274
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	193	252
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	220	506
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	2
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	90	509,544
TOTALS	125	186,684	5,745	3,886,415

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** High pressure over the western U.S. will extend through the southern Plains. This will keep a moist, fetch of monsoonal flow for showers and thunderstorms in the Four Corners region and southern California, where flooding is a concern. Further north into the Pacific Northwest and northern Rockies it will be hot, dry and unstable, with some locations bumping record temperatures. Expect isolated to scattered thunderstorms today and tonight in northern California and Oregon as a weak upper level disturbance taps in to high based moisture. Elsewhere, very wet and unsettled storms will persist over the southeast U.S. Southern Alaska will see one more day with a chance of showers and thunderstorms while the Interior will remain dry and warm.

<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.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***



## HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

*Aviation Category*

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
  - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
  - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
  - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide page 49

Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG)

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