

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, August 1, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (283 new fires)
New large incidents:	7
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	22
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

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

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

On July 30 a firefighter was fatally injured on the Frog fire near Alturas, CA. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

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:	197
New large incidents:	4
Uncontained large fires:	9
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

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 short-range spotting, uphill runs and wind-driven runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Fork Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Three miles east of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and uphill runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **River Complex (2 fires)**, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Vontillow). Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber, chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior with group torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Lowell, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Gouvea). Two miles west of Gold Run, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Frog**, Modoc NF. NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 2 (Kurth). Five miles west of Scarface, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, long-range spotting and running. 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. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Rocky	CA-LNU	18,000	3,000	5	Ctn	8/10	1,300	312	17	131	19	28	4.4M	ST
* Fork Complex	CA-SHF	4,000	---	0	Ctn	8/21	140	---	4	9	1	0	1K	FS
* River Complex	CA-SHF	1,800	---	0	Ctn	10/01	68	---	1	5	1	0	150K	FS
Lowell	CA-NEU	2,303	0	75	Ctn	8/10	1,257	-532	35	133	3	1	15.3M	ST
* Frog	CA-MDF	1,000	---	10	Ctn	NR	290	---	9	17	0	0	400K	FS
Wragg	CA-LNU	8,051	151	92	Ctn	8/03	1,279	-165	28	75	4	2	18.8M	ST
Queen	CA-HUU	158	0	85	Ctn	UNK	329	-55	11	10	0	0	3.1M	ST
Swedes	CA-BTU	400	-150	80	Ctn	8/03	288	-120	9	25	0	16	1.5M	ST

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	18
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Cable Crossing, Central Unit, ODF. ODF IMT 1 (Smith). Six miles east of Glide, OR. Timber, heavy logging slash and brush. Extreme fire behavior with group torching and short crown runs. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Stout Creek, South Unit, ODF. ODF IMT 1 (Buckman). Sixteen miles east of Canyonville, OR. Timber and medium logging slash. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, group torching and uphill runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

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 isolated torching, spotting and backing.

Blue Creek, Southeast Region, DNR. Started on private land 10 miles east of Walla Walla, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	1,110	280	15	Ctn	NR	1,191	406	46	12	15	0	1M	ST
Stouts Creek	OR-732S	6,489	1289	0	Ctn	NR	827	590	28	29	4	0	605K	ST
North Boulder 2	WA-COF	229	19	51	Ctn	NR	275	-5	7	0	2	0	2.6M	FS
Blue Creek	WA-SES	6,004	-221	95	Ctn	NR	131	-453	4	5	2	12	9.6M	PRI

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 26
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 3
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 and single tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Cabin, Sequoia NF. IMT 1 (McGowan). Seven miles northeast of Sequoia Crest, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire are yesterday.

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	4,394	1,011	40	Ctn	NR	1,958	58	43	142	10	0	10.5M	FS
Cabin	CA-SQF	2,000	1,650	0	Comp	NR	295	129	9	0	7	0	300K	FS
Cutca	CA-CNF	167	17	90	Ctn	8/01	58	0	2	0	1	0	2.7M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Muddy Creek Two, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Leach) back to the local unit will occur on 8/3. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Reynolds, Glacier NP. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Poncin) back to the local unit will occur on 8/3. Twelve miles southwest of Babb, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting, group torching and short crown runs. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Chalky Butte**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on private land 14 miles southwest of Colstrip, MT. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and creeping. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

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

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Muddy Creek Two	MT-NCA	2,322	0	80	Ctn	8/01	170	-61	2	8	1	0	1.2M	BIA
Reynolds	MT-GNP	3,342	172	63	Ctn	NR	515	-89	13	12	7	2	7.2M	NPS
* Chalky Butte	MT-MCD	2,200	---	0	Ctn	NR	67	---	2	6	2	0	300K	PRI
Pine Ridge	MT-CRA	1,778	0	95	Ctn	UNK	7	0	0	2	0	0	65K	BIA

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **WF Fee Title**, McFaddin FWS. Eight miles east of High Island, TX. Tall grass. Active fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* WF Fee Title	TX-MCR	1,000	---	2	Ctn	8/01	14	---	0	1	1	0	8K	FWS
* UNAP	OK-ANA	350	---	100	Ctn	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	BIA

ANA – Anadarko Agency, BIA

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10
 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 smoldering.

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	0	75	Ctn	8/03	34	-107	1	3	0	0	340K	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
 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			
Bitter Creek	WY-HDD	2,487	0	100	Ctn	UNK	7	-21	0	2	0	1	555K	BLM

HDD – High Desert District, BLM

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	29	1,888,058	21	3	11	578
NWCC	14	25,263	99	59	27	2,858
ONCC	10	35,987	120	447	30	5,251
OSCC	5	7,211	71	180	19	2,796
NRCC	18	16,622	21	30	12	898
GBCC	7	4,524	8	8	2	279
SWCC	4	5,868	4	5	0	92
RMCC	5	2,657	0	4	0	17
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	2,970	0	5	1	28
Total	101	1,989,162	344	741	102	12,797

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	1	0	1
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	13	4	18
	ACRES	0	0	40	0	138	1	179
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	74	122	197
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	7,635	1,334	8,974
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	17	9	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	73	2,214	2,287
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	3	3	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,204	0	2,204
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	3	0	0	4	4	12
	ACRES	0	39	0	0	3	125	167
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	5	4	10
	ACRES	0	120	0	0	220	0	340
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	1	0	1	3	2	7
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	131	6	138
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
TOTAL FIRES:		3	5	1	1	124	149	283
TOTAL ACRES:		5	160	40	0	10,413	3,681	14,299

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	259	0	0	444	22	725
	ACRES	0	3,733,455	0	0	1,076,484	775	4,810,714
Northwest Area	FIRES	105	162	33	45	1,062	858	2,265
	ACRES	7,267	36,325	14,624	1,906	6,244	37,439	103,805
Northern California Area	FIRES	114	20	5	21	2,076	769	3,005
	ACRES	126	143	354	1	34,021	4,540	39,185
Southern California Area	FIRES	20	42	11	66	2,212	371	2,722
	ACRES	30	1,907	12	146	20,531	40,565	63,191
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	762	54	3	8	772	464	2,063
	ACRES	7,587	9,347	565	3,175	73,295	8,662	102,631
Great Basin Area	FIRES	30	492	4	26	400	295	1,247
	ACRES	15	34,753	0	60	6,459	21,033	62,320
Southwest Area	FIRES	408	164	5	25	428	613	1,643
	ACRES	51,905	2,687	4	3,737	16,627	85,734	160,694
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	429	194	12	17	640	123	1,415
	ACRES	13,543	3,501	178	7,408	63,114	844	88,588
Eastern Area	FIRES	527	0	29	15	5,425	349	6,345
	ACRES	2,181	0	2,102	548	43,985	5,492	54,308
Southern Area	FIRES	290	0	15	13	14,236	280	14,834
	ACRES	36,109	0	2,363	188	188,733	14,008	241,401
TOTAL FIRES:		2,685	1,387	117	236	27,695	4,144	36,264
TOTAL ACRES:		118,763	3,822,118	20,202	17,169	1,529,493	219,092	5,726,837

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	46,026
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	3,875,142

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	3	0	100	110
	ACRES	0	78	495	261	0	1,860	2,694
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	145	230
	ACRES	615	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	72,896	99,441
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	19	35	57	11	48	80	250
	ACRES	2,085	6,433	15,899	1,153	2,134	22,351	50,055
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	261	22	1,373	158	1,844
	ACRES	39,398	0	32,934	6,637	65,482	49,780	194,231
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	145	11	8,120	700	9,064
	ACRES	16,583	0	115,220	14,261	507,636	614,282	1,267,982
TOTAL FIRES:		196	155	519	77	9,579	1,611	12,137
TOTAL ACRES:		64,813	59,312	186,103	28,832	578,681	827,486	1,745,227

*** 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	21	0	1,360	276,492
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	182	176,700
ALBERTA	32	0	1,513	487,657
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	6	0	213	575,761
SASKATCHEWAN	9	188,478	669	1,770,368
MANITOBA	28	934	438	43,581
ONTARIO	32	508	448	37,545
QUEBEC	13	8	324	4,982
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	146	189,927	5,766	3,889,663

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper level ridge of high pressure over the western U.S. will continue to bring hot, dry and unstable conditions to the northwest quarter of the Nation today. On the western edge of this feature, a strong disturbance aloft will move northward through the Great Basin and northern California with monsoonal moisture. This will kick off thunderstorms over Nevada, northern California and central Oregon. Some storms may have heavy rain but abundant lightning and gusty winds will be more widespread. Flooding will continue to be a concern over the southwest U.S. today with showers and thunderstorms from the Sierras eastward through Oklahoma. It will also remain unsettled and rainy over the southeast U.S. Southern Alaska will begin to see a warming and drying trend.

<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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INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR

Fire Communications Category

Every firefighter will be giving and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did you use the Incident Response Pocket Guide standards briefing checklist?
- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
 - Task
 - Location
 - Communications
 - Hazards
 - Who, when, etc.
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
 - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
 - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
 - What is to be done?
 - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
 - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
 - Hazards.
 - Communication plan frequencies.
 - Weather and fire behavior.
 - Status of adjoining forces.

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.