

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, September 15, 2016 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (87 new fires)
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	12
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

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

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

**Soberanes**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Opliger). Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	107,375	278	55	Ctn	9/30	1,392	37	20	80	16	68	197.8M	ST

**Northern California (PL 3)**

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

**Willard**, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Bravo). Five miles west of Susanville, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Evacuations and road closures have been lifted.

**Gap**, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Kurth). Four miles east of Seiad Valley, CA. Timber, brush and hardwood slash. Minimal fire behavior. 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Willard	CA-LMU	2,575	48	65	Ctn	9/20	1,786	24	56	125	8	7	5.8M	ST
Gap	CA-KNF	33,867	0	95	Ctn	9/30	832	-113	16	23	3	14	28.2M	FS
Howard	CA-LMU	380	0	100	Ctn	---	42	0	2	3	0	0	439K	ST

**Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

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

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Martin) to IMT 2 (Bird) will occur on 9/17. Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Cinder Cone**, Richfield Field Office, BLM. Two miles southwest of Cove Fort, UT. Timber and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching and smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	186,361	169	56	Ctn	10/15	754	-54	16	20	6	6	89.6M	FS
* Cinder Cone	UT-RID	610	---	50	Ctn	9/16	21	---	0	6	0	0	20K	BLM

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

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

**Rock Creek**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Knerr). Twelve miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and trail closures in effect.

**Elmer City**, Colville Agency, BIA. One mile north of Elmer City, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Old Lady Creek**, Spokane District, BLM. Eight miles west of Roosevelt, WA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations and 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Rock Creek	WA-OWF	1,050	110	25	Ctn	9/25	426	-12	7	30	5	0	1.9M	FS
Elmer City	WA-COA	5,400	-200	88	Ctn	9/16	192	0	5	16	1	1	415K	BIA
Old Lady Creek	WA-SPD	2,771	0	95	Ctn	9/15	131	8	2	24	1	1	281K	BLM

**Rocky Mountain (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 NIMOs Committed: 1

**Snake**, Medicine Bow NF. Eighteen miles southwest of Encampment, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Beaver Creek**, Routt NF. NIMO (Houseman). NIMO is also managing the Broadway fire. Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and creeping. Residences and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Broadway**, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and creeping. 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Snake	WY-MBF	2,452	-148	10	Ctn	10/1	164	39	6	3	2	0	NR	FS
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	38,350	83	72	Ctn	10/21	154	4	1	8	3	17	28.5M	FS
Broadway	WY-MBF	2,115	8	7	Ctn	10/21	33	-1	1	1	0	0	2.7M	FS

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 3  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Copper King**, Lolo NF. Seven miles east of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Copper King	MT-LNF	28,553	0	80	Ctn	10/31	107	-22	0	7	2	0	26.9M	FS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	6	10,632	18	95	7	945
ONCC	4	37,710	76	154	11	2,793
OSCC	4	169,453	36	101	23	1,855
NRCC	9	83,599	7	16	7	403
GBCC	17	256,242	32	70	19	1,490
SWCC	1	150	0	2	0	6
RMCC	6	63,283	10	15	6	428
EACC	1	127	0	0	0	0
SACC	1	1,044	0	4	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>622,240</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>7,930</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	2	0	1	0	9	5	<b>17</b>
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	1	0	<b>3</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	15	0	<b>15</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	432	148	<b>580</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	1	<b>8</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	47	<b>47</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	<b>3</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	3	0	0	6	8	<b>18</b>
	ACRES	0	590	0	0	5	435	<b>1,030</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	5	<b>6</b>
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	33	<b>34</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	4	0	0	2	3	<b>9</b>
	ACRES	0	13	0	0	0	443	<b>456</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	0	<b>10</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	<b>7</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>2,157</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	IRES	0	183	0	0	341	18	<b>542</b>
	ACRES	0	394,877	0	0	104,822	3	<b>499,702</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	296	227	30	26	1,116	598	<b>2,293</b>
	ACRES	37,896	337,737	2,778	2,480	18,463	46,156	<b>445,510</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	102	8	1	25	2,304	350	<b>2,790</b>
	ACRES	141	12	1	5	40,952	42,921	<b>84,032</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	11	85	9	41	2,665	329	<b>3,140</b>
	ACRES	5,971	30,032	370	1,086	178,537	238,467	<b>454,463</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	770	97	11	27	1,154	437	<b>2,496</b>
	ACRES	14,902	5,791	2,013	61,914	38,167	60,659	<b>183,446</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	31	696	7	53	576	474	<b>1,837</b>
	ACRES	12,445	299,472	3	22,598	150,543	275,837	<b>760,898</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	668	227	10	63	979	1,094	<b>3,041</b>
	ACRES	86,506	66,480	6,976	32,186	131,389	243,730	<b>567,267</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	740	408	14	23	1,117	471	<b>2,773</b>
	ACRES	22,670	34,810	615	2,128	459,416	77,318	<b>596,957</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	20	5,864	366	<b>6,765</b>
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	33,611	7,159	<b>44,774</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	363	1	54	55	16,365	457	<b>17,295</b>
	ACRES	133,237	1	1,327	27,568	931,915	43,585	<b>1,137,633</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,471</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>32,481</b>	<b>4,594</b>	<b>42,972</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>315,775</b>	<b>1,169,212</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>150,875</b>	<b>2,087,815</b>	<b>1,035,835</b>	<b>4,774,682</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>56,049</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>6,091,902</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	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
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	600	0	0	2	602
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	316	0	0	316
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	190	0	0	0	22	212
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	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	4	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	52	193	245
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,380</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	<b>10</b>
	ACRES	0	31,664	0	0	1,566	38	<b>33,268</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	9	22	6	0	0	154	<b>191</b>
	ACRES	8,752	1,991	356	0	0	24,103	<b>35,202</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	4	1	9	8	0	125	<b>147</b>
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	<b>12,059</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	4	1	0	136	<b>146</b>
	ACRES	0	71	422	760	0	3,587	<b>4,840</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	12	12	54	11	14	156	<b>259</b>
	ACRES	5,316	4,358	12,893	651	698	15,620	<b>39,536</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	23	6	7	35	75	<b>150</b>
	ACRES	110	5,582	3,584	656	915	26,136	<b>36,983</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	31	3	9	1	129	<b>181</b>
	ACRES	894	26,931	92	2,333	2	63,082	<b>93,334</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	34	33	58	24	67	69	<b>285</b>
	ACRES	6,392	4,040	26,221	10,953	4,402	29,521	<b>81,529</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	349	24	911	182	<b>1,553</b>
	ACRES	45,614	0	51,090	5,781	61,779	56,098	<b>220,362</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	21	0	199	65	10,835	930	<b>12,050</b>
	ACRES	4,269	0	165,187	51,546	680,569	844,294	<b>1,745,865</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>179</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>11,865</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>14,972</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>71,388</b>	<b>74,727</b>	<b>263,201</b>	<b>73,008</b>	<b>749,931</b>	<b>1,070,723</b>	<b>2,302,978</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:** High pressure will move over the northeastern quarter of the nation as a cold front remains nearly stationary across the central Plains to the mid-Atlantic. Showers and thunderstorms will form across the Southeast through the Plains. Showers with snow at higher elevations will also form over the northern and central Rockies. Temperatures will remain cool over most of the country, with warm weather remaining across the southern States and southwestern deserts and warming in the interior valleys of California.

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



## Proper Use of Trigger Points

*Weather/Fire Behavior Category*

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of tactics. Monitoring for the 18 Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits ("trigger points") ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the current and potential situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
  - RH
  - Winds
  - Fire Behavior
  - Topographical boundaries
  - Time constraints/Time of day
  - Time/distance to safety zones
  - Loss of suppression resources
  - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, weather change)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is required. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
  - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
  - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
  - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
  - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
  - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
  - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
  - Account for all your people
  - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

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

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