

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, August 1, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (161 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires : **	18
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

Nationally, there are 61 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

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

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

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	36
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Williams Creek, Umpqua NF. IMT2 (Paul). Fifteen miles east of Glide, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching. Community of Moorehill, numerous residences and anadromous fisheries threatened. Hwy 138 has been closed, two campgrounds evacuated and a transmission line has been damaged.

Cougar Creek, Malheur NF. IMT2 (Batten). Ten miles south of John Day, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated interior torching.

Union Valley, Southeast Washington DNR. Washington IMT2 (Lafave). One mile north of Chelan, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering.

Discovery, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Washington IMT2 (Gormely). Timber. Thirty miles west of Yakima, WA. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and spotting.

* **Wells**, Lakeview District, BLM. Eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley, OR. Juniper, sage brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching.

Long Prong, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Thirty-five miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity with creeping and isolated torching. Structures threatened.

* **Langille**, Gifford-Pinchot NF. Confine / contain management strategy. Fifteen miles southwest of Randle, WA. Timber. Creeping with isolated individual tree 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
Williams Creek	OR	UPF	2,384	917	20	8/7	612	149	19	30	5	0	905K	FS
Cougar Creek	OR	MAF	1,044	44	75	8/4	310	-130	6	0	5	0	2.0M	FS
Union Valley	WA	SES	768	0	90	8/1	199	-54	6	6	1	0	890K	ST
Discovery	WA	OWF	500	0	0	UNK	245	122	8	0	0	0	NR	FS
* Wells	OR	LAD	300	---	0	8/3	44	---	1	7	0	0	200K	BLM
Long Prong	OR	WWF	140	40	20	8/13	109	0	7	0	3	0	600K	FS
* Langille	WA	GPF	100	---	N/A	N/A	16	---	0	0	0	0	32K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 4)

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

Railbelt Complex (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT2 (Doty). Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Bluff Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. IMT2 (Kurth). Ten miles west of Circle, AK. Mixed spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior. Community of Circle and numerous structures are threatened.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Moderate fire activity. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	422,447	67,087	N/A	N/A	331	54	11	0	7	0	7.9M	ST
Bluff Creek	AK	UYD	18,000	0	N/A	N/A	53	53	2	0	1	0	NR	BLM
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	37,139	4,370	N/A	N/A	107	-3	4	0	0	0	3.9M	FWS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 21
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Knight, Stanislaus NF. IMT2 (Johnson). Ten miles north of Twain Harte, CA. Timber and brush. Active 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
Knight	CA	STF	2,734	1,091	25	UNK	1,295	105	26	16	16	0	4.4M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 17
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Cliffs, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles south of Cedar City, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Creeping fire. Road closure in effect.

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
Cliffs	UT	CCD	744	0	85	8/1	145	0	5	0	4	0	330K	BLM
Tavaputs	UT	MOD	549	0	100	---	4	-8	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM
Cedar Bench Complex	UT	DIF	223	-4	100	---	20	-52	2	2	0	0	NR	FS

MOD – Moab Field Office, BLM DIF – Dixie NF

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Independence, Nevada DOF. Started on BLM land twenty miles northeast of Wells, NV. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. 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
Independence	NV	NNS	519	0	NR	UNK	126	0	1	1	0	0	NR	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 28
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Rescue, Helena NF. Twenty-two miles northwest of Helena, MT. Timber and grass. No new information. 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
Rescue	MT	HNF	589	---	60	UNK	3	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Raptor**, Coconino NF. Incident is being managed for resource benefit objectives. Four miles south of Mormon Lake, AZ. Hardwood litter. Backing and creeping with isolated single tree 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
* Raptor	AZ	COF	334	---	N/A	N/A	27	---	1	2	0	0	15K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

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

2009 Summer Wildfire Response, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in the state of Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Carolina Bay, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Multiple structures threatened.

Concan, Texas Forest Service. Five miles northeast of Concan, TX. Brush and grass. 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
2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	6,836	0	0	UNK	306	7	0	4	4	13	4.9M	ST
Carolina Bay	NC	NCF	2,660	0	70	UNK	15	-12	0	5	1	0	130K	FS
Concan	TX	TXS	400	0	90	8/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Spring Creek, Rio Blanco County FD. Started on BLM land ten miles southeast of Rangely, CO. Timber, brush and grass. 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
Spring Creek	CO	RBX	1,340	0	90	UNK	164	15	5	9	2	0	568K	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Thunderstorms are expected again today across the Northwest and portions of northern California. Widely scattered mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will continue across the southern Sierra Nevada, Great Basin, and Arizona with wetter storms further east. The Alaska interior will see cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity.

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



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

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- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		3			0		3
Northwest	FIRES	2	10		6		18	36
	ACRES	10	0		4		153	167
Northern California	FIRES					21	4	25
	ACRES					132	54	186
Southern California	FIRES				1	15	5	21
	ACRES				1	0	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5			2	10	11	28
	ACRES	5			0	2	7	14
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	6	4	17
	ACRES		4		10	14	50	78
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5			3	3	11
	ACRES		2			0	8	10
Southwest	FIRES	3			0	1	1	5
	ACRES	23			75	0	772	870
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	4			1	2	10
	ACRES	0	0			0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			1		2		3
TOTAL	FIRES	13	26	1	10	63	48	161
	ACRES	38	9	1	90	151	1,044	1,333

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	46	39	20	341	18	465
	ACRES	1	374,392	552,891	53,498	886,573	8	1,867,363
Northwest	FIRES	295	136	3	41	551	510	1,536
	ACRES	2,338	2,210	12	623	4,975	2,360	12,518
Northern California	FIRES	89	29	3	15	1,577	446	2,159
	ACRES	85	27	4	2	7,906	10,406	18,430
Southern California	FIRES	30	127	11	19	2,118	401	2,706
	ACRES	43	915	24	733	9,019	10,181	20,915
Northern Rockies	FIRES	565	61	12	13	437	461	1,549
	ACRES	1,632	1,045	392	2	16,004	2,281	21,356
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	301	3	22	290	194	843
	ACRES	71	7,007	186	2,111	1,288	9,106	19,769
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	287	9	9	72	95	476
	ACRES	20	16,092	150	20	335	250	16,867
Southwest	FIRES	602	238	8	54	772	848	2,522
	ACRES	24,559	70,279	148	3,856	282,544	82,622	464,008
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	383	287	15	13	475	177	1,350
	ACRES	1,635	3,661	533	64	66,856	811	73,560
Eastern Area	FIRES	425		30	26	11,528	521	12,530
	ACRES	1,239		809	110	103,448	6,598	112,204
Southern Area	FIRES	298		193	52	29,841	552	30,936
	ACRES	35,259		43,067	43,957	871,173	26,985	1,020,441
TOTAL	FIRES	2,725	1,512	326	284	48,002	4,223	57,072
	ACRES	66,882	475,628	598,216	104,976	2,250,121	151,608	3,647,431

Ten Year Average Fires	52,506
Ten Year Average Acres	3,923,668

*** 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			0
	ACRES				3			3
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	3	0	10	13

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	19	88	250
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	231	12,361	31,759
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	26	152	286
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	7,260	40,922
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,073	195	8,627	11,207
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	17	77	2	24	182	324
	ACRES	1,973	1,329	18,408	345	2,241	17,479	41,775
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	21	4	7	22	50	105
	ACRES	15	3,986	1,225	282	180	13,734	19,422
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		216	281
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		108,551	166,280
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	110	10	45	121	397
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,952	5,851	1,564	28,302	66,732
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		431	43	1,787	174	2,502
	ACRES	72,214		64,365	9,201	82,079	46,156	274,015
Southern Area	FIRES	5		256	80	805	1,071	2,217
	ACRES	2,370		130,452	90,752	299,215	979,154	1,501,943
TOTAL	FIRES	226	251	931	203	2,738	2,174	6,523
	ACRES	92,961	77,301	265,363	110,084	391,934	1,221,843	2,159,486

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	78	2,120	1,625	51,059
Yukon Territory	21	1,787	89	95,894
Alberta	4	1	1,236	64,204
Northwest Territory	3	167	29	999
Saskatchewan	1	0	463	37,734
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	0	0	314	20,395
Quebec	0	0	413	122,527
Newfoundland	0	0	163	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	156	233
Nova Scotia	0	0	150	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	5	0	83	32,862
Total	112	4,075	4,851	481,872

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

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