

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, July 12, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (135 new fires)  
 New large fires: 9 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires\*\*: 19  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents. \*\*

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Alaska Area (PL 3)**

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

**Minto Flat South**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (Allen). Twelve miles northwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Shanta Creek**, Kenai – Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. NIMO (Gage). Started on FWS land twelve miles southeast of Soldotna, AK. Spruce. Active fire behavior.

**Rock Slough**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, 47 miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Logging Slash**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-three miles northeast of Nenana, AK. Mixed spruce and hardwood slash. Creeping 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
Minto Flat South	AK	FAS	148,483	1,101	1	UNK	245	21	7	1	5	0	1M	ST
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	12,111	616	0	10/10	441	-104	15	3	7	0	2.2M	FWS
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	14,581	81	NR	UNK	132	-4	5	0	2	0	NR	FWS
Logging Slash	AK	FAS	118	0	30	7/18	119	7	6	2	0	0	419K	ST

**Northern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 22  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Backbone**, Six Rivers NF. NIMO (Custer) and IMT2 (Swartzlander). Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Moderate fire behavior.

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
Backbone	CA	SRF	5,890	341	25	8/30	1,064	251	32	2	14	0	5.1M	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 28  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**Grouse**, Yosemite National Park. Five miles east of El Portal, CA. Timber. Smoldering.

\* **Yankee**, Camp Pendleton, DOD. Five miles east of San Clemente, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Sulphur**, Los Padres NF. Twenty miles southwest of Frazier Park, CA. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Moderate fire activity with short-range spotting.

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
Grouse	CA	YNP	3,047	3	98	UNK	149	-10	3	2	1	0	2.9M	NPS
* Yankee	CA	MCP	300	---	10	7/12	90	---	1	10	1	0	NR	DOD
* Sulphur	CA	LPF	200	---	15	UNK	200	---	8	11	4	0	NR	FS

**Northwest Area (PL 1)**

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

**Black Butte II**, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rapp) back to local unit will occur today. Nine miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **Forest**, Southeast Area, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (Johnson). Thirty miles west of Yakima, WA. No further information received.

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
Black Butte II	OR	DEF	578	0	80	7/12	382	-64	13	8	3	0	2.7	FS

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
* Forest	WA	SES	300	---	0	UNK	98	---	4	0	5	0	NR	ST

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Cross**, Kaibab NF. Eighteen miles southeast of Williams, AZ. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity.

**Deer**, Colorado River Agency, BIA. Ten miles west of Parker, AZ. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

\* **Jacquez**, Santa Fe NF. Confine / contain management strategy. Five miles east of Lindrith, NM. Timber, hardwood litter, and brush. Backing and creeping fire with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
Cross	AZ	KNF	1,900	338	0	UNK	112	40	2	9	0	0	257K	FS
Deer	AZ	CRA	402	0	95	7/12	75	0	2	5	1	0	110K	BIA
* Jacquez	NM	SNF	120	---	0	UNK	20	---	1	3	0	0	NR	FS

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

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

**Horse Valley**, Dixie NF. Ten miles southwest of Panguitch, UT. Timber. No further information received.

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
Horse Valley	UT	DIF	1,800	600	10	UNK	198	28	6	4	4	1	NR	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 27  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Newlin Creek**, Fremont County. Five miles south of Florence, CO. Timber, brush and hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Numerous 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
* Newlin Creek	CO	PBX	142	---	80	UNK	122	---	4	7	1	0	NR	CNTY

### **Western Great Basin (PL 1)**

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

**Toquop**, Southern Nevada District, BLM. Three miles west of Mesquite, NV. Cottonwood and brush. 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
Toquop	NV	SND	137	0	90	UNK	88	-5	3	4	0	0	NR	BLM

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 12  
New large fires: 4  
Uncontained large fires: 4

\* **Martin**, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles northwest of Jacksboro, TX. Juniper and cedar brush. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting.

\* **Bishop**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land eleven miles northeast of Stephenville, TX. Juniper and cedar brush. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Airstrip**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twelve miles north of Bastrop, TX. Timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Alamo**, Texas Forest Service. Twelve miles northwest of Huntsville, TX. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. 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
* Martin	TX	TXS	1,078	---	50	7/13	44	---	0	13	0	0	NR	ST
* Bishop	TX	TXS	350	---	50	7/13	17	---	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
* Airstrip	TX	TXS	150	---	20	7/13	54	---	0	7	2	0	NR	PRI
* Alamo	TX	TXS	102	---	75	7/13	62	---	0	14	0	0	NR	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Hot and dry weather continues over Alaska today. An upper low off the Pacific Northwest coast will move inland and bring scattered wet thunderstorms to the Northwest, Idaho and Montana today. Some of the thunderstorms over northern California and western Nevada will be dry. In addition, gusty winds are expected over the Sierras and Great Basin. Widely scattered thunderstorms are also expected over Utah, Arizona and western Colorado. Hot, dry and windy weather is on tap for Texas and Oklahoma.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **Backfiring or Burnout Operations**

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
  - Lookouts are posted.
  - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
  - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			5		0		5
Northwest	FIRES	1				3	11	15
	ACRES	1				103	2	106
Northern California	FIRES	1				20	1	22
	ACRES	0				20	0	20
Southern California	FIRES		1			21	6	28
	ACRES		60			74	29	163
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6				1	7
	ACRES		9				556	565
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2	1		0	2	10	15
	ACRES	50	1		298	24	243	616
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		23			3	1	27
	ACRES		10			0	0	10
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES			1		8	3	12
	ACRES			1		48	4	53
TOTAL	FIRES	4	32	2	0	62	35	135
	ACRES	51	81	6	298	270	834	1,540

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	33	29	16	289	13	381
	ACRES	1	91,030	180,206	10,352	459,365	2	740,956
Northwest	FIRES	185	102	1	7	420	308	1,023
	ACRES	962	1,827	1	143	1,007	950	4,890
Northern California	FIRES	66	24	3	11	1,088	326	1,518
	ACRES	66	19	4	1	6,100	6,456	12,646
Southern California	FIRES	28	81	6	8	1,696	293	2,112
	ACRES	42	610	23	1,714	6,006	4,363	12,758
Northern Rockies	FIRES	351	15	10	8	270	193	847
	ACRES	702	567	391	1	15,371	284	17,316
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	21	113	3	12	198	80	427
	ACRES	28	1,551	186	101	843	2,890	5,599
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	131	2	4	48	42	230
	ACRES	20	516	0	0	96	15	647
Southwest	FIRES	438	179	6	42	646	522	1,833
	ACRES	11,574	67,928	43	2,778	260,776	44,000	387,099
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	296	132	13	8	266	90	805
	ACRES	1,456	1,163	533	61	61,848	233	65,294
Eastern Area	FIRES	401		28	25	11,232	479	12,165
	ACRES	1,208		807	110	102,812	6,560	111,497
Southern Area	FIRES	295		162	52	27,593	532	28,634
	ACRES	35,258		35,873	43,960	833,761	25,781	974,633
TOTAL	FIRES	2,085	810	263	193	43,746	2,878	49,975
	ACRES	51,317	165,211	218,067	59,221	1,747,985	91,534	2,333,335

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>45,947</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>2,589,687</b>

\*\*\* 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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				5			5
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		175					175
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						25	25
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						340	340
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	175	0	5	0	365	545



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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3,338		3,338
Northwest	FIRES	15	107	19	2	1	88	232
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	1	12,361	31,529
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	26	163	297
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	6,831	40,493
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,078	195	8,627	11,212
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	25	76	2	24	181	330
	ACRES	1,973	3,886	18,348	345	2,241	17,473	44,266
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	19	2	7	21	49	99
	ACRES	8	2,520	770	277	180	12,931	16,686
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,742	62			219	2,023
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		203	268
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		105,062	162,791
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	45	108	10	43	121	392
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,786	5,851	1,577	28,552	66,829
Eastern Area	FIRES	66		418	40	1,736	163	2,423
	ACRES	72,184		63,598	9,200	81,489	45,587	272,058
Southern Area	FIRES	5		253	79	799	1,024	2,160
	ACRES	2,370		129,302	90,307	295,735	942,060	1,459,774
TOTAL	FIRES	225	256	910	199	2,660	2,112	6,362
	ACRES	92,924	78,322	262,765	109,638	387,647	1,179,703	2,110,999

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	0	14	993	40,671
Yukon Territory	1	0	57	38,172
Alberta	4	11	1,132	55,465
Northwest Territory	0	0	19	746
Saskatchewan	0	0	451	37,342
Manitoba	0	0	126	2,436
Ontario	7	2	286	20,090
Quebec	1	23,645	404	120,406
Newfoundland	1	3,531	136	34,165
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	1	0	144	933
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	66	32,860
Total	15	27,203	3,967	383,518

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***