

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 - 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (68 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	42
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

\*\* 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.

**Northern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	17
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

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

**Butte**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Gouvea). One mile north of Mokelumne Hill, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with flanking, backing and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Lumpkin**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum). Ten miles east of Oroville, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Gasquet Complex (2 fires)**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Young). Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**River Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Valley	CA-LNU	67,200	5,200	30	Ctn	NR	2,639	844	49	289	16	603	5.6M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	71,780	257	40	Ctn	9/24	4,961	365	81	519	18	408	29.7M	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Lumpkin	CA-BTU	850	50	40	Ctn	9/18	924	127	28	48	9	0	2.5M	ST
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,368	18	45	Ctn	10/15	591	-28	16	15	5	0	38.6M	FS
River Complex	CA-SHF	77,074	0	48	Ctn	10/15	223	41	5	11	5	0	30.2M	FS

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

New fires: 6  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Rough**, Sierra NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Opliger), Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson) and IMT 2 (Cooper). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Rough	CA-SNF	139,531	398	49	Ctn	NR	3,742	1	83	256	23	4	97.6M	FS
Tenaya	CA-YNP	415	0	100	Ctn	---	69	-34	2	2	1	0	1.9M	NPS

YNP – Yosemite NP

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 5  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 20  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

**Dry Gulch**, Baker Unit, ODF. ODF IMT 1 (Smith). Seven miles northwest of Richland, OR. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**North Star**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowan). IMT is also managing the Tunk Block fire. Twenty-four miles east of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Tunk Block**, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. 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. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Meeks Table**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Gales). Fourteen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber and medium logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Kettle Complex (3 fires)**, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Chelan Complex (5 fires)**, Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Allbee). Started on BLM land one mile south of Chelan, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, backing and single tree torching. Road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**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 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.

**Carpenter Rd**, Spokane Agency, BIA. Five miles south of Fruitland, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Canyon Creek Complex**, Malheur NF. Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Cougar Creek**, Yakama Agency, BIA. Six miles northwest of Glenwood, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**National Creek Complex**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Eleven miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Horsethief Butte**, Southeast Region, DNR. Four miles west of Wishram, WA. Short grass. 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			
Dry Gulch	OR-972S	18,272	736	55	Ctn	9/19	269	109	10	24	1	0	1.2M	ST
North Star	WA-COA	217,558	2,152	58	Ctn	10/15	1,483	101	39	49	14	1	32.1M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	167,840	0	82	Ctn	9/30	535	-43	17	32	0	121	7.4M	ST
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	133,142	0	90	Ctn	9/30	575	11	11	36	2	152	43.4M	ST
Meeks Table	WA-OWF	937	-64	15	Ctn	9/30	211	0	5	19	3	0	700K	FS
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,521	-104	68	Ctn	10/15	952	-147	26	38	2	1	28.3M	FS
Chelan Cplx	WA-SES	88,985	0	95	Ctn	10/01	207	-12	2	17	0	47	20.9M	BLM

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	0	35	Comp	10/15	495	-73	3	11	5	4	29.2M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	97	Ctn	9/20	68	0	2	4	0	19	4.7M	FS
Carpenter Rd.	WA-SPA	63,972	0	95	Ctn	9/15	246	-60	6	9	1	42	21.9M	BIA
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	90	Ctn	9/30	176	-10	4	6	2	53	30.6M	FS
Cougar Creek	WA-YAA	53,534	0	97	Ctn	9/21	340	0	11	13	1	0	21.2M	BIA
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	20,945	1,447	85	Ctn	10/1	214	-47	5	7	6	0	19.8M	FS
Horsethief Butte	WA-SES	7,960	4,760	95	Ctn	NR	89	0	2	14	4	7	185K	ST
Stateline	WA-WFS	9,759	0	100	Ctn	---	22	-92	0	6	0	0	25K	ST

WFS – Washington State Fire Marshal's Office

**Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

**Tepee Springs**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Wilcox). Twenty miles south of Riggins, ID. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Oak Grove**, Dixie NF. Fifteen miles northeast St. George, UT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area closures in effect.

\* **Diamond**, Ely District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Brush and grass. Extreme fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	95,709	0	82	Comp	10/15	584	-28	11	20	6	5	26.4M	FS
Oak Grove	UT-DIF	943	0	70	Ctn	9/30	61	-89	3	0	2	0	1.9M	FS
* Diamond	NV-ELD	7,112	---	25	Ctn	9/19	109	---	3	8	1	0	400K	BLM

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

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

**Motorway Complex (11 fires)**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Ruggiero) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Jay Pt/Boulder fire. Ten miles east of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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

\* **Klondike**, Helena NF. Eight miles northeast of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail 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			
Motorway Complex	ID-NCF	23,615	-255	45	Ctn	NR	365	-90	5	10	2	0	16.9M	FS
Jay Pt/Boulder	ID-NCF	9,744	0	35	Comp	NR	9	-1	0	1	0	1	1.6M	FS
* Klondike	MT-HNF	550	---	26	Comp	NR	30	---	1	0	0	0	75K	FS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 30  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **MM 35**, Florida Forest Service. One mile northwest of Weston, FL. Short grass. 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			
* MM 35	FL-FLS	1,500	---	20	Comp	NR	1	---	0	1	0	0	1K	ST
Barry	TX-TXS	2,104	704	100	Ctn	---	21	0	0	1	0	3	1K	ST
Hale	TX-TXS	400	0	100	Ctn	---	9	0	0	1	0	1	1K	ST
Boyd	TX-TXS	371	0	100	Ctn	---	12	0	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	33	1,280,616.61	164	340	50	6,917
ONCC	7	284,197	181	900	56	9,627
OSCC	7	140,247	92	273	29	4,080
NRCC	30	384,725	26	58	11	1,504
GBCC	12	126,950.175	27	35	11	1,069
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	1	480	0	8	0	23
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	6,288	0	5	0	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2,223,503</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>23,286</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	<b>0</b>
	ACRES		0			0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	4	0	<b>5</b>
	ACRES	0	356	0	0	2	0	<b>358</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	14	3	<b>17</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	27,287	3	<b>27,290</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	5	0	<b>6</b>
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</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	2	0	0	1	0	<b>3</b>
	ACRES	0	6,914	0	0	0	0	<b>6,914</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	500	0	0	0	0	0	<b>500</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	2	1	<b>5</b>
	ACRES	386	0	0	0	0	0	<b>386</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0		0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0		0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0		0	0	30	0	<b>30</b>
	ACRES	0		0	0	126	0	<b>126</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>886</b>	<b>7,271</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,415</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35,575</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	295	40	74	1,714	1,315	<b>3,702</b>
	ACRES	234,893	242,603	15,056	11,514	63,656	531,025	<b>1,098,747</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	133	30	5	28	2,772	942	<b>3,910</b>
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	272,591	240,955	<b>524,931</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	58	12	90	2,765	510	<b>3,458</b>
	ACRES	107	2,024	12	8,502	24,439	205,028	<b>240,112</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	927	91	5	21	1,245	1,117	<b>3,406</b>
	ACRES	26,280	13,803	685	23,517	186,508	421,620	<b>672,413</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	725	5	36	590	482	<b>1,876</b>
	ACRES	695	344,813	3	82	12,472	132,853	<b>490,918</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	428	190	6	32	504	827	<b>1,987</b>
	ACRES	56,659	5,352	62	3,799	17,427	118,261	<b>201,560</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	480	298	16	24	942	228	<b>1,988</b>
	ACRES	16,001	5,987	189	7,409	82,422	1,401	<b>113,409</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	31	16	5,809	366	<b>6,762</b>
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,465	5,532	<b>55,833</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,830	302	<b>18,498</b>
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	269,573	15,406	<b>325,622</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,148</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>34,645</b>	<b>6,112</b>	<b>46,347</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>374,384</b>	<b>4,659,445</b>	<b>21,537</b>	<b>55,622</b>	<b>2,050,622</b>	<b>1,672,877</b>	<b>8,834,487</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>56,427</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>6,048,730</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	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</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	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	7	0	0	<b>7</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	22	1	<b>23</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	620	12	<b>632</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>639</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	7	139	<b>219</b>
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	695	17,742	<b>47,093</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	263	23	1,401	158	<b>1,875</b>
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,167	6,644	66,052	49,780	<b>195,041</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	154	11	8,798	708	<b>9,759</b>
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,723	14,261	531,123	621,911	<b>1,300,601</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>191</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>12,898</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,889</b>	<b>59,742</b>	<b>188,087</b>	<b>28,847</b>	<b>603,858</b>	<b>836,139</b>	<b>1,781,562</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**: A broad low pressure trough over the western U.S. will be reinforced by another wet weather system moving in from the Pacific Coast. This will bring additional wetting precipitation to much of the Intermountain West, along with temperatures 15 to 20 degrees below normal, and humidity well-above normal. A cold front associated with the trough will move through the northern and central Rockies with wetting rain and mountain snowfall. Further south, it will be warm and very windy across the high Plains with the frontal passage. Warm temperatures and strong southerly winds will precede the front from the central Plains through the Great Lakes as it approaches the Mississippi Valley today. Breezy conditions are also expected to persist over portions of southern California and the southern Great Basin as conditions begin to dry out. Numerous showers and thunderstorms will result in heavy rainfall over the southeast U.S. today as a tropical wave moves eastward toward the central Gulf Coast.

<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 \*\***



## Escape Routes 2 (LCES)

*Operational Engagement Category*

Escape Routes are the path the firefighter takes from their current locations, exposed to the danger, to an area free from danger. Notice that escape routes is used instead of escape route(s). Unlike the other components, there always must be more than one escape route available to the firefighter.

Escape routes are probably the most elusive component of LCES. Their effectiveness changes continuously. As the firefighter works along the fire perimeter, fatigue and spatial separation increases the time required to reach the safety zone.

<http://www.wildfirelessons.net/6minutesforsafety>The most common escape route (or part of an escape route) is the fireline. On indirect or parallel fireline, situations become compounded. Unless safety zones have been identified ahead, as well as behind, firefighters retreat may not be possible.

- Have you ever timed an escape route? If not how do you judge its effectiveness?
- Describe a time when you were uncomfortably distant from your escape route.
- Describe a method you have used to communicate an escape route to your crews.

References:

[“LCES and Other Thoughts” by Paul Gleason](#)

**Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.**

[EMAIL](#) | [Facebook](#) | [MAIL: 6 Minutes for Safety Subcommittee • 3833 S. Development Ave • Boise, ID 83705 | FAX: 208-387-5250](#)