

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, September 17, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (78 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 4  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 71 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: 11  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Station**, Angeles NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski). Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Creeping and smoldering. Structures and a major communications facility threatened. Road closures 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
Station	CA	ANF	160,557	0	93	9/19	898	118	14	35	4	209	92.4M	FS

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Bearpaw Bay**, Grand Teton National Park, NPS. Confine/contain management strategy. Ten miles west of Moran, WY. Lodgepole pine, sage and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

### **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 3  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 3

**Boze**, Umpqua NF. Nine miles southwest of Toketee Falls, OR. Timber. Creeping fire with isolated torching.

**Lobert**, Winema NF. Two miles southeast of Chiloquin, OR. Hardwood litter and grass. Creeping fire with isolated torching. Residences threatened.

\* **Tumblebug Complex**, Willamette NF. Twenty-three miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. 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
Boze	OR	UPF	550	350	15	9/21	114	-48	6	2	5	0	400K	FS
Lobert	OR	WNF	113	0	50	9/18	175	-5	6	9	0	0	500K	FS
* Tumblebug Complex	OR	WIF	110	---	5	9/22	346	---	10	11	6	0	806K	FS

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Elk Summit Complex**, Clearwater NF. Incident is being managed for resource benefit objectives. Forty-six miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. 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
* Elk Summit Complex	ID	CWF	275	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	15K	FS

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* Bearpaw Bay	WY	GTP	100	---	N/A	N/A	2	---	0	0	0	0	2.5K	NPS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warm and dry weather is on tap today over much of the West except for some showers and thunderstorms over portions of eastern Washington, northern Idaho and Montana. Thunderstorms are also expected in parts of the Four Corner states. Gusty winds are forecast for Montana.

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



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

### **DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS**

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES	1				11		12
	ACRES	0				15		15
Southern California	FIRES		1		0	7	3	11
	ACRES		0		10	1	1	12
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	0				21	4	25
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			3	2	8
	ACRES		1			119	6	126
Western Great Basin	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES		2			1	4	7
	ACRES		0			0	20	20
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	2				5	9
	ACRES	0	0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					18		18
	ACRES					24		24
TOTAL	FIRES	4	8	0	0	45	21	78
	ACRES	0	1	0	10	182	31	224

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	50	41	21	376	26	515
	ACRES	1	759,080	754,545	101,312	1,319,662	10	2,934,610
Northwest	FIRES	368	305	25	74	995	1,225	2,992
	ACRES	4,696	27,028	2,352	2,220	55,666	26,018	117,980
Northern California	FIRES	108	62	3	36	2,335	841	3,385
	ACRES	110	1,533	4	1,753	59,849	35,104	98,353
Southern California	FIRES	41	176	14	32	2,962	522	3,747
	ACRES	1,588	4,208	30	10,170	22,532	261,616	300,144
Northern Rockies	FIRES	721	118	16	31	602	776	2,264
	ACRES	2,528	968	396	193	23,257	10,035	37,377
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	47	519	3	29	557	503	1,658
	ACRES	105	59,553	226	2,223	19,622	38,784	120,513
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	389	9	10	106	129	653
	ACRES	2,440	28,983	150	20	297	282	32,172
Southwest	FIRES	776	253	10	62	871	1,254	3,226
	ACRES	46,672	89,388	3,843	8,010	288,026	134,019	569,958
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	573	404	19	25	663	365	2,049
	ACRES	2,713	5,822	534	63	75,518	7,942	92,592
Eastern Area	FIRES	436		30	28	12,651	558	13,703
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	111,771	6,697	120,627
Southern Area	FIRES	298		234	54	33,437	571	34,594
	ACRES	35,259		44,205	44,166	973,033	30,994	1,127,657
TOTAL	FIRES	3,379	2,276	404	402	55,555	6,770	68,786
	ACRES	97,352	976,563	807,094	170,240	2,949,233	551,501	5,551,983

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>65,832</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,114,357</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		1				0	1
	ACRES		5,000				2,535	7,535
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		60					60
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						250	250
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1	1		2
	ACRES				65	45		110
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		5	1	7
	ACRES			294		313	2	609
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	1	6	2	11
	ACRES	0	5,060	294	65	358	2,787	8,564

### 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	14	115	11	2	1	75	218
	ACRES	6,132	18,250	2,827	31	1	16,391	43,632
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	22	46	20	100	230
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,585	1,450	2,512	6,398	39,684
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	7	1	116	141
	ACRES	1	564	748	1,248	195	8,628	11,384
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	83	2	26	204	364
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	21,229	345	2,255	20,206	50,418
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	23	86	144
	ACRES	8	11,213	1,225	282	190	15,538	28,456
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			6	11
	ACRES		1,452	62			859	2,373
Southwest	FIRES	40	32	3	4		230	309
	ACRES	9,485	50,780	501	530		111,714	173,010
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	69	33	129	13	46	124	414
	ACRES	7,522	3,209	20,665	6,718	1,580	28,531	68,225
Eastern Area	FIRES	70		496	47	2,566	186	3,365
	ACRES	72,282		69,550	9,226	149,141	50,149	350,348
Southern Area	FIRES	6		282	85	816	1,109	2,298
	ACRES	2,450		149,883	92,929	299,369	1,002,513	1,547,144
TOTAL	FIRES	250	255	1,041	213	3,508	2,236	7,503
	ACRES	100,166	92,304	293,275	112,759	458,581	1,260,927	2,318,012

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	84	1,916	3,012	212,547
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	294,907
Alberta	34	0	1,506	64,266
Northwest Territory	0	0	41	1,955
Saskatchewan	10	13	505	37,776
Manitoba	4	8	158	2,813
Ontario	14	27	352	20,650
Quebec	16	0	467	122,685
Newfoundland	5	1	176	52,593
New Brunswick	3	2	183	248
Nova Scotia	6	2	166	931
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	128	36,957
Total	176	1,968	6,812	848,329

\*\*\*CIFFC table updated weekly\*\*\*

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

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