

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (51 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: **	22
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
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:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
NIMOs committed:	1
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. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**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 backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Lumpkin**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum). Ten miles east of Oroville, CA. Timber and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

**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. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**River Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. NIMO (Hanenberg). Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with 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	70,200	3,000	35	Ctn	NR	3,129	490	52	358	15	603	9.5M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	71,780	0	47	Ctn	9/24	4,485	-476	81	449	10	440	35.8M	ST
Lumpkin	CA-BTU	1,042	192	90	Ctn	9/18	750	-174	17	44	9	0	3.5M	ST
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,341	-27	47	Ctn	10/15	576	-15	14	14	5	0	40.3M	FS
River Complex	CA-SHF	77,074	0	48	Ctn	10/15	252	28	6	11	4	0	30.5M	FS

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

New fires: 2  
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 and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. 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			
Rough	CA-SNF	140,760	0	67	Ctn	NR	2,267	-1,475	53	161	12	4	101.5M	FS

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

New fires: 1  
New large incidents: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 14  
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. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. 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 with creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect.

**Tunk Block**, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. 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 isolated torching, backing and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Meeks Table**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Gales). Fourteen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road 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 creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Chelan Complex (2 fires)**, Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Allbee). Started on BLM land one mile south of Chelan, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. 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. Road, area 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.

**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.

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

**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.

**Grizzly Bear Complex (2 fires)**, Umatilla NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty miles southeast of Dayton, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. 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			
Dry Gulch	OR-972S	17,800	-472	60	Ctn	9/24	245	-24	8	18	1	0	1.5M	ST
North Star	WA-COA	217,601	43	65	Ctn	10/15	1,504	21	42	38	15	1	32.8M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	167,840	0	82	Ctn	9/30	417	-118	11	38	0	145	7.8M	ST
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	133,142	0	95	Ctn	9/30	530	-45	10	32	2	152	44.5M	ST
Meeks Table	WA-OWF	1,024	87	20	Comp	9/30	302	91	9	19	3	0	1.1M	ST
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,549	28	72	Ctn	10/15	841	-111	20	37	1	1	29.3M	FS
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,985	0	95	Ctn	10/01	254	47	5	12	0	47	21.2M	BLM
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	0	35	Comp	10/15	468	-27	1	18	5	4	29.5M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	97	Ctn	9/20	68	0	2	3	0	19	4.8M	FS
Carpenter Rd.	WA-SPA	63,972	0	95	Ctn	9/17	234	-12	6	6	1	42	22.1M	BIA

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	90	Ctn	9/30	189	13	4	6	0	53	30.7M	FS
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	20,945	0	85	Ctn	10/01	170	-44	3	2	6	0	20M	FS
Grizzly Bear Complex	OR-UMF	79,374	2,899	44	Comp	10/21	164	-168	1	12	1	35	21.8M	FS
Cougar Creek	WA-YAA	53,534	0	100	Ctn	---	163	-177	3	9	1	0	21.5M	BIA

YAA – Yakima Agency, BIA

### **Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

**Tepee Springs**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Wilcox). Twenty miles south of Riggins, ID. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Diamond**, Ely District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Oak Grove**, Dixie NF. Fifteen miles northeast of St. George, UT. Timber, chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. 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			
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	95,709	0	83	Comp	10/15	549	-35	11	18	5	5	27.1M	FS
Diamond	NV-ELD	7,112	0	40	Ctn	9/20	40	-69	1	3	1	0	400K	BLM
Oak Grove	UT-DIF	943	0	70	Comp	9/30	29	-32	2	0	2	0	1.9M	FS

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

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

**Motorway Complex (9 fires)**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Ruggiero) back to the local unit will occur today. IMT is also managing the Jay Pt/Boulder fire. Ten miles east of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Jay Pt/Boulder (2 fires)**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Five miles south of Powell Junction, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road 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	24,239	624	45	Comp	NR	318	-47	5	7	1	0	16.4M	FS
Jay Pt/Boulder	ID-NCF	9,744	0	35	Comp	NR	6	-3	0	1	0	0	1.8M	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 8  
 New large incidents: 2  
 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			
* CR 162	CO-ELX	610	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	CNTY
* Lone Tree	NE-NES	1,788	---	100	Ctn	---	23	---	0	8	0	0	25K	ST

ELX – Elbert County    NES – Nebraska DOF

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 23  
 New large incidents: 1  
 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			
* Calley Ranch	TX-TXS	384	---	100	Ctn	---	18	---	0	2	0	0	1K	PRI

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	31	1,274,416	134	300	46	6,038
ONCC	7	287,362	172	894	46	9,472
OSCC	6	141,473	60	175	17	2,535
NRCC	28	366,084	22	39	8	1,190
GBCC	9	126,615	22	27	9	873
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	3	2,878	0	16	0	46
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	10	6,571	0	7	0	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,205,399</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>20,239</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	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	2	<b>8</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3,308	3	<b>3,311</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	788	<b>789</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	1	0	0	3	3	<b>7</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	57	<b>57</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	2	2	0	0	3	1	<b>8</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	632	0	<b>632</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	22	1	<b>23</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	105	0	<b>105</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>4,895</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	1,715	1,315	<b>3,703</b>
	ACRES	234,893	242,603	15,056	11,514	63,657	496,928	<b>1,064,651</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	133	30	5	28	2,778	944	<b>3,918</b>
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	275,899	240,938	<b>528,222</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	59	12	90	2,766	512	<b>3,462</b>
	ACRES	107	2,024	12	8,502	24,440	205,813	<b>240,898</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	927	91	5	21	1,244	1,117	<b>3,405</b>
	ACRES	26,280	13,803	685	23,517	186,508	421,620	<b>672,413</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	726	5	36	593	485	<b>1,883</b>
	ACRES	695	344,813	3	82	12,472	132,853	<b>490,918</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	428	190	6	32	504	829	<b>1,989</b>
	ACRES	56,659	5,352	62	3,799	17,427	118,318	<b>201,617</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	482	300	16	24	946	229	<b>1,997</b>
	ACRES	16,001	5,987	189	7,409	84,842	1,401	<b>115,829</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	31	16	5,848	366	<b>6,801</b>
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,501	5,532	<b>55,869</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,852	303	<b>18,521</b>
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	269,678	15,406	<b>325,727</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,150</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>34,720</b>	<b>6,123</b>	<b>46,439</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>374,384</b>	<b>4,659,445</b>	<b>21,537</b>	<b>55,622</b>	<b>2,056,493</b>	<b>1,639,605</b>	<b>8,807,086</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>56,485</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>6,084,170</b>

**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	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	25	0	<b>25</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	20	0	0	0	0	0	<b>20</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	10	0	0	<b>10</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	0	<b>20</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	268	0	<b>268</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>323</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	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	4	0	100	111
	ACRES	0	78	495	268	0	1,860	2,701
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	7	139	219
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	695	17,742	47,093
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	113
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	86	1,713	17,361	21,691
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	142	218
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,656	100,192
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	23	37	60	11	61	81	273
	ACRES	2,190	6,863	16,147	1,153	3,287	22,561	52,201
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	263	24	1,401	158	1,876
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,167	6,654	66,378	49,780	195,377
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	154	11	8,818	708	9,779
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,723	14,261	531,391	621,911	1,300,869
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>191</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>10,320</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>12,919</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,909</b>	<b>59,742</b>	<b>188,087</b>	<b>28,857</b>	<b>604,452</b>	<b>836,139</b>	<b>1,782,186</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**: Upper level low pressure over the northern tier of the U.S. will continue today with two separate troughs. One will dig into the Pacific Northwest while another will move east through the Upper Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes. Below normal temperatures will result along with wetting rain and mountain snowfall. As the Pacific trough moves east, a ridge will build in its wake over the southwest U.S. and California with drier and breezy conditions developing. Showers and thunderstorms will result in heavy rainfall over Florida today from the remnants of Tropical Storm Grace.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## The 10 Standard Fire Orders

*Operational Engagement Category*

The orders are arranged according to their importance and grouped in logical sequence. Review and consider Standard Fire Orders as a part of every shift.

- Did you receive or request adequate weather briefing, current and predicted fire behavior, wind direction, predicted humidity, fuel moisture, local factors?
- Do you have map of the fire? Is topography, type of fuels, direction of the spread defined?
- Fire behavior group deals with what the firefighter will encounter - weather, fire status, fire behavior.
  1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
  2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
  3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
- Are you familiar with direction, distance, location, size of escape routes and safety zones?
- Discuss the need for lookout, such as extreme fire behavior, fire located out of line-of-sight.
- Discuss importance of the situational awareness.
- Fireline safety group emphasizes personal safety.
  4. Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.
  5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
  6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
- Review importance and means of passing tactical decisions and resource movement.
- Review other factors influencing potential changes in tactics, which could affect control of your forces.
- Organizational Control group is centered around tactical decisions.
  7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
  8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
  9. Maintain control of your forces at all time.
- After you have considered, discussed and acted on the previous nine orders:
  10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

References:

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