National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Monday, July 18, 2011 – 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (151 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	20
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Nationally, there are 25 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	38
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	12
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.

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

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

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. Moderate fire activity.

Arbuckle Complex, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles south of Dougherty, OK. Timber and grass. Isolated torching and creeping. Numerous structures threatened.

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

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

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

* Sandy Creek, Wichita Mountains NWR. Fourteen miles west of Sherman, TX. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

Agua Creek, Texas Forest Service. Three miles northwest of Sundown, TX. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

Timberline, Merritt Island NWR. Two miles east of Titusville, FL. Grass. 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
Simmons Road	NC	NCS	5,438	0	91	9/1	191	-27	0	28	4	19	2.8M	ST
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	299,909	46	70	UNK	575	-81	1	78	6	1	41.0M	FWS
Juniper Road	NC	NCS	31,140	0	85	UNK	45	-1	0	10	0	0	2.9M	ST
Sweat Farm Again	GA	GAS	19,169	0	92	UNK	44	-16	0	0	0	13	3.1M	ST
Racepond	GA	GAS	20,934	0	92	UNK	45	-2	0	15	0	0	4.8M	ST
Jeter II	TX	TXS	4,835	2,835	90	UNK	74	-1	2	9	3	0	NR	ST
Arbuckle Complex	ОК	OKS	4,794	2,231	60	UNK	43	-3	1	12	2	0	45K	ST
Williams	TX	TXS	3,200	1,252	90	UNK	91	19	2	9	0	0	NR	ST
Clay	TX	TXS	5,000	0	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Sandy Creek	ОК	WMR	500		80	UNK	20		0	5	0	0	1K	FWS
Agua Creek	TX	TXS	300	0	70	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Timberline	FL	MIR	2,800	UNK	60	UNK	8	UNK	0	3	0	0	3K	FWS
Browning	TX	TXS	2,182	0	100		0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
North Fork	TX	TXS	441	0	100		0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
West Liberty	ОК	ECU	104	0	100		23	0	0	9	0	0	1K	ST

Southwest (PL 4)

New fires:11New large fires:2Uncontained large fires:5Type 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. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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.

* **Bolt**, Coconino NF. Fifteen miles south of Flagstaff, AZ. Grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Point,** Grand Canyon NP. Thirteen miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Las Conchas	NM	N6S	155,451	-794	65	UNK	1,050	55	20	29	11	112	42M	ST
Pacheco	NM	SNF	10,250	0	85	UNK	15	0	0	2	0	0	9M	FS
Jack Complex	NM	GNF	4,356	736	0	8/1	256	15	10	4	5	0	844K	FS
* Bolt	ΑZ	COF	300		N/A	N/A	30		0	5	0	0	9K	FS
* Point	AZ	GCP	210		N/A	N/A	11		0	1	0	0	5K	NPS

Northern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 16
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Scorpion Complex (2 fires), Modoc NF. Ten miles north of Tionesta, CA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. High voltage power line threatened.

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Scorpion Complex	CA	MDF	2,944	0	85	7/18	147	-78	2	15	0	0	323K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Lakeside, Salt Lake District, BLM. Four miles north of Delle, UT. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs.

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	12,000	4,000	50	7/18	188	49	5	16	3	0	397K	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 16
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

^{*} Smoky Gap, Natrona County, WY. Thirty-eight miles north of Casper, WY. Grass. Running fire.

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* Smoky Gap	WY	CPX	300		75	UNK	40		0	11	0	0	4K	CNTY

Predictive Services Discussion: Gusty southwest winds will continue across much of the Great Basin. Scattered wet and dry thunderstorms will develop from Arizona and New Mexico to Wyoming. A cold front will push through the Great Lakes, producing showers and thunderstorms across New England and the Upper Midwest. Scattered thunderstorms will dot the Gulf and lower Atlantic states.

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



Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

Hazard Trees – Situational Awareness

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and green hazard trees present a significant threat to wildland firefighter safety. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw off embers creating spot fires in advance of the main fire. Snags may burn through more quickly than green trees and can fall without warning. Live, green trees weakened by insects, disease, weather, fire, and age presents another hazard and they can also fall without notice.

- The risk of serious injuries from hazard trees may increase during the night operational period when visibility is reduced.
- While work in cooler, nighttime environments can help control efforts, it also presents an increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees. Night operations should be restricted in areas of high risk rated dead and dying trees.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong or gusty winds from storm cells. Air operations water or retardant drops, rotor wash from helicopters. Steep slopes with rolling material. Erosion and undercut root systems. Diseased or bug-killed areas (Mountain Pine Beetle).
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) in the area. Numerous downed trees/material. Broken tops and dead limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs, tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks, lack of needles, bark, limbs or other indicators of overhead hazards. Roots damaged by equipment, fire or erosion create hazards.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and establish No-Work-Zones (NWZ) in all high-risk areas until the hazard has been mitigated. Instruct firefighters of established NWZ in briefings. Identify with flagging/signs, and show area on maps. Establish lookouts to protect NWZs. Assign only qualified sawyers and Falling Bosses. Order additional professional fallers in advance. Use heavy equipment, and blasters when appropriate. Plan a quick and safe escape routes. Do not turn your back on a falling tree or known hazard. Use lookouts to maintain secure felling areas. Maintain situational awareness.

References: <u>Hazard Tree Safety Web Page</u>

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
7 ildona	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES		1			6	7	14
Northwoot	ACRES		1			1	2	4
Northern California	FIRES					15	1	16
	ACRES					30	0	30
Southern California	FIRES		2			13	5	20
	ACRES		100			98	2	200
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	5	8
	ACRES	1				0	3	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			3	5	14
	ACRES		9,014			3	13	9,030
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				60	60
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			3	6	11
	ACRES	0	0			1	151	152
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			6	6	16
	ACRES		0			381	0	381
Eastern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					32	6	38
	ACRES					336	66	402
TOTAL	FIRES	2	15	0	0	92	42	151
	ACRES	1	9,115	0	0	853	297	10,266

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		24	24	16	369	3	436
Alaska	ACRES		42,580	36,656	6,686	190,895	1	276,818
Northwest	FIRES	71	46	2	8	130	103	360
Northwest	ACRES	1,351	658	32	4	147	93	2,285
Northern California	FIRES	20	6	3	5		78	112
	ACRES	8	0	0	2,076		4,758	6,842
Southern California	FIRES	14	205	3	5	1,779	169	2,175
	ACRES	82	2,120	1	222	14,990	2,904	20,319
Northern Rockies	FIRES	168	7	4	4	92	62	337
T TOTALION T TOOMS	ACRES	325	124	49	7	401	39	945
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	12	195	1	6	198	60	472
Lactorii Great Baciii	ACRES	1,793	31,570	26	6	2,077	94	35,566
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	125	3	10	56	3	200
	ACRES	10	9,087	62	0	12,096	0	21,255
Southwest	FIRES	678	216	10	24	746	647	2,321
	ACRES	26,300	98,263	181	8,490	547,014	1,159,361	1,839,609
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	280	145	24	14	388	213	1,064
,	ACRES	3,037	401	3,502	2,269	227,426	26,291	262,926
Eastern Area	FIRES	336		24	14	3,358	197	3,929
	ACRES	353		2,611	71	25,140	14,075	42,250
Southern Area	FIRES	576		227	62	27,881	711	29,457
	ACRES	104,673		79,501	55,653	3,117,138	28,383	3,385,348
TOTAL	FIRES	2,158	969	325	168	34,997	2,246	40,863
	ACRES	137,932	184,803	122,621	75,484	4,137,324	1,235,999	5,894,163

Ten Year Average Fires	45,490
Ten Year Average Acres	3,385,886

^{***} 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
Northwest	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
Trontion Gamorna	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		4,036					4,036
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
Lastominada	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	4,036	0	0	0	0	4,036

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		11		12
Alaska	ACRES			20		5,715		5,735
Northwest	FIRES	8	44	6	1		119	178
Northwest	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
T TOTAL TO THE OWN OF	ACRES	1,477	853	7,849	141	211	4,247	14,778
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	15	3	1	34	29	82
Zaotom Groat Zaom	ACRES	54	5,974	1,023	55	696	5,676	13,478
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
Troctom Groat Baom	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
Lastem / troa	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	160	639	87	2,222	1,389	4,690
	ACRES	81,352	212,798	154,792	20,136	312,003	704,063	1,485,144

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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	4	1	775	940,430
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	4,232	143	291,303
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	240	335,728
MANITOBA	6	278	168	57,730
ONTARIO	13	20,587	494	178,514
QUEBEC	6	451	166	8,626
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	26	69
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	62	38
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	102	131
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	31	62,159
TOTALS	33	25,548	2,510	1,925,825

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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