

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, August 13, 2016 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (86 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:**	23
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

One MAFFS C-130 air tanker and support personnel each from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, (Wyoming Air National Guard) and the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, (Colorado Springs, Air Force Reserve) have been deployed to Boise, ID in support of wildland fire operations.

One Convair 580 airtanker group from British Columbia has been deployed to Billings, MT in support of wildland fire operations.

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	19
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Soberanes**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) and IMT 1 (Vontillow). Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with short-range spotting, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Pilot**, San Bernardino, NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski). Three miles west of Lake Arrowhead, CA. Timber, chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Mineral**, Fresno-Kings Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Gouvea). Nine miles southwest of Coalinga, CA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

**Horseshoe**, Inyo NF. IMT 2 (Laeng). Twelve miles southwest of Lone Pine, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	70,615	778	60	Ctn	8/31	4,479	-29	91	201	19	68	118M	ST
Pilot	CA-BDF	8,115	216	80	Ctn	8/14	1,177	-147	37	49	13	0	11.9M	FS
Mineral	CA-FKU	7,050	0	50	Ctn	8/15	1,773	207	51	129	9	2	7.2M	ST
Horseshoe	CA-INF	368	6	73	Ctn	8/14	417	68	8	24	5	0	534K	FS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Clark	CA-INF	2,819	0	100	Ctn	---	148	-46	2	7	0	0	3.9M	FS

**Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 13  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Wilkins) and IMT 2 (Chadwick). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, spotting and uphill runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Strawberry**, Great Basin NP. IMT 2 (DeMasters). Started on BLM land five miles west of Baker, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and group torching. Structures threatened. Sage grouse habitat threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Overland**, Ely District Office, BLM. Forty miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and smoldering. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

**Dry Creek**, Sawtooth NF. Six miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated single-tree torching. Trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	66,884	1,599	40	Ctn	9/30	1,792	333	46	55	11	5	37M	FS
Strawberry	NV-GBP	4594	-106	52	Ctn	8/19	434	69	13	5	4	0	1.3M	BLM
Overland	NV-ELD	7,695	0	80	Ctn	8/14	312	0	9	8	2	0	450K	BLM
Dry Creek	ID-STF	788	0	99	Ctn	UNK	80	-60	3	4	2	0	1.4M	FS
Broad Mouth	UT-BRS	20,619	3	100	Ctn	---	64	-7	2	5	0	3	1.9M	ST
Power Line	ID-FHA	3,106	0	100	Ctn	---	106	-7	1	14	0	0	375K	BIA

UT-BRS – Bear River Area, Utah DOF ID-FHA – Fort Hall Agency, BIA

**Rocky Mountain (PL 3)**

New fires: 6  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 1 IMTs Committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs Committed: 1  
 NIMOs Committed: 1

**Hunter Peak**, Shoshone NF. IMT 1 (Pechota). Fifteen miles southeast of Cooke City, MT. Closed timber litter, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with torching and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and trail closures in effect.

**Twin Lakes**, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. IMT 2 (Esperance). Forty-five miles south of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with torching, creeping and flanking. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Beaver Creek**, Routt NF. NIMO (Quesinberry). Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching, crowing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Sage grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Whit**, Park County. Started on BLM land twelve miles west of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching. Trail and area closures in effect.

\* **Washakie Park**, Wind River Agency, BIA. Three miles west of Fort Washakie, WY. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering and isolated torching. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

**Lava Mountain**, Shoshone NF. Twenty miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber, heavy logging slash and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Hunter Peak	WY-SHF	1,428	81	0	Ctn	10/1	337	124	9	20	6	0	1.3M	FS
Twin Lakes	WY-WBD	1,500	0	0	Ctn	8/20	188	112	6	7	5	0	500K	BLM
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	35,666	21	41	Ctn	10/21	220	-7	1	23	4	17	19.5M	FS
Whit	WY-PAX	12,387	0	85	Ctn	8/24	201	-20	1	12	2	8	6M	BLM
* Washakie Park	WY-WRA	550	---	40	Ctn	8/14	30	---	0	4	1	0	40K	BIA
Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	14,644	0	95	Ctn	9/1	126	-18	1	11	2	0	18.5M	FS

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 14  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Rail**, Wallowa-Whitman, NF. IMT 2 (Harrod). Five miles west of Unity, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, torching and short-range spotting. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Juntura Complex** (2 fires), Vale District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Gales) back to the local unit will occur today. Thirty miles southwest of Vale, OR. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

**Kewa**, Colville Agency, BIA. Thirty-one miles southwest of Colville, WA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Orejana Flat**, Burns District, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Frenchglen, OR. Timber, brush and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Gibbon**, Pendleton Unit, ODF. Twenty miles east of Pendleton, OR. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Rail	OR-WWF	12,199	399	10	Ctn	8/31	710	43	19	21	8	0	8.8M	FS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Juntura Complex	OR-VAD	24,301	0	85	Ctn	8/15	253	-192	4	8	2	0	2.9M	BLM
Kewa	WA-COA	1,889	0	90	Ctn	8/14	154	-137	2	5	2	0	4.4M	BIA
Orejana Flat	OR-BUD	897	---	80	Ctn	8/15	78	---	2	6	0	0	350K	BLM
Gibbon	OR-973S	316	0	60	Ctn	8/14	57	0	3	4	1	0	563K	ST

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Copper King**, Lolo NF. Seven miles east of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Race Horse Gulch**, Flathead Agency, BIA. Twenty-two miles east of Plains, MT. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Copper King	MT-LNF	1,465	0	20	Ctn	10/31	238	-67	5	7	3	0	5.8M	FS
Race Horse Gulch	MT-FHA	4,580	0	47	Ctn	8/17	62	-20	2	4	0	0	725K	BIA

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 11  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Wolf Ranch 2**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land eleven miles northeast of Brady, TX. Tall grass. Active fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Wolf Ranch 2	TX-TXS	300	---	35	Ctn	8/13	18	---	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
Hognose	LA-SBR	502	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-4	0	0	0	0	71K	FWS

LA-SBR – Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

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

**Poverty Island**, Michigan Agency, BIA. Started on BLM land 17 miles south of Garden, MI. Heavy logging slash. Active fire behavior with smoldering and isolated torching. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Poverty Island	MI-MIA	127	0	75	Ctn	UNK	11	11	0	0	0	0	250K	BLM

**Northern California (PL 3)**

New fires: 14  
 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cold	CA-LNU	5,731	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-110	0	0	0	2	10.5M	ST

CA-LNU – Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

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

**Coco**, Kaibab NF. Previously reported incident. Six miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. Timber and 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Coco	AZ-KNF	2,400	1,300	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	200K	FS

**Alaska Area (PL 1)**

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

**Hook Creek**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Previously reported incident. Forty miles southwest of Lime Village, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Hook Creek	AK-SWS	8,606	3,447	0	Comp	8/14	0	0	0	0	0	0	148K	ST

**Active Incident Resource Summary**

<b>GACC</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AICC	2	72,818.7	0	0	0	0
NWCC	17	238,535	39	111	14	1,622
ONCC	0	5,731	0	0	0	0
OSCC	8	132,762	192	457	47	8,120
NRCC	15	15,800.5	12	22	9	534
GBCC	18	167,948.65	91	113	25	3,404
SWCC	7	5,428	1	15	0	82
RMCC	9	68,393	21	81	21	1,186
EACC	1	127	0	0	0	11
SACC	6	11,813	0	4	1	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>719,356.85</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>15,010</b>

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES		0			0	0	0
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	4	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	13	0	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	58	0	58
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	2	16	0	19
	ACRES	0	3,000	0	0	1,171	405	4,576
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	3	4	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Great Basin Area	FIRES	2	2	0	1	1	7	13
	ACRES	1	1	0	7	0	565	574
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4,471	4,471
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	0	0	1	3	1	6
	ACRES	300	0	0	0	179	81	560
Eastern Area	FIRES	0		0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0		0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		0	0	10	0	11
	ACRES	1		0	0	180	0	181
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>302</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>5,524</b>	<b>10,423</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	178	0	0	326	14	<b>518</b>
	ACRES	0	392,706	0	0	104,811	3	<b>497,520</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	244	147	24	22	926	439	<b>1,802</b>
	ACRES	10,907	271,619	1,860	1,331	6,072	13,347	<b>305,136</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	85	5	1	24	1,799	271	<b>2,185</b>
	ACRES	134	11	1	3	28,638	8,736	<b>37,523</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	11	69	6	34	2,212	252	<b>2,584</b>
	ACRES	5,971	29,855	269	1,067	97,346	93,968	<b>228,476</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	553	80	10	22	878	286	<b>1,829</b>
	ACRES	3,470	3,591	1,772	1,852	31,996	15,011	<b>57,692</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	25	527	6	31	459	334	<b>1,382</b>
	ACRES	12,427	230,850	3	3,294	78,027	119,065	<b>443,666</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	602	213	10	59	927	961	<b>2,772</b>
	ACRES	31,337	66,462	6,975	32,191	129,952	241,083	<b>508,000</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	602	339	11	18	889	362	<b>2,221</b>
	ACRES	21,993	23,950	614	2,017	475,185	68,060	<b>591,819</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	19	5,223	360	<b>6,117</b>
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	30,680	7,155	<b>41,839</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	343	0	25	54	14,680	436	<b>15,538</b>
	ACRES	132,784	0	245	27,567	909,594	43,343	<b>1,113,533</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,955</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>28,319</b>	<b>3,715</b>	<b>36,948</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>221,030</b>	<b>1,019,044</b>	<b>12,826</b>	<b>70,232</b>	<b>1,892,301</b>	<b>609,771</b>	<b>3,825,204</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>48,870</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>4,671,143</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES		0			0	0	0
	ACRES		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
	ACRES	0		0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0		0	0	19	1	20
	ACRES	0		0	0	236	179	415
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>415</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	7	0	0	2	1	10
	ACRES	0	31,664	0	0	1,566	38	33,268
Northwest Area	FIRES	9	22	6	0	0	152	189
	ACRES	8,752	1,991	356	0	0	24,097	35,196
Northern California Area	FIRES	4	1	9	8	0	126	148
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	12,059
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	4	1	0	136	146
	ACRES	0	71	422	760	0	3,587	4,840
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	12	12	53	11	14	149	251
	ACRES	5,316	4,358	12,318	651	698	14,894	38,235
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	22	6	5	36	74	147
	ACRES	110	2,296	3,584	128	915	26,112	33,145
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	30	3	8	1	115	165
	ACRES	894	26,591	92	2,331	2	62,899	92,809
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	16	33	58	24	76	69	276
	ACRES	1,286	2,908	26,221	10,952	4,482	27,771	73,620
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	347	23	900	182	1,539
	ACRES	45,614	0	50,949	5,774	61,444	56,182	219,963
Southern Area	FIRES	19	0	182	65	10,201	915	11,382
	ACRES	2,181	0	160,866	51,546	668,726	831,836	1,715,155
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>159</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>11,230</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>14,253</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,194</b>	<b>69,969</b>	<b>258,164</b>	<b>72,470</b>	<b>737,833</b>	<b>1,055,660</b>	<b>2,258,290</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/>

### Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	12	801	787	94,775
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	49	16,375
ALBERTA	1	0	1,187	611,710
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	2	180	196,685
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	348	230,971
MANITOBA	1	1	185	35,572
ONTARIO	19	84	597	86,941
QUEBEC	6	0	526	32,615
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	80	10,959
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	1	261	261
NOVA SCOTIA	5	1	238	753
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	52	6,434
TOTALS	47	890	4,496	1,324,070

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Rain and thunderstorms will continue across much of the eastern U.S. with heavy rain possible along the western Gulf and over parts of Texas, the Mid-Mississippi Valley and New England. Scattered thunderstorms will also spread along the Rockies Front Range from New Mexico to Colorado. Isolated thunderstorms will develop over the northern Rockies. The western U.S. will remain hot and dry. Mild weather will continue in the Great Lakes region.

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



## REFUSING RISK

*Operational Engagement Category*

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A turn down is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A turn down must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a turndown if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide

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