# National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Saturday, July 19, 2008 – 0530 MDT National Preparedness Level 5

#### **National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (163 new fires) New large fires: 0 0 Large fires contained: Uncontained large fires: 36 Area Command Teams committed: 2 NIMOs committed: 2 Type 1 IMTs committed: 10 8 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1 Fire Use Teams committed:

A NIMO Team (Cable) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Six MAFFS C-130 air tankers are supporting the State of California. All aircraft are based at McClellan Airport in Sacramento, California. The Mission Commander is LTC Mike Barkdull, 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming. One aircraft is provided by the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina, three from the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, Colorado and two from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Australia, New Zealand and Canada are providing 59 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California. Canada is also providing two crews to California.

#### Northern California Area (PL 5)

New fires:	16
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	26
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Area Command Team (Loach) is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests. NIMO Team (Whitney) is supporting the ONCC Multi-Agency Coordinating Group. Area Command Team (Anderson) is managing fire complexes on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests.

**Lime Complex** (11 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Wilcock). Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Increased fire behavior with creeping, short runs and isolated torching. Residences, ranches and youth camps threatened.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\* Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Iron and Alps Complexes** (7 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Broyles) to IMT 1 (Opliger) has occurred. One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with slope driven runs, isolated torching and short-range spotting. Several communities threatened and evacuations are in effect.

**SHU Lightning Complex** (2 fires), Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kerschen). Shasta and Trinity counties, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened and road closures in effect.

**Canyon Complex** (6 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Backing fire with slope-driven runs, occasional torching and spotting. Communities and archeological sites threatened.

**Soda Complex**, Mendocino NF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Fiorella) and Cal Fire (Bradley). Fifteen miles northwest of Upper Lake, CA. Timber. Active surface and backing fire with single and group tree torching. Residences threatened.

**Hell's Half**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Quesinberry). Eight miles southwest of Burnt Ranch, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with upslope runs and single and group tree torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**American River Complex**, Tahoe NF. IMT 1 (Muir). Eleven miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with isolated short upslope runs and single and group tree torching. Residences threatened. Area, trail and road closures in effect.

**Cub Complex**, Lassen NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Sixteen miles southwest of Chester, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with isolated single and group tree torching. Restricted traffic flow on state highway 32.

**Siskiyou Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Swartzlander). Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Moderate fire behavior. Residences and cultural sites threatened. Forest road, campground and trail closures in effect.

**Ukonom Complex,** Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, short upslope runs and torching. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

**BTU Lightning Complex**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Morris). Twenty-seven miles north of Yuba City, CA. Timber, brush and logging slash. Increased fire activity.

**Blue 2,** Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Svalberg). Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Cultural sites threatened.

**Bear Wallow Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Backing fire with single and group tree torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	86,964	2,471	65	8/15	1,294	-18	25	67	8	2	29.1M	FS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	52,161	2,750	45	8/15	1,295	-22	33	93	5	1	22.4M	FS
SHU Lightning Complex	СА	SHU	84,988	1,740	65	7/25	2,618	10	53	269	0	22	45.7M	ST
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	34,139	724	64	7/31	1,361	-14	32	87	7	3	27.7M	FS
Soda Complex	CA	MNF	8,360	23	79	7/23	744	22	19	18	10	4	11.0M	FS
Hell's Half	CA	SRF	10,917	493	50	7/30	565	-35	9	41	3	1	9.6M	FS

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American River Complex	CA	TNF	19,992	482	65	8/1	762	-11	14	34	8	2	18.8M	FS
Cub Complex	CA	LNF	19,718	353	90	7/20	709	-165	20	29	3	0	19.4M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	45,100	2,200	20	8/8	896	3	26	48	4	0	14.1M	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	24,593	601	22	9/15	708	13	17	28	3	0	10.2M	FS
BTU Lightning Complex	СА	BTU	55,240	816	85	7/24	1,796	-215	42	116	15	60	66.3M	ST
Blue 2	CA	SRF	4,465	39	22	8/12	350	24	8	13	3	0	2.4M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	СА	KNF	2,320	131	0	N/A	104	5	3	2	3	0	470K	FS

### Northwest Area (PL 4)

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

**Cold Springs**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Forty miles northwest of Goldendale, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Cultural sites threatened.

**Badger Mountain Complex**, Washington DNR. Eight miles north of East Wenatchee, WA. Timber, sage and grass. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Spokane Valley**, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Transfer of command from Washington IMT 2 (LaFave) back to local unit occurred 7/17. Four miles west of Spokane Valley, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cold Springs	WA	GPF	7,956	23	50	UNK	1,086	49	33	41	7	0	4.1M	FS
Badger Mountain Complex	WA	WFS	15,023	0	98	UNK	105	0	0	11	0	0	3.4M	ST
Spokane Valley	WA	NES	1,006	0	90	7/20	170	-288	8	11	0	21	2.9M	ST

#### Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	31
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3

**Basin Complex**, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (McGowan and Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hutchinson). Transfer of command from IMT1 (McGowan) to IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) today. Five miles southeast of Big Sur, CA. Timber, brush and slash. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Piute**, Sequoia NF. Seventeen miles northeast of Caliente, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Gap**, Los Padres NF. Six miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Basin Complex	CA	LPF	129,840	1,490	70	7/30	2,109	186	58	72	20	61	55.7M	FS
Piute	CA	SQF	37,026	0	97	7/20	98	-194	2	0	2	51	NR	FS
Gap	CA	LPF	9,443	0	97	7/22	108	0	3	1	1	4	20.8M	FS

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:41New large fires:0Uncontained large fires:3Type 2 IMTs committed:1

**Evans Road,** North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Florida IMT 2 (Utley). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Surface fire with ground fire in deep organic soils. Residences threatened.

**South 1**, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering in deep organic soils.

**Range**, Kisatchie NF. Eleven miles southwest of Alexandria, LA. Brush and grass. Smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Evans Road	NC	NCS	41,553	10	75	UNK	297	-10	0	46	1	4	14.5M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	0	95	7/31	105	-3	2	7	1	0	8.4M	FWS
Range	LA	KIF	482	0	90	7/19	6	-7	0	1	0	0	5.6K	FS

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0
Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**Mill Hollow - WFU,** Ashley NF. FUMT (Ourada/Soper). Eighteen miles north of Helper, UT. Timber. Smoldering with isolated torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mill Hollow – WFU	UT	ASF	668	135	N/A	N/A	112	44	4	3	2	0	205K	FS

#### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Grand Complex** (2 fires), Grand Mesa NF. Twenty miles southeast of Grand Junction, CO. Brush and grass. Backing fire and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Grand Complex	со	GMF	1,632	0	NR	UNK	49	-13	0	0	1	0	766K	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Chance of a few thunderstorms over northern California, southern Oregon and the Great Basin today. Otherwise, hot and dry over much of the West. Gusty winds are expected in Montana, Wyoming and portions of the Great Basin.

Link to Predictive Services Outlook products.



# http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\_sixminutes.php

#### **Hazard Trees**

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- ◆ Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

# **Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES						Ì	0
Alaska	ACRES	-						0
	FIRES					9	4	13
Northwest	ACRES	-				5	1	6
North and California	FIRES					16	0	16
Northern California	ACRES					751	1,555	2,306
Southern California	FIRES					27	4	31
Southern California	ACRES					29	1,027	1,056
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			7	5	14
Notthern Nockies	ACRES	0	2			19	3	24
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7		1	2	4	14
Lasterii Great Dasiii	ACRES		11		0	20	1	32
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2				1	3
Western Great Basin	ACRES		0				0	0
Southwest	FIRES	1	2			3	1	7
Sodinwest	ACRES	0	1			0	5	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1			4		7
Nocky Wouldan	ACRES	1	0			0		1
Footore Area	FIRES					17	Ì	17
Eastern Area	ACRES					10		10
O. H A	FIRES					40	1	41
Southern Area	ACRES					372	1	373
TOTAL	FIRES	4	13	0	1	125	20	163
TOTAL	ACRES	1	14	0	0	1,196	2,593	3,804

## Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		12	16	1	265	2	296
Alaska	ACRES		720	1,272	0	55,114	0	57,106
Nanthurat	FIRES	186	75	4	11	359	338	973
Northwest	ACRES	10,421	52,638	1,397	2	6,705	3,961	75,124
Nauthaus California	FIRES	94	14	5	21	1,929	645	2,708
Northern California	ACRES	82	17	161	5,507	270,056	308,017	583,840
Southern California	FIRES	38	76	11	15	2,376	278	2,794
Southern Camornia	ACRES	302	2,598	863	11	13,839	261,695	279,308
Northern Rockies	FIRES	807	27	10	2	472	206	1,524
Notthern Nockies	ACRES	9,588	910	4,519	5	41,771	526	57,319
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	208	2	9	201	143	588
Eastern Great Dasin	ACRES	304	3,166	493	133	6,809	3,893	14,798
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	134	2	9	45	30	228
Western Great Basin	ACRES	10	10,055	1	4	3,160	50	13,280
Southwest	FIRES	566	198	6	44	658	673	2,145
Southwest	ACRES	20,609	80,932	347	926	263,250	91,389	457,453
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	304	146	23	16	350	165	1,004
Nocky Wountain	ACRES	890	1,509	2,003	289	109,702	1,682	116,075
Eastern Area	FIRES	315		12	18	7,172	274	7,791
Lasterii Alea	ACRES	1,899		251	264	45,871	1,695	49,980
Southern Area	FIRES	750		175	50	30,535	479	31,989
Southern Area	ACRES	52,576		18,716	53,707	1,460,103	36,123	1,621,225
TOTAL	FIRES	3,093	890	266	196	44,362	3,233	
IOIAL	ACRES	96,681	152,545	30,023	60,848	2,276,380	709,031	3,325,508

Ten Year Average Fires	48,593
Ten Year Average Acres	3,044,257

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

# Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
Northern Camornia	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
Courier Camerna	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
THO THE THOUSE	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
Lactorn Groat Baom	ACRES					1		1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
Troctom Groat Bacin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						300	300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
record wouldn't	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		1	3	5
	ACRES			26		1,390	1,522	2,938
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	2	4	7
	ACRES	0	0	26	0	1,391	1,822	3,239

# **Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	8	35	13	3		98	157
Northwest	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,376	27,531
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	11	12	6	122	190
	ACRES	415	113	22,765	78	1,159	5,706	30,236
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	16	52	5	24	147	252
	ACRES	521	2,161	14,534	309	1,109	17,311	35,945
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	21	5	7	14	49	99
	ACRES	200	2,925	346	700	2,290	11,656	18,117
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	19	60	9	12		126	226
	ACRES	2,838	39,090	12,031	1,462		50,809	106,230
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	25	29	105	17	39	111	326
	ACRES	2,679	2,627	18,415	4,438	5,318	33,263	66,740
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		413	21	1,258	117	1,854
	ACRES	30,265		56,407	1,096	74,140	33,843	195,751
Southern Area	FIRES	25		63	82	371	824	1,365
	ACRES	14,613		42,913	60,846	231,477	859,382	1,209,231
TOTAL	FIRES	158	180	677	169	1,727	1,727	4,638
	ACRES	53,966	52,419	170,604	70,297	319,534	1,046,218	1,713,038

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

# **WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	14	5	1		26
	ACRES		2,535	16,257	1,034	3		19,829
Ni ada a ad	FIRES				1		1	2
Northwest	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
Northern Camornia	ACRES						3,297	3,297
Southern California	FIRES				7		6	13
Southern Sumonna	ACRES				3		9,674	9,677
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		3	4
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Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
Ladioiii Groat Baoiii	ACRES						362	362
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
Western Great Basin	ACRES		201		0		21	222
Southwest	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				112		10,615	10,727
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		1		1	7
. Toonlyounia	ACRES		201		0		1	202
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,544	1,544
TOTAL	FIRES	0	13	16	18	1	41	89
	ACRES	0	2,937	16,258	1,150	3	25,585	45,933

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## **Canada Fires and Hectares**

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	43	0	858	9,373
Yukon Territory	2	299	55	15,027
Alberta	10	2	1,053	6,892
Northwest Territory	3	3,765	111	30,033
Saskatchewan	1	5,658	525	652,487
Manitoba	0	0	324	104,901
Ontario	1	0	154	382
Quebec	0	0	149	1,233
Newfoundland	0	0	86	2,236
New Brunswick	6	1	136	126
Nova Scotia	0	0	223	2,573
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	5	126	52	494
Total	71	9,850	3,726	825,757

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> National Interagency Coordination Center \*\*\*