

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, September 21, 2015 - 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (50 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	23
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

\*\* 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:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Valley**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael). One mile south of Glenbrook, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. 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 backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Gasquet Complex (2 fires)**, Six Rivers NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Young) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**River Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. NIMO (Hahnenberg). Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with 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			
Valley	CA-LNU	75,711	1,211	69	Ctn	9/23	4,289	14	87	442	22	1,783	29.1M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	70,760	0	72	Ctn	10/01	3,494	-367	81	274	7	901	55.2M	ST
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,361	0	48	Ctn	10/15	241	-31	3	5	1	0	1K	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
River Complex	CA-SHF	77,077	0	62	Ctn	10/15	239	-5	6	6	3	0	31.7M	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 15  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Rough**, Sierra NF. IMT 1 (Opliger) and IMT 2 (Cooper). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tassajarra**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson). Ten miles southeast of Carmel Valley, CA. Chaparral and brush. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs. Evacuations, 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			
Rough	CA-SNF	141,599	0	68	Ctn	NR	1,495	114	26	78	12	4	110.5M	FS
Tassajarra	CA-BEU	1,086	-114	30	Ctn	NR	590	0	30	32	3	10	500K	ST

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 7  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 13  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**North Star**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowan). IMT is also managing the Tunk Block, Okanogan and Chelan incidents. 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. No new information.

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

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

**Meeks Table**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Gales). Fourteen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with torching, creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Kettle Complex (3 fires)**, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Sheldon). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**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. 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.

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

**Dry Gulch**, Baker Unit, ODF. Seven miles northwest of Richland, OR. Timber and brush. 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	217,982	363	91	Ctn	10/15	975	-372	24	31	4	1	38.1M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	165,918	0	97	Ctn	9/30	375	3	9	32	0	145	9.2M	ST
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	133,450	0	95	Ctn	9/30	351	-65	6	19	1	152	45.6M	ST
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,985	0	98	Ctn	10/01	99	-84	1	5	0	47	19M	BLM
Meeks Table	WA-OWF	1,183	-6	60	Comp	9/30	192	-49	5	9	4	0	2.6M	FS
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,261	-32	82	Ctn	10/15	623	-92	18	19	1	1	33.3M	FS
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	0	80	Comp	10/15	377	-17	1	13	1	4	31.3M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	97	Ctn	9/21	38	1	1	1	0	19	5.1M	FS
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	95	Ctn	9/30	150	-6	4	5	0	53	31.1M	FS
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	20,945	0	90	Ctn	10/01	127	-34	1	3	3	0	20.8M	FS
Dry Gulch	OR-972S	17,823	0	85	Ctn	9/24	110	34	3	9	0	0	2.4M	ST

**Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 5  
 New large incidents: 1  
 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 with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Cowboy 2**, Battle Mountain District Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles north of Austin, NV. Brush. Active fire behavior with running. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

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	86	Comp	10/15	391	-8	7	7	5	5	29.5M	FS
* Cowboy 2	NV-BMD	400	---	25	Ctn	9/22	70	---	1	5	3	0	200K	BLM

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 2  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Arrowhead**, Stillwater County. Eight miles west of Columbus, MT. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Arrowhead	MT-LG32	663	263	81	Ctn	9/21	27	-14	0	9	2	4	50K	CNTY

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 4  
 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			
Guttersen Ranch	CO-WEX	11,699	0	100	Ctn	---	48	0	0	17	0	0	1K	CNTY

WEX – Weld County

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Crater Creek**, Wichita Mountains, NWR. Three miles northeast of Cache, OK. Timber and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Crater Creek	OK-WMR	10,471	0	20	Ctn	9/30	20	0	0	6	0	0	15K	FWS
* Attala Hwy 43	MS-MSS	229	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	PRI

MSS – Mississippi Forest Commission

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	30	1,264,981	88	210	19	4,295
ONCC	6	262,460	194	766	36	8,929
OSCC	6	143,443	61	127	16	2,263
NRCC	22	267,809	8	22	6	445
GBCC	7	114,687	10	16	10	540
SWCC	2	3,610	1	4	0	47
RMCC	4	14,097	0	25	0	71
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	10	16,361	0	12	0	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2,087,448</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>16,680</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	1	0	4	2	<b>7</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	2	<b>12</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	601	0	<b>601</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	14	1	<b>15</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	1	<b>11</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	2	1	<b>5</b>
	ACRES	0	400	0	0	0	0	<b>400</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</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	4	0	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,017</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	297	42	74	1,729	1,325	<b>3,731</b>
	ACRES	234,893	242,604	15,056	11,514	63,674	507,112	<b>1,074,853</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	134	30	5	29	2,815	947	<b>3,960</b>
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	280,519	240,595	<b>532,499</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	59	12	90	2,805	516	<b>3,505</b>
	ACRES	107	2,024	12	8,903	24,458	205,816	<b>241,320</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	928	91	5	28	1,264	1,118	<b>3,434</b>
	ACRES	26,280	13,803	685	26,114	187,346	429,631	<b>683,859</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	728	5	37	601	487	<b>1,896</b>
	ACRES	695	344,413	3	82	13,314	132,999	<b>491,506</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	429	193	6	32	506	833	<b>1,999</b>
	ACRES	56,961	5,357	62	3,799	17,465	118,341	<b>201,985</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	486	301	16	24	952	237	<b>2,016</b>
	ACRES	16,344	5,973	189	7,409	97,054	1,451	<b>128,420</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	31	16	5,836	367	<b>6,790</b>
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,475	5,536	<b>55,847</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,907	303	<b>18,576</b>
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	270,043	15,406	<b>326,092</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,157</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>34,889</b>	<b>6,156</b>	<b>46,667</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>375,029</b>	<b>4,659,037</b>	<b>21,537</b>	<b>58,620</b>	<b>2,075,417</b>	<b>1,657,683</b>	<b>8,847,323</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>57,766</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>5,994,808</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	1	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	10	<b>10</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	1	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	45	0	0	0	0	300	<b>345</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	5	0	<b>5</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>363</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	51	<b>114</b>
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	86	1,713	17,371	<b>21,701</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	135	<b>211</b>
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,663	<b>100,199</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	25	37	60	11	62	82	<b>277</b>
	ACRES	2,300	6,863	16,147	1,153	3,287	23,131	<b>52,881</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	264	24	1,401	158	<b>1,877</b>
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,249	6,654	66,378	49,780	<b>195,459</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	155	11	8,863	710	<b>9,827</b>
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,758	14,261	531,837	621,953	<b>1,301,392</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>193</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>10,366</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>12,966</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>65,019</b>	<b>59,742</b>	<b>188,204</b>	<b>28,857</b>	<b>604,898</b>	<b>836,768</b>	<b>1,783,488</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**: Abundant moisture associated with a tropical disturbance will bring precipitation to the southwest U.S. today. Over an inch of rainfall is expected with this system, with locally higher amounts in elevated terrain. Meanwhile, a strong upper level trough of low pressure over the eastern U.S. will focus showers and thunderstorms along a cold front from the Ohio Valley to the Gulf Coast. In between these systems, a ridge of high pressure will strengthen over the central U.S. with above normal temperatures, while the remainder of the Nation remains mild.

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



## OPERATIONAL BRIEFINGS

*Fire Communications Category*

Operational briefings are critical to safe fire operations. To ensure a consistent and effective briefing, a standardized briefing checklist should always be used. The following checklist is printed on the cover of the NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide:

● Situation:

- Fire name, location, map orientation, other incidents in the area
- Terrain influences
- Fuel type and conditions
- Fire weather (previous, current, and expected)
- Fire behavior (previous, current, and expected)

● Mission/Execution:

- Command (Incident Commander/immediate supervisor)
- Leader's intent
- Specific tactical assignments
- Contingency plans

● Communications:

- Communication Plan (tactical, command, air/ground frequencies, cell phone numbers, etc.)
- Medevac Plan

● Service/Support:

- Other resources that may be working adjacent to you and those available to order
- Aviation operations
- Logistics (e.g., transportation, supplies, equipment)

● Risk Management:

- Identify known hazards and risks
- Identify control measures to eliminate hazards and reduce risk
- Identify trigger points for disengagement or reevaluation of operational plan

References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide