

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, August 2, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (161 new fires)
New large incidents:	7
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	20
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	11
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 4)

New fires:	40
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	11
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Area Command Team (Van Bruggen) is assigned to assist in the coordination of operations at the Northern California Geographic Area Coordination Center.

Fork Complex, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT1 (Opliger), IMT 2 (Young) and IMT 2 (Johnson). Three miles east of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

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 group torching, short-range spotting and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Humboldt LCA**, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles west of Phillipsville, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with short crown runs, running and backing. Numerous structures threatened.

* **Mad River Complex**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Minton). Eight miles south of Mad River, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs, short crown runs and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Barker**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Six miles northeast of Hayfork, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures 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 isolated torching and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Frog, Modoc NF. NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 2 (Kurth). Five miles west of Scarface, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, group torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures 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.

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.

Swedes, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles north of Bangor, CA. 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			
Fork Complex	CA-SHF	12,500	12,499	0	Ctn	NR	673	533	16	24	1	0	500K	FS
Rocky	CA-LNU	25,750	10,750	5	Ctn	8/10	1,940	952	33	180	19	50	7.8M	ST
* Humboldt LCA	CA-HUU	1,000	---	5	Ctn	NR	1,140	---	28	76	8	2	350K	ST
* Mad River Complex	CA-SRF	5,000	---	0	Ctn	8/31	292	---	6	29	0	0	1K	FS
* Barker	CA-SHU	900	---	5	Ctn	8/08	248	---	5	30	1	0	225K	ST
River Complex	CA-SHF	2,020	520	0	Ctn	10/01	107	53	1	5	1	0	1K	FS
Frog	CA-MDF	3,000	2,000	5	Ctn	8/12	371	81	10	16	1	0	200K	FS
Lowell	CA-NEU	2,304	1	80	Ctn	8/10	841	-416	17	52	3	3	16.1M	ST
Wragg	CA-LNU	8,051	0	95	Ctn	8/06	984	-295	18	55	0	2	20M	ST
Swedes	CA-BTU	400	0	90	Ctn	8/03	73	-335	2	13	0	16	1.6M	ST
Queen	CA-HUU	158	0	100	Ctn	NR	0	-329	0	0	0	0	3.3M	ST

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 44
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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

Wolverine, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Schulte) and IMT 2 (Hutton). Previously reported incident. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, wind-driven runs and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area and trail closures in effect.

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

North Boulder 2, Colville NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rabe) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Colville, WA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Moderate fire behavior.

* **Long Lake**, Northeast Region, DNR. Fifteen miles north of Reardan, WA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, short-range spotting and wind-driven runs. Structures threatened.

* **Goode**, North Cascades NPS. Nineteen miles southeast of Newhalem, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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 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			
Cable Crossing	OR-733S	1,148	38	15	Ctn	NR	1,212	21	46	19	15	0	1.5M	ST
Wolverine	WA-OWF	11,300	9,000	0	Comp	NR	213	113	6	0	4	3	1.8M	FS
Stouts Creek	OR-732S	10,689	4,200	3	Ctn	NR	1,106	279	38	52	4	0	1.7M	ST
North Boulder 2	WA-COF	233	4	70	Ctn	NR	212	-63	5	0	2	0	2.9M	FS
* Long Lake	WA-NES	432	---	60	Ctn	8/03	163	---	5	15	0	1	300K	ST
* Goode	WA-NCP	140	---	0	Comp	11/01	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	NPS
Blue Creek	WA-SES	6,004	0	95	Ctn	NR	207	76	5	15	2	12	9.8M	PRI

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	34
New large incidents:	0
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, spotting 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. Minimal fire behavior with backing. Structures threatened. Area and 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	5,116	722	50	Ctn	NR	2,081	123	45	148	10	0	12.8M	FS
Cabin	CA-SQF	2,619	619	0	Comp	NR	295	0	9	0	7	0	770K	FS
Cutca	CA-CNF	150	-17	100	Ctn	UNK	38	-20	1	0	1	0	3M	FS

CNF – Cleveland NF

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Reynolds, Glacier NP. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Poncin) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Twelve miles southwest of Babb, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting, short crown runs and group torching. Road, area and 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			
Reynolds	MT-GNP	3,558	216	65	Ctn	NR	515	0	13	12	7	2	7.9M	NPS
Muddy Creek Two	MT-NCA	2,322	0	100	Ctn	UNK	132	-99	1	5	1	0	1.5M	BIA
Chalky Butte	MT-MCD	3,490	---	100	Ctn	UNK	14	---	0	4	1	0	450K	PRI

NCA – Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA MCD – Mile City District, BLM

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

Tanana Area Fires (5 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on native corporation land seven miles northeast of Tanana, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. 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. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Rock, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on native corporation land nine miles southeast of Hughes, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Melozitna 2, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on native corporation land eight miles north of Ruby, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Lawson, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land 43 miles northwest of Lake Minchumina, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Our Creek, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-six miles southeast of Poorman, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Sethkokna 2, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-four miles west of Lake Minchumina, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. 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	498,043	778	100	Comp	NR	132	-4	4	0	2	0	13.9M	TRI
Ruby Area Fires	AK-TAD	421,613	12,600	75	Comp	NR	16	-21	0	0	1	0	282K	BLM
Rock	AK-TAD	126,152	7,826	77	Comp	NR	79	30	3	0	2	0	1.1M	TRI
Melozitna 2	AK-TAD	3,356	199	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	TRI
Lawson	AK-TAD	31,008	14,776	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	FWS
Our Creek	AK-TAD	27,560	24,958	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM
Sethkokna 2	AK-TAD	11,357	4,278	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 19
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Solitude, Fishlake NF. Previously reported incident. Nine miles north of Richfield, UT. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, spotting and backing. 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			
Solitude	UT-FIF	1,000	622	25	Comp		133	23	4	4	1	0	324K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Hay Canyon**, White River Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles southwest of Meeker. Timber. Moderate 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			
* Hay Canyon	CO-WRD	112	57	30	Comp	8/07	8	4	0	1	0	0	60K	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 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	692	7	90	Ctn	8/03	10	-24	0	2	0	0	343K	BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 2
 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			
WF Fee Title	TX-MCR	4,700	3,700	100	Ctn	UNK	1	-13	0	0	0	0	15K	FWS

MCR – McFaddin, FWS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	18	1,447,805	17	3	9	514
NWCC	17	39,331	116	114	30	3,450
ONCC	12	61,158	138	486	34	6,749
OSCC	4	8,089	72	186	19	2,899
NRCC	18	18,202	18	25	11	807
GBCC	8	5,203	5	8	1	211
SWCC	3	3,575	0	2	0	17
RMCC	6	2,714	0	4	0	21
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	10	6,671	0	4	0	15
Total	96	1,592,750	366	832	104	14,683

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	5	13	25	44
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	444	45	494
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	34	6	40
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	9,626	8,908	18,534
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	2	15	16	34
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	20	642	662
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	6	1	8
	ACRES	0	15	0	0	13	0	28
Great Basin Area	FIRES	2	7	0	0	5	5	19
	ACRES	0	78	0	0	2	103	183
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	10	0	0	0	10	20
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	2	0	0	2	2	7
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	1	11	14
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL FIRES:		5	14	0	7	76	59	161
TOTAL ACRES:		2	110	0	0	10,108	9,720	19,940

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	259	0	0	445	22	726
	ACRES	0	3,752,225	0	0	1,076,486	775	4,829,486
Northwest Area	FIRES	105	164	33	50	1,084	884	2,320
	ACRES	7,267	36,335	14,624	1,906	9,641	37,484	107,257
Northern California Area	FIRES	114	20	5	21	2,110	777	3,047
	ACRES	126	143	354	1	43,647	13,448	57,719
Southern California Area	FIRES	20	43	11	68	2,227	387	2,756
	ACRES	30	1,907	12	146	20,551	41,207	63,853
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	762	55	3	8	778	466	2,072
	ACRES	7,587	9,362	565	3,175	73,308	8,665	102,662
Great Basin Area	FIRES	32	498	4	26	410	299	1,269
	ACRES	15	34,824	0	60	5,623	21,246	61,768
Southwest Area	FIRES	408	166	5	25	428	615	1,647
	ACRES	51,905	2,697	4	3,737	16,627	85,744	160,714
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	432	196	12	17	642	125	1,424
	ACRES	13,542	3,534	178	7,408	63,115	855	88,632
Eastern Area	FIRES	527	0	29	15	5,425	351	6,347
	ACRES	2,181	0	2,102	548	43,985	5,493	54,309
Southern Area	FIRES	292	0	15	13	14,236	280	14,836
	ACRES	36,111	0	2,363	188	188,733	14,008	241,403
TOTAL FIRES:		2,692	1,401	117	243	27,785	4,206	36,444
TOTAL ACRES:		118,764	3,841,027	20,202	17,169	1,541,716	228,925	5,767,803

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	56,522
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	3,926,543

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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,280	0	1,280
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	1,280	0	1,280

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	8,121	700	9,065
	ACRES	16,583	0	115,220	14,261	508,916	614,282	1,269,262
TOTAL FIRES:		196	155	519	77	9,580	1,611	12,138
TOTAL ACRES:		64,813	59,312	186,103	28,832	579,961	827,486	1,746,507

*** 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	28	0	1,367	276,500
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	182	176,700
ALBERTA	43	0	1,524	486,492
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	6	0	213	574,761
SASKATCHEWAN	11	188,563	671	1,770,454
MANITOBA	29	969	439	43,616
ONTARIO	44	510	460	37,547
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	6	0	95	509,790
TOTALS	184	190,050	5,804	3,887,875

* 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 portions of the Pacific Northwest and northern Rockies today. This ridge will begin to shift slightly eastward toward the central Rockies as an upper level disturbance carves its way through the Great Basin, providing a surge of monsoonal moisture for showers and thunderstorms through northern California northward into the Pacific Northwest through tonight and tomorrow. Wetting rain may result from some storms, but overall abundant lightning and gusty winds are of more concern. Showers and thunderstorms are also expected over portions of the Four Corners region as moisture cycles through the high pressure ridge. As the ridge slides eastward, southern California and the Desert Southwest will begin to see some drying, with relief from recent heavy rain and flooding. East of the Rockies, the southeast U.S. and Great Lakes regions will also see showers and thunderstorms today. A drying trend is underway over the Southern half of Alaska, while low pressure over the northern stretches will bring cooler, showery weather.

<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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Proper Use of Trigger Points

Weather/Fire Behavior Category

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of tactics. Monitoring for the 18 Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the current and potential situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don’t wait until you’re in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire Behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time constraints/Time of day
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of suppression resources
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, weather change)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is required. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
 - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
 - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
 - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
 - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
 - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
 - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
 - Account for all your people
 - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.