

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 3, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (119 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires : ** 14
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 80 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.

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 23
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Station, Angeles NF. Unified command between IMT1 (Dietrich), IMT2 (Woychak) and Los Angeles County FD. IMT2 is also managing the Morris incident. Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Residences and a major communications facility threatened. Road closures in effect.

Oak Glen 3, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Previously reported as the Oak Glen fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (McClelland). IMT is also managing the Pendleton fire. Four miles north of San Bernardino, CA. Mixed conifer, oak and chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Pendleton, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles east of Yucaipa, CA. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

Big Meadow, Yosemite National Park, NPS. IMT1 (McGowan). Two miles northeast of El Portal, CA. Brush. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Morris, Angeles NF. Five miles north of Azusa, CA. Chaparral. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
Station	CA	ANF	140,150	12,637	28	9/15	4,735	607	107	433	13	94	27M	FS
Oak Glen 3	CA	BDU	1,159	147	75	9/7	1,708	-36	55	102	13	2	4.6M	ST

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Pendleton	CA	BDU	860	0	95	9/4	720	-96	15	106	1	1	1.2M	ST
Big Meadow	CA	YNP	6,283	908	60	9/10	1,282	47	32	94	10	0	10.8M	NPS
Morris	CA	ANF	2,168	---	95	UNK	354	---	6	3	3	0	6M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Microwave, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Three miles west of Mosier, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

* **Milepost 281**, Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Barnett). Four miles southwest of Okanogan, WA. Scattered timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated interior torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Canal Creek, Willamette NF. IMT2 (Ensley). Eight miles southwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

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
Microwave	OR	954S	1,224	0	90	9/5	536	0	9	13	1	5	2.7	ST
* Milepost 281	WA	COA	310	---	NR	UNK	136	---	5	8	2	0	NR	BIA
Canal Creek	OR	WIF	283	0	35	UNK	427	-46	10	3	5	0	3.6M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

Kaunakakai, Maui FD. One mile north of Kaunakakai, HI. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

Red Rock, Klamath NF. Fifteen miles west of Fort Jones, CA. Timber with heavy dead and down fuels. Minimal fire activity.

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
Kaunakakai	HI	CNTY	7,800	0	50	UNK	103	0	4	10	4	1	63K	CNTY
Red Rock	CA	KNF	1,382	0	90	9/4	169	-16	5	0	3	0	4.1M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Mill Flat, Dixie NF. IMT1 (Muir). Four miles southwest of New Harmony, UT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Residences threatened.

West Scofield, Southeast Area, Utah Division of Forestry and State Lands. Forty miles north of Price, UT. Timber, sagebrush and grass. No further information received. Decrease in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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 Flat	UT	DIF	12,564	1,384	33	NR	765	11	17	35	10	11	3.1M	FS
West Scofield	UT	SES	251	-2,589	60	UNK	156	-4	4	15	2	0	716K	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Water Wheel, Tonto NF. Transfer of command from IMT2 (Sciacca) back to local unit will occur today. Seven miles northeast of Payson, AZ. Hardwood litter and chaparral. Minimal fire activity with occasional 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
Water Wheel	AZ	TNF	773	0	90	9/5	326	-76	8	10	4	0	1.2M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 20
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Tabaguache Creek, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Six miles north of Nucla, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering. Decrease in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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
Tabaguache Creek	CO	GMF	935	-325	70	9/7	40	-51	1	2	1	0	300K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

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

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
Scotty Moore Ranch II	TX	TXS	2,445	0	100	---	2	-24	0	0	0	10	NR	PRI

TXS – Texas Forest Service

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry weather should continue today over most of California. Some thunderstorms are expected over the Great Basin and Southwest. The Northwest will be cooler today with scattered showers and thundershowers mainly over Washington. Gusty winds can be expected east of the Cascades as well as in portions of Montana.

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



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

Working with Helicopter Drops

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- Are other aircraft in the area?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Will terrain and obstructions allow the helicopter to attain the proper drop height?
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					11		11
Northwest	FIRES					4	5	9
	ACRES					29	5	34
Northern California	FIRES		1			8	2	11
	ACRES		0			108	5	113
Southern California	FIRES	1	2		0	18	2	23
	ACRES	0	0		10	6	18,389	18,405
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	5			6	6	18
	ACRES	3	8			17	2	30
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	3	6	10
	ACRES				0	90	1,946	2,036
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	4	3			4	6	17
	ACRES	38	1			1	853	893
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	2			6	3	20
	ACRES	2	1			29	12	44
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					18		18
TOTAL	FIRES	15	15	0	1	58	30	119
	ACRES	43	11	0	10	310	21,212	21,586

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	375	26	512
	ACRES	1	759,030	754,545	101,308	1,319,711	10	2,934,605
Northwest	FIRES	399	294	24	72	921	1,131	2,841
	ACRES	6,982	26,142	2,350	2,220	55,997	21,823	115,514
Northern California	FIRES	99	60	3	23	2,099	780	3,064
	ACRES	93	1,533	4	4	56,016	29,377	87,027
Southern California	FIRES	38	132	14	28	2,730	482	3,424
	ACRES	84	1,117	30	2,632	9,992	242,072	255,927
Northern Rockies	FIRES	685	117	15	29	574	683	2,103
	ACRES	2,319	750	393	3	16,876	5,974	26,315
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	46	463	3	24	482	440	1,458
	ACRES	114	59,600	186	2,120	19,436	36,095	117,551
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	366	9	10	100	108	603
	ACRES	2,440	28,966	150	20	290	278	32,144
Southwest	FIRES	695	270	10	59	848	1,113	2,995
	ACRES	44,849	93,458	3,843	49,736	287,788	125,581	605,255
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	529	403	15	20	639	317	1,923
	ACRES	2,086	9,960	533	65	75,925	7,849	96,418
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	12,517	544	13,552
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	110,895	6,596	119,650
Southern Area	FIRES	298		229	53	31,859	569	33,008
	ACRES	35,259		44,118	43,957	914,698	30,990	1,069,022
TOTAL	FIRES	3,233	2,154	393	366	53,144	6,193	65,483
	ACRES	95,467	980,556	806,961	202,175	2,867,624	506,645	5,459,428

Ten Year Average Fires	62,862
Ten Year Average Acres	5,754,861

*** 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					0
	ACRES		100					100
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			867				867
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					0	1
	ACRES	29					24	53
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						20	20
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	2	0	0	2	5
	ACRES	29	100	867	0	0	44	1,040

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	108	11	2	1	74	211
	ACRES	7,122	8,396	2,827	31	1	9,856	28,233
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	21	42	19	103	227
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,583	361	2,512	6,831	39,026
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	7	1	115	140
	ACRES	1	564	748	1,248	195	8,627	11,383
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	81	2	24	187	343
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	20,966	345	2,241	18,270	48,205
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	4	7	23	85	142
	ACRES	8	11,053	1,225	282	190	15,190	27,948
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			5	10
	ACRES		1,452	62			219	1,733
Southwest	FIRES	36	34	3	8		222	303
	ACRES	9,285	60,000	501	530		109,828	180,144
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	66	42	129	11	45	122	415
	ACRES	7,317	3,776	20,665	6,001	1,535	28,306	67,600
Eastern Area	FIRES	69		442	44	2,166	178	2,899
	ACRES	72,261		69,035	9,221	124,646	47,135	322,298
Southern Area	FIRES	6		271	84	809	1,102	2,272
	ACRES	2,450		142,780	92,916	298,356	996,010	1,532,512
TOTAL	FIRES	243	258	973	207	3,097	2,193	6,971
	ACRES	100,730	92,077	285,392	110,935	433,014	1,240,272	2,262,420

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	58	546	2,802	221,072
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	294,907
Alberta	3	0	1,422	64,272
Northwest Territory	0	0	41	2,055
Saskatchewan	0	0	481	37,748
Manitoba	1	3	142	2,694
Ontario	0	0	334	20,622
Quebec	2	0	443	122,643
Newfoundland	1	0	167	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	174	244
Nova Scotia	0	0	160	930
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	195	123	36,957
Total	66	744	6,407	856,738

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

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