# National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Friday, August 13, 2010 – 0530 MDT National Preparedness Level 2

# **National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (141 new fires)

New large fires: 2 (\*)
Large fires contained: 2
Uncontained large fires: \*\* 5
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 54 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service includes these areas: Bayou Savage NWR (LA), Big Branch Marsh NWR (LA), Breton NWR (LA), Delta NWR (LA), Shell Key NWR (LA), Bon Secour NWR (AL), Grand Bay NWR (AL), St. Vincent NWR (FL), and McFaddin NWR (TX).
- Support to the National Park Service includes these areas: Gulf Islands National Seashore (FL), Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve (LA), Everglades National Park (FL), Dry Tortugas (FL), Biscayne National Park (FL), De Soto National Memorial (FL) and Big Cypress National Preserve (FL).

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	2	626	105	17

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	7
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Deer Park**, Sawtooth NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Fairfield, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated single-tree torching.

**Twitchell Canyon,** Fishlake NF. Previously reported incident. Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Little Beaver Complex**, Boise NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Svalberg) back to local unit will occur on 8/15. Twenty-six miles west of Stanley, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy. \*\*

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
Deer Park	ID	STF	775	0	60	8/15	225	-7	9	0	4	0	1M	FS
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	3,000		N/A	N/A	26		0	1	1	0	120K	FS
Little Beaver Complex	ID	BOF	4,053	0	N/A	N/A	217	-34	6	2	2	0	1.9M	FS

# Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires:17New large fires:1Uncontained large fires:2

**Beach**, Yellowstone NP. Twenty-eight miles southeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Timber. No new information.

\* **Wilson,** Miles City Field Office, BLM. Twenty-one miles northwest of Sand Springs, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with running, torching and crowning.

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
Beach	WY	YNP	520		95	8/15	12		0	0	1	0	2M	NPS
* Wilson	МТ	MCD	125		40	8/14	50		1	4	1	0	NR	BLM
Gyp Creek	МТ	CRA	569	0	100		6	-61	0	3	0	0	400K	BIA

CRA - Crow Agency, BIA

## Southern California Area (PL 2)

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

**Bull,** Sequoia NF. Eight miles north of Kernville, CA. Brush 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
Bull	CA	SQF	16,442		98	UNK	87		3	0	1	14	11.2M	FS

## Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 34
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

**County Line,** Texas Forest Service. Started on private land three miles northwest of Trinity, TX. Timber. No new information.

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
County Line	TX	TXS	350		90	UNK	14		0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Scissortail	OK	ECU	420	0	100		6	0	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

ECU - Oklahoma DOF

## Alaksa Area (PL 1)

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

**Tchulkade Lake,** Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-four miles northeast of Circle City, AK. Mixed hardwoods and spruce. Creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Canvasback Lake,** Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Twenty-three miles east of Beaver, AK. Mixed hardwoods, spruce and tundra. Moderate fire activity. 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
Tchulkade Lake	AK	UYD	10,973		N/A	N/A	0		0	0	0	0	222K	BLM
Canvasback Lake	AK	UYD	9,743		N/A	N/A	8		0	0	0	0	224K	BLM

## Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires:3New large fires:1Uncontained large fires:0

<sup>\*</sup> Ranger, Coconino NF. Four miles east of Clints Well, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity. 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
* Ranger	AZ	COF	150		N/A	N/A	9		0	1	0	0	35K	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A warming and drying trend is on tap for the West with thunderstorms today confined to Montana, northern Wyoming and over portions of the Southwest. Gusty winds are expected over portions of eastern Montana.

<u>Link</u> to Predictive Services Outlook products.



#### **DRIVING SAFETY**

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- ◆ A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about everything you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- ▶ Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
  - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
  - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
  - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a
    passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
  - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
  - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
  - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving; pull over and park.
  - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel.
     Keep conversations causal and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
  - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become.
     Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.
- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a preoperation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

### References:

Video: Firefighter remember This Series - <u>Firefighter: Remember This - Engine Rollover: Why This Accident Started Months Ago</u>

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

# **Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES					1		1
Alaska	ACRES					0		0
	FIRES					1	11	12
Northwest	ACRES					0	9	9
North our Colifornia	FIRES					17	3	20
Northern California	ACRES					12	0	12
Southern California	FIRES		7		0	9	1	17
Southern California	ACRES		0		8	4	0	12
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	7	3		2	4	17
Northern Nockies	ACRES	1	251	310		1	0	563
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			2	3	7
Lasterii Great Dasiii	ACRES	1	0			0	2,146	2,147
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
Western Great basin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2					1	3
Southwest	ACRES	0					0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	12			3	2	19
Rooky Wournain	ACRES	1	7			0	24	32
Eastern Area	FIRES					11		11
Lastelli Alea	ACRES					16		16
Southern Area	FIRES					29	5	34
Southern Alea	ACRES					269	40	309
TOTAL	FIRES	6	27	3	0	75	30	141
TOTAL	ACRES	3	258	310	8	302	2,219	3,100

# Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaalia	FIRES	1	74	66	52	413	14	620
Alaska	ACRES	103	309,828	101,753	110,724	671,062	9	1,193,479
No. d	FIRES	111	159	10	16	295	649	1,240
Northwest	ACRES	1,056	7,315	3,354	4,004	30,517	469	46,715
No al con Octive dis	FIRES	51	122		10	1,604	328	2,115
Northern California	ACRES	47	12,222		7	13,561	2,134	27,971
0 11 0 111	FIRES	16	136	3	20	1,720	299	2,194
Southern California	ACRES	186	10,040	14	1,118	22,276	18,051	51,685
	FIRES	408	41	6	10	259	413	1,137
Northern Rockies	ACRES	2,591	546	1,287	520	1,835	4,519	11,298
Factoria Occat Design	FIRES	33	419	2	17	382	325	1,178
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES	13,154	123,595	1	63	125,267	11,480	273,560
Western Creat Basin	FIRES	2	174	9	15	53	41	294
Western Great Basin	ACRES	0	16,290	35	5	3,141	840	20,311
Southwest	FIRES	500	188	6	58	395	839	1,986
Southwest	ACRES	7,441	18,351	34	24,503	38,181	72,114	160,624
De also Massatain	FIRES	469	325	6	30	331	324	1,485
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	2,759	4,713	3,064	7,212	17,549	4,318	39,615
Factors Area	FIRES	636		39	20	11,997	491	13,183
Eastern Area	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	86,327	4,329	98,275
Courth area Area	FIRES	514		49	24	16,276	489	17,352
Southern Area	ACRES	32,279		3,425	224	213,606	20,973	270,507
TOTAL	FIRES	2,741	1,638	196	272	33,725	4,212	42,784
TOTAL	ACRES	62,325	502,900	117,850	148,407	1,223,322	139,236	2,194,040

Ten Year Average Fires	54,566
Ten Year Average Acres	4,415,833

<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
Alaska	ACRES	_				,		0
	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
Northern California	ACRES	_						0
	FIRES							0
Southern California	ACRES	_						0
	FIRES							0
Northern Rockies	ACRES							0
Factor Over Decis	FIRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES	_						0
Western Ossel Basis	FIRES							0
Western Great Basin	ACRES							0
0 11 1	FIRES						0	0
Southwest	ACRES	_					3	3
D 1 14 11	FIRES			1				1
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	_		350				350
	FIRES				1	2		3
Eastern Area	ACRES	_			1	90		91
O. H. A.	FIRES					1	1	2
Southern Area	ACRES	_				40	40	80
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	3	1	6
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	350	1	130	43	524

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					21,497		21,497
Northwest	FIRES	12	55	6	1		151	225
	ACRES	6,781	8,616	1,648	11		17,529	34,585
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	24	19	29	229	314
	ACRES	10	771	22,275	34	4,042	9,397	36,529
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	7	18	63	107
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	547	2,459	1,969	8,080
Northern Rockies	FIRES	73	33	105	8	29	145	393
	ACRES	2,329	4,674	25,633	1,240	934	16,007	50,817
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18	6	7	29	40	100
	ACRES		4,110	2,745	520	2,288	10,198	19,861
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	28	20	10	9		120	187
	ACRES	1,613	22,126	8,870	1,103		63,876	97,588
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	49	118	26	47	136	417
	ACRES	5,861	6,525	26,858	5,019	6,238	19,554	70,055
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		368	30	1,534	177	2,156
	ACRES	62,783		55,431	5,517	92,442	58,901	275,074
Southern Area	FIRES	17		191	69	8,834	1,074	10,185
	ACRES	2,905		87,073	72,148	281,138	1,032,090	1,475,354
TOTAL	FIRES	219	199	840	178	10,531	2,142	14,109
	ACRES	82,282	48,502	233,421	86,685	411,038	1,230,159	2,092,087

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

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

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# **Canada Fires and Hectares**

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	14	784	1,377	155,430
Yukon Territory	0	0	84	155,809
Alberta	6	4	1,667	72,673
Northwest Territory	1	9,804	214	297,414
Saskatchewan	0	50,310	552	1,674,828
Manitoba	1	-1	560	139,035
Ontario	1	101	844	14,799
Quebec	5	1	627	361,862
Newfoundland	0	0	36	804
New Brunswick	0	0	129	112
Nova Scotia	0	0	278	461
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	0	0	99	5,959
Total	28	61,003	6,469	2,879,191

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