

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, September 13, 2015 - 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 4**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (56 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	40
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	12

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

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

Sixty-eight fireline management personnel from Australia and New Zealand are assigned to support large fires in the Northwest Area.

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	18
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

**North Star**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowen). IMT is also managing the Tunk Block fire. Twenty-four miles east of Omak, WA. Timber and closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Tunk Block**, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Okanogan Complex (2 fires)**, Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Lietch). Eleven miles northwest of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with group torching, backing and creeping. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Canyon Creek Complex**, Malheur NF. IMT 2 (Goff). Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Kettle Complex (3 fires)**, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Chelan Complex (5 fires)**, Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Allbee). Started on BLM land one mile south of Chelan, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, backing and creeping. Road and trail closures in effect.

**Carpenter Rd**, Spokane Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Johnson) back to the local unit will occur on 9/15. Five miles south of Fruitland, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

**Wolverine**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). IMT is also managing the First Creek fire. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

**First Creek**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**Kaniksu Complex (3 fires)**, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Tom Kurth). Ten miles northeast of Usk, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Cougar Creek**, Yakama Agency, BIA. Six miles northwest of Glenwood, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**National Creek Complex**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Eleven miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and group torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Oven**, Prineville District, BLM. Three miles east of Maupin, OR. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
North Star	WA-COA	212,648	1,292	45	Ctn	10/15	1,424	10	40	50	14	1	26.4M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	162,840	147	77	Ctn	9/30	424	-147	12	36	0	0	8M	ST
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	132,937	255	85	Ctn	9/30	611	-371	13	36	5	152	39.5M	ST
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	90	Ctn	9/20	362	-78	8	6	3	53	29.8M	FS
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,621	0	60	Ctn	10/15	1,012	38	28	40	3	1	25.5M	FS
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,985	112	80	Ctn	10/01	354	-30	6	28	0	47	20.3M	BLM
Carpenter Rd.	WA-SPA	63,972	0	90	Ctn	9/15	442	-72	11	24	1	0	20.7M	BIA
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	157	35	Comp	10/15	566	23	5	17	5	4	26.7M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	98	Ctn	9/15	96	1	3	6	0	19	4.6M	FS
Kaniksu Complex	WA-COF	26,093	-55	90	Comp	10/01	642	-43	17	14	2	0	21.3M	FS
Cougar Creek	WA-YAA	53,534	0	97	Ctn	9/21	338	-31	11	11	1	0	20M	BIA
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	16,744	0	70	Ctn	10/01	236	24	6	9	4	0	17.9M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Oven	OR-PRD	1,100	0	95	Ctn	NR	7	-84	0	2	0	0	164K	BLM

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 20  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 7  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Butte**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Gouvea). One mile north of Mokelumne Hill, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with spotting, torching and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Valley**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael). One mile south of Glenbrook, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with long-range spotting, group torching and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Gasquet Complex (2 fires)**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Garwood) and IMT 2 (Young). Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**River Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, flanking and backing. Area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Lumpkin**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles east of Oroville, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Structures threatened.

**South Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. Five miles north of Hyampom, CA. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Butte	CA-AEU	65,000	272	15	Ctn	NR	3,852	1,443	69	452	17	132	9.6M	ST
* Valley	CA-LNU	10,000	---	0	Ctn	NR	185	---	4	14	7	0	100K	ST
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	29,708	183	49	Ctn	10/15	598	-53	13	20	5	0	36M	FS
River Complex	CA-SHF	75,924	896	50	Ctn	10/15	189	-5	4	11	3	0	30.3M	FS
* Lumpkin	CA-BTU	350	---	20	Ctn	9/15	445	---	16	30	4	0	498K	ST
South Complex	CA-SHF	29,416	---	95	Ctn	10/01	227	---	1	14	2	3	31.8M	FS

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
New large incidents: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
NIMOs committed: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

**Rough**, Sierra NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pechota) to IMT 1 (Opliger) will occur today. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson) and NIMO (Reinarz). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with crowning, short crown runs and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tenaya**, Yosemite NP. Two miles north of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. 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			
Rough	CA-SNF	128,796	11,762	29	Ctn	NR	2,961	391	58	156	20	4	84.7M	FS
Tenaya	CA-YNP	502	7	70	Ctn	9/16	224	-47	7	3	4	0	1.5M	NPS

### **Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

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

**Tepee Springs**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Wilcox). Twenty miles south of Riggins, ID. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Oak Grove**, Dixie NF. Fifteen miles northeast St. George, UT. Timber, chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and creeping.

**Wheeler**, Northeast Area, DOF. Ten miles southwest of Heber City, UT. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	95,300	218	80	Comp	10/15	715	-36	15	27	5	4	24.1M	FS
Oak Grove	UT-DIF	849	16	40	Ctn	9/30	153	2	6	1	0	0	1.4M	FS
Wheeler	UT-NES	640	0	90	Ctn	UNK	150	-61	5	2	1	1	1M	ST

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	3
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	11
Area Command Teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Area Command Team (Hughes) is assigned to the Grangeville, ID area for large fire support.

**Motorway Complex (11 fires)**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 1 (Ruggiero). IMT is also managing the Jay Pt/Boulder fire. Ten miles east of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Jay Pt/Boulder (2 fires)**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Five miles south of Powell Junction, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex (6 fires)**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Dueitt) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Forty-one miles west of Darby, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Avery Complex (3 fires)**, Idaho Panhandle NF. IMT 2 (Rosenthal). Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Goat Rock Complex (4 fires)**, Kootenai NF. IMT 2 (Russell). IMT is also managing the Sawtooth, Napoleon 1 and Government fires. Eight miles southwest of Libby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, flanking and backing. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Sawtooth**, Kootenai NF. Twenty miles south of Troy, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

**Napoleon 1**, Kootenai NF. Five miles north of Noxon, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Government**, Kootenai NF. Five miles north of Noxon, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area closures in effect.

\* **Spruce**, Yellowstone NPS. Twenty-five miles east West Yellowstone, ID. Closed timber litter and brush. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, short crown runs and spotting. 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			
Motorway Complex	ID-NCF	23,870	0	45	Ctn	NR	578	-11	11	21	2	0	14M	FS
Jay Pt/Boulder	ID-NCF	9,744	0	35	Comp	NR	14	2	0	2	0	1	1.8M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex	ID-NCF	94,651	241	13	Comp	NR	316	-42	6	11	3	6	11.2M	FS
Avery Complex	ID-IPF	4,695	22	70	Comp	NR	353	-17	6	13	1	0	6.9M	FS
Goat Rock Complex	MT-KNF	10,150	0	0	Comp	NR	102	-9	1	8	1	0	1K	FS
Sawtooth	MT-KNF	2,521	64	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Napoleon 1	MT-KNF	8,967	0	25	Comp	NR	55	43	1	5	0	0	1K	FS
Government	MT-KNF	400	1	1	Comp	NR	0	-28	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
* Spruce	WY-YNP	1,164	---	0	Comp	NR	9	---	0	0	1	0	13K	NPS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	1	4,862	1	0	1	24
NWCC	25	1,225,463	179	319	45	7,320
ONCC	8	218,077	112	555	39	5,777
OSCC	6	129,464	75	176	28	3,493
NRCC	34	482,674	39	99	11	2,279
GBCC	11	117,314.675	31	36	9	1,191
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	1	1,012	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	464	0	5	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2,179,331</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>20,106</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	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	7	2	<b>10</b>
	ACRES	0	227	0	0	202	0	<b>429</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	18	2	<b>20</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	50,028	1,874	<b>51,902</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	7	3	<b>11</b>
	ACRES	0	35	0	37	2	126	<b>200</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	<b>3</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	409	<b>409</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	2	1	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	2	176	<b>179</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	4	1	<b>7</b>
	ACRES	10	15	0	0	70	0	<b>95</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	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50,304</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>53,214</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	263	0	0	474	23	<b>760</b>
	ACRES	0	4,034,077	0	0	1,076,069	796	<b>5,110,942</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	264	294	39	74	1,436	1,315	<b>3,422</b>
	ACRES	234,893	242,247	14,656	11,514	39,397	509,812	<b>1,052,519</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	132	30	5	28	2,739	935	<b>3,869</b>
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	204,532	239,134	<b>455,051</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	57	12	90	2,736	505	<b>3,423</b>
	ACRES	107	2,023	12	8,103	24,427	178,790	<b>213,462</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	926	90	5	21	1,226	1,108	<b>3,376</b>
	ACRES	14,770	13,788	685	23,517	192,646	440,896	<b>686,302</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	707	5	36	580	476	<b>1,842</b>
	ACRES	695	337,691	3	82	12,444	131,689	<b>482,604</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	427	188	6	32	500	801	<b>1,954</b>
	ACRES	56,159	5,352	62	3,799	17,290	117,930	<b>200,592</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	475	301	16	24	937	222	<b>1,975</b>
	ACRES	15,581	6,368	189	7,409	82,432	1,419	<b>113,398</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	30	16	5,805	366	<b>6,757</b>
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,464	5,532	<b>55,832</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,306	302	<b>17,974</b>
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	247,091	15,406	<b>303,140</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,140</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>33,739</b>	<b>6,053</b>	<b>45,352</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>361,954</b>	<b>4,652,332</b>	<b>21,137</b>	<b>55,223</b>	<b>1,941,792</b>	<b>1,641,404</b>	<b>8,673,842</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>55,930</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>5,964,077</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	4	0	100	<b>111</b>
	ACRES	0	78	495	268	0	1,860	<b>2,701</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	139	<b>217</b>
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	695	17,735	<b>47,086</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	<b>113</b>
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	86	1,713	17,361	<b>21,691</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	142	<b>218</b>
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,656	<b>100,192</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	23	37	60	11	61	81	<b>273</b>
	ACRES	2,170	6,863	16,147	1,153	3,287	22,561	<b>52,181</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	264	22	1,401	158	<b>1,875</b>
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,267	6,637	66,052	49,780	<b>195,134</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	154	11	8,736	707	<b>9,696</b>
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,723	14,261	530,330	621,899	<b>1,299,796</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>191</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>10,236</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>12,833</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,889</b>	<b>59,742</b>	<b>188,187</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>603,065</b>	<b>836,120</b>	<b>1,780,843</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/>

**Predictive Services Discussion**: Breezy to windy conditions are expected across much of the western U.S. today ahead of an approaching cold front associated with a flattening ridge of high pressure aloft. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop over portions of California and the Great Basin as the remnants of Tropical Storm Linda converge ahead of the front. Storms are also expected over the southwest U.S. with this feature. East of the Rockies, a strong trough of low pressure will move through the northeast U.S. today with cool temperatures and rain showers across New England. A lingering cold front over Florida will provide storms there as well.

<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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## ENTRAPMENT AVOIDANCE

*Operational Engagement Category*

Avoiding situations where firefighters become entrapped is the first concern when devising strategy and tactics. The following discussion points are among the things that should be considered.

- Discuss the three types of safety zones and describe examples.
  - The burn
  - Natural features
  - Constructed sites
  
- Discuss the guidelines for distance separation to avoid radiant heat injury.
  - Four times the maximum flame height (20 feet-flame height x 4 = 80 feet radius from firefighters)
  - Discuss size based on amount of resources and equipment in the area.
  
- Discuss heat impact factors that will affect the guidelines for distance separation.
  - Convection heat from wind and terrain features
  - Location relative to fire spread
  - Reburn potential of fuel in safety zone
  
- Discuss that firefighter's have a right to know the location of their escape routes and safety zones at all times.
- Discuss that firefighter have a right to ask for clarification when faced with unclear instructions or fear of the unknown.
- Describe a basic procedure for identification of effective escape routes and safety zones.
  - Observe
  - Visualize
  - Identify
  - Time
  - Inform
  - Evaluate

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