

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 17, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (94 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	23
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Nationally, there are 23 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

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

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	13
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	15
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Texas IMT 2 (Hannemann) is managing existing and new fires located in Texas state initial attack zones.

Simmons Road, North Carolina DFR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Hendricks). IMT is also managing the Juniper Road fire. Nine miles northeast of Tar Heel, NC. Brush. Moderate fire activity.

Juniper Road, North Carolina DFR. Thirteen miles northeast of Rocky Point, NC. Brush. Creeping and smoldering.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. Florida IMT 2 (West). Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Smoldering. Numerous residences threatened.

Sweat Farm Again, Georgia DOF. Twelve miles west of Waycross, GA. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area.

Racepond, Georgia DOF. Twelve miles south of Hoboken, GA. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area.

Jeter II, Texas Forest Service. Two miles southwest of Albany, TX. Brush. Active fire behavior.

Browning, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land six miles northeast of Fluvanna, TX. Brush. Interior smoldering.

Timberline, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Two miles east of Titusville, FL. Grass. No new information.

Arbuckle Complex, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles south of Dougherty, OK. Timber and grass. No new information.

Williams, Texas Forest Service. Thirteen miles south of Kent, TX. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

Clay, Texas Forest Service. Four miles northeast of Forsan, TX. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

North Fork, Texas Forest Service. Five miles northeast of Electra, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Cinch Ranch, Texas Forest Service. One mile west of Memphis, TX. Brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Agua Creek, Texas Forest Service. Three miles northwest of Sundown, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

* **West Liberty**, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles northwest of Quinton, OK. Hardwood litter. 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
Simmons Road	NC	NCS	5,438	0	86	9/1	218	-7	0	35	4	19	2.6M	ST
Juniper Road	NC	NCS	31,140	0	85	UNK	46	-2	0	10	0	0	2.8M	ST
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	299,863	0	70	UNK	656	-12	1	104	6	1	40.9M	FWS
Sweat Farm Again	GA	GAS	19,169	0	90	UNK	60	1	0	5	0	13	3.1M	ST
Racepond	GA	GAS	20,934	0	90	UNK	47	0	0	15	0	0	4.8M	ST
Jeter II	TX	TXS	2,000	1,000	75	UNK	75	21	0	10	3	0	NR	ST
Browning	TX	TXS	2,182	0	85	7/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Timberline	FL	MIR	2,800	---	60	UNK	8	---	0	3	0	0	3K	FWS
Arbuckle Complex	OK	OKS	2,563	---	15	7/17	46	---	1	12	2	0	30K	ST
Williams	TX	TXS	1,948	448	90	UNK	72	0	1	9	0	0	NR	ST
Clay	TX	TXS	5,000	0	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
North Fork	TX	TXS	441	0	85	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Cinch Ranch	TX	TXS	475	---	95	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Agua Creek	TX	TXS	300	0	70	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* West Liberty	OK	ECU	104	---	95	7/17	23	---	0	9	0	0	1K	ST
Nolan County Complex	TX	TXS	3,880	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	2	NR	ST
* Tick Haven	OK	OMA	586	---	100	---	6	---	0	1	0	0	10K	BIA

OMA – Okmulgee Field Office, BIA

Southwest (PL 4)

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

Las Conchas, Bernalillo District, New Mexico State Forestry. IMT 1 (Turman). Thirteen miles southwest of Los Alamos, NM. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity. Numerous structures threatened.

Pacheco, Santa Fe NF. Nine miles north of Santa Fe, NM. Timber and slash. Minimal fire activity.

Jack Complex (3 fires), Gila NF. Twenty-two miles east of Glenwood, NM. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity with group tree 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
Las Conchas	NM	N6S	156,245	5,677	65	UNK	995	7	17	35	11	112	40.9M	ST
Pacheco	NM	SNF	10,250	0	85	UNK	15	0	0	2	0	0	9M	FS
Jack Complex	NM	GNF	3,620	2,620	0	8/1	241	62	9	1	4	0	200K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 20
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Scorpion Complex (2 fires), Modoc NF. Ten miles north of Tionesta, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. 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
Scorpion Complex	CA	MDF	2,944	1,944	10	7/20	225	139	5	21	2	0	192K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Lakeside**, Salt Lake District, BLM. Four miles north of Delle, UT. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs. 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
* Lakeside	UT	SLD	8,000	---	5	7/18	139	---	4	7	2	0	180K	BLM

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 1
 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
Frenchie	NV	NNS	1,377	- 423	100	---	40	0	0	9	1	0	50K	ST
* Herlong	NV	CCD	325	---	100	---	63	---	2	5	0	0	100K	BLM

CCD – Carson City District, BLM

NNS – Nevada DOF

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 1
 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
* Whitehorse	OR	VAD	554	---	100	---	25	---	0	6	1	0	20K	BLM

VAD – Vale District, BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Gusty south winds and low relative humidity levels will persist on Sunday across the central and northern Great Basin into portions of the Northern Rockies. Widely scattered mainly wet thunderstorms and moderate monsoonal moisture will affect western New Mexico northward into portions of the southeastern Great Basin as well as the Central Rockies. Hot and dry across the Southern and Central Plains with shower and storm activity continuing over the Gulf Coast states.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



**Today's discussion is from
"This Day in History"**

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Battlement Creek Fire, Colorado – July 17th, 1976

Incident Summary: It's 1976 and western Colorado is experiencing an unusually severe fire season caused partly by unusual fuel conditions and heavy lightning activity during dry weather. A severe frost in June kills a high percentage of the leaves on Gambel oak which remain on the branches and is considered one of Colorado's most flammable fuels. 10 hour fuels are at 3-5%. A large scale high pressure weather pattern sits over western Colorado allowing for local weather to be influenced by terrain and diurnal winds averaging 10-15 mph in the afternoon with higher gusts. The weather is fair and hot with the temperatures at Grand Junction and Rifle reaching into the mid and upper 90's. A fire is reported 40 miles northeast of Grand Junction, in the Battlement Creek drainage. The fire is burning over an elevation range of 6200-8400 ft on a steep west-facing slope.

Friday July 16, 0630, two hotshot crews from the Coconino NF Arizona arrive at the Battlement Creek fire. This is the seventeenth fire of the first season for the newly formed Mormon Lake Hotshot Crew. The strategy is to prevent western and southern spread. The crews begin a major burnout of the catline (dozer line) from the rocky bluffs (Point A) at about 1615, downhill along the catline toward the Battlement Creek road at the bottom (Point C) ending about 2030. The fire makes an uphill run in oak brush burning out a large portion of the drainage (from the road east to the ridgetop) in about 20 minutes. Two "impressive" fire whirls are observed between 1600-1700. The night shift continues the burn out (Point C-D and beyond along the road) but is spotty with considerable unburned fuel remaining. Other night shift crews construct line along the ridgetop (Point E to G). Based on Friday's fire behavior, the E-G line is a crucial spot on the fire. Saturday July 17th, 0700, at morning briefing the Mormon Lake crew is assigned to burn out this section of line.

Saturday morning, July 17th - Due to a delay with the helicopter, the Mormon Lake crew does not get to the base of the rock bluff (Point E) until 1100. They are instructed to improve and burn out the line from the rocky bluff to the helispot (Point E-G). The burnout squad consisted of the crew boss, squad boss and 2 crewmembers. The rest of the crew is improving the handline down the ridgetop.

At this same time another crew is burning out in the bottom of the draw (Point C-D). The draw burns readily, uphill toward the ridge and the Mormon Lake crew. Neither crew knew of the specific location or assignment of the other.

1400 - 1/3 the way from the rock bluff to the upper helispot, there is a noticeable increase in smoke from the draw below (where the other crew had been burning). The crew boss is instructed to speed up the line improvement squad on toward the safety zone (Point G) and to narrow down and speed up his burnout on down the ridgeline to join the remainder of the crew in the safety zone when his burnout was done. Upslope winds have increased to 25-35 mph.

1425-1440 – The line improvement squad just makes it into the safety zone when the flame front hits the ridge. 200 yards back, the burnout squad radios that they are "trapped". Their escape is blocked by heavy smoke and flames.

1440 – 1445 – The squad removes their canvas vests to cover their head and face, moistened the vests and their clothes with water from their canteens, and lays face down in the mineral soil of the fireline.

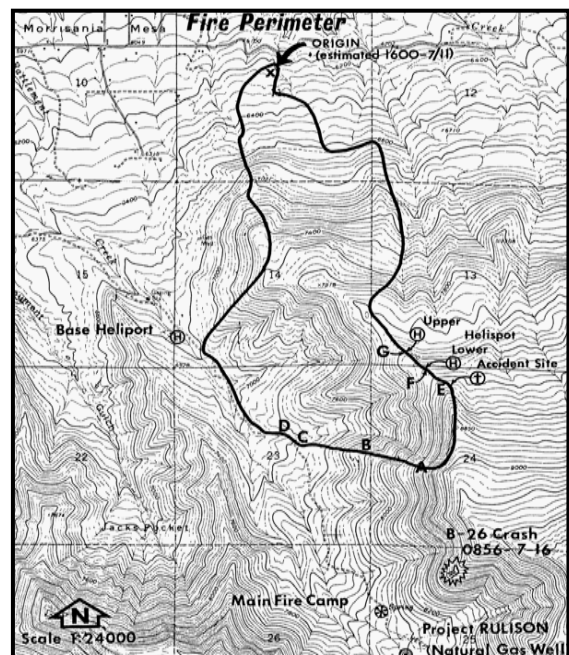
**1448 – All four firefighters are very badly burned.
Three will lose their lives.**

Discussion Points

The day prior to the burnover, an airtanker crashed during a retardant dropping mission on the Battlement Creek fire killing the pilot.

- Resources**
- [Staff Ride to the Battlement Creek Fire](#)
 - [Google Earth Fly Around of Battlement Creek Fire](#)
 - [Sequence of Events PowerPoint](#)
 - [Battlement Creek Fire Investigation Report](#)
 - [Battlement Creek dynamic PPT \(Powershow\)](#)

- ✓ Discuss how incidents and distractions can affect our judgment and situational awareness.
- The crew all wore aluminum hardhats, canvas vests, Nomex shirts and non-fire-resistant work pants. Fire shelters were not used. Fire shelters may have prevented serious burns and death at this incident. Policy on issuing and carrying shelters had not been established yet. This incident became the catalyst for the mandatory use of fire shelters and fire resistant clothing.
- ✓ **Take this opportunity to inspect, repair or replace your PPE and fire shelter if needed to ensure that it protects you as well as possible.**



Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				0		1	1
	ACRES				57		0	57
Northwest	FIRES	1				1	9	11
	ACRES	0				30	0	30
Northern California	FIRES					15	5	20
	ACRES					2	2,946	2,948
Southern California	FIRES		1			13	1	15
	ACRES		2			15	200	217
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	2	4
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			7	1	14
	ACRES		2,456			68	0	2,524
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		198					198
Southwest	FIRES	1	1				1	3
	ACRES	1	6				215	222
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			3	6	11
	ACRES		0			3	1	4
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					54		54
TOTAL	FIRES	3	12	0	0	53	26	94
	ACRES	1	2,662	0	57	172	3,362	6,254

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		24	24	16	366	4	434
	ACRES		42,580	36,656	6,686	190,894	1	276,817
Northwest	FIRES	71	44	2	8	136	100	361
	ACRES	1,351	102	32	4	255	79	1,823
Northern California	FIRES	20	6	3	5		77	111
	ACRES	8	0	0	2,076		4,758	6,842
Southern California	FIRES	14	202	3	5	1,766	164	2,154
	ACRES	82	2,018	1	222	14,892	2,902	20,117
Northern Rockies	FIRES	168	7	4	4	91	55	329
	ACRES	325	124	49	7	397	36	938
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	12	184	1	6	195	54	452
	ACRES	1,793	22,203	26	6	3,252	80	27,360
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	127	3	10	52	3	198
	ACRES	10	9,261	62	0	12,046	0	21,379
Southwest	FIRES	675	215	10	24	740	637	2,301
	ACRES	26,300	98,263	181	8,490	547,011	1,159,209	1,839,454
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	280	138	24	14	383	206	1,045
	ACRES	3,037	401	3,502	2,269	227,341	26,291	262,841
Eastern Area	FIRES	336		24	14	3,341	197	3,912
	ACRES	353		2,611	71	25,137	14,075	42,247
Southern Area	FIRES	576		227	62	27,869	705	29,439
	ACRES	104,673		79,501	55,653	3,116,988	28,317	3,385,132
TOTAL	FIRES	2,155	947	325	168	34,939	2,202	40,736
	ACRES	137,932	174,952	122,621	75,484	4,138,213	1,235,748	5,884,950

Ten Year Average Fires	44,887
Ten Year Average Acres	3,325,011

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		424					424
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						419	419
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	424	0	0	0	419	843

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		11		12
	ACRES			20		5,715		5,735
Northwest	FIRES	8	44	6	1		119	178
	ACRES	5,268	6,885	409	42		6,885	19,489
Northern California	FIRES	15	16	13	21		129	194
	ACRES	61	655	19,165	141		5,323	25,345
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	4	10	75	109
	ACRES		819	1,963	1,060	1,178	2,090	7,110
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	13	41	1	13	93	201
	ACRES	1,477	853	7,849	141	211	4,247	14,778
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	14	3	1	34	29	81
	ACRES	54	1,938	1,023	55	696	5,676	9,442
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
	ACRES		121	550		64	296	1,031
Southwest	FIRES	19	26	3	3		78	129
	ACRES	1,728	192,084	1,428	45		73,028	268,313
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	32	89	17	45	121	345
	ACRES	4,678	5,407	14,174	4,703	7,932	30,237	67,131
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		338	22	828	127	1,344
	ACRES	60,253		42,664	3,781	49,138	39,264	195,100
Southern Area	FIRES	41		134	17	1,279	609	2,080
	ACRES	7,833		65,547	10,168	247,069	537,017	867,634
TOTAL	FIRES	193	159	639	87	2,222	1,389	4,689
	ACRES	81,352	208,762	154,792	20,136	312,003	704,063	1,481,108

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

Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	252	11,554
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	50	39,543
ALBERTA	3	4	771	940,429
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	261	141	287,071
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	239	335,728
MANITOBA	0	0	162	57,452
ONTARIO	7	12,841	481	157,927
QUEBEC	3	225	160	8,175
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	26	69
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	61	38
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	102	131
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	31	62,159
TOTALS	17	13,332	2,477	1,900,277

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