

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, August 26, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (411 new fires)
New large fires:	20 (*)
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	25
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9

Nationally, there are 50 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.

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	31
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

West Riverside, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Grant). Twelve miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Diamond Complex, (two fires) Miles City Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Heintz). Twenty-nine miles south of Ashland, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Black Springs Complex, (two fires) Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Benes). Six miles west of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior.

Mill, Custer NF. Twenty miles northeast of Ashland, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity.

Saddle Complex – Bitterroot Branch, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Thirty miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Hammer Creek, Flathead NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-one miles east of Condon, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Liz Butte**, Clearwater NF. Twenty-three miles east of Pierce, ID. Timber. No further information received. 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
West Riverside	MT	DNR	2,100	0	25	UNK	484	217	11	19	2	0	881K	ST
Diamond Complex	MT	MCD	35,300	19,000	45	UNK	452	142	12	26	1	3	560K	BLM
Black Springs Complex	MT	NCA	24,570	5,170	60	UNK	474	114	15	26	2	0	1.1M	BIA
Mill	MT	CNF	6,500	1,500	30	UNK	213	77	8	3	2	0	50K	FS
Saddle Complex-Bitterroot branch	MT	BRF	22,097	12,347	N/A	N/A	119	0	3	12	1	0	75K	FS
Hammer Creek	MT	FNF	2,800	---	N/A	N/A	33	0	0	0	0	0	366K	FS
* Liz Butte	ID	CWF	200	---	N/A	N/A	4	---	0	1	0	0	25K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 39
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Hole in the Wall, Shoshone NF. South Dakota IMT 2 (Lowe). Seven miles west of Clark, WY. Timber. Crowning, running and spotting. Residences threatened.

Rourke, High Plains District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Richardson) back to local unit occurred yesterday. Fifteen miles north of Gillette, WY. Timber and grass. Crowning and spotting.

Wild Stallion, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. Ten miles west of Pine Ridge, SD. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Sambrito 2**, Southern Ute Agency, BIA. Eight miles east of Ignacio, CO. Timber. Isolated torching.

* **Paintrock**, Wind River/Big Horn Basin District, BLM. Twenty miles northeast of Worland, WY. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Cosgrove, Grand Junction Field Office, BLM. Previously reported incident. Ten miles north of Grand Junction, CO. Brush. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Big A, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Previously reported incident. Eight miles northeast of Norwood, CO. Timber. No further information received. 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
Hole in the Wall	WY	SHF	5,764	3,064	N/A	N/A	231	52	5	10	7	0	449K	FS
Rourke	WY	HPD	4,212	212	70	8/28	107	29	3	8	1	0	200K	BLM
Wild Stallion	SD	PRA	2,510	0	80	8/27	32	5	0	9	0	2	175K	BIA
* Sambrito 2	CO	SUA	471	---	0	8/29	74	---	3	5	0	0	175K	BIA

* Paintrock	WY	WBD	400	---	10	8/27	30	---	0	5	1	0	10K	BLM
Cosgrove	CO	GRD	1,744	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	300K	BLM
Big A	CO	GMF	1,012	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	65K	FS
Squaw Mtn.	WY	PLX	14,485	0	100	---	182	82	5	17	1	2	980K	CNTY

PLX – Platte County

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 120
 New large fires: 7
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Hancock Complex**, Prineville District, BLM. IMT 2 (Rapp). Includes previously reported Hancock incident. Two miles northeast of Clarno, OR. Grass. Active fire behavior.

* **West Little**, Vale District, BLM. Forty-five miles northeast of McDermitt, OR. Brush. Moderate fire activity.

* **Webster**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Four miles northeast of Warm Springs, OR. Grass. Running fire.

* **Smyth Creek**, Burns District, BLM. Fifteen miles south of Diamond, OR. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior.

* **DSL Complex**, (four fires) Burns District, BLM. Sixty miles southeast of Burns, OR. Brush. Active fire behavior.

* **Desert Meadows**, Burns District, BLM. Fifteen miles south of Frenchglen, OR. Brush. Wind-driven fire.

* **Vines Hill**, Vale District, BLM. Fifteen miles west of Vale, OR. Brush. Running fire.

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
* Hancock Complex	OR	PRD	13,126	12,626	0	UNK	138	102	3	20	1	0	70K	BLM
* West Little	OR	VAD	2,500	---	0	8/26	105	---	1	15	1	0	180K	BLM
* Webster	OR	WSA	1,500	---	30	8/26	5	---	0	2	0	0	20K	BIA
* Smyth Creek	OR	BUD	1,500	---	0	UNK	72	---	1	11	0	0	85K	BLM
* DSL Complex	OR	BUD	1,045	---	5	8/28	28	---	0	7	0	0	93K	BLM
* Desert Meadows	OR	BUD	600	---	5	9/15	20	---	0	2	0	0	125K	BLM
* Vines Hill	OR	VAD	500	---	0	8/26	65	---	0	11	1	0	70K	BLM

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 67
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Lateral West, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. IMT 2 (Dueitt). Nine miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Timber. Smoldering.

* **JA Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eighteen miles southeast of Claude, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Bone Dry**, Texas Forest Service. Seven miles northeast of Claude, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

Statehouse Mountain, Ouachita NF. Eight miles west of Black Springs, AR. Timber. Smoldering. 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
Lateral West	VA	GDR	6,538	534	35	UNK	402	-21	5	29	5	0	7.5M	FWS
* JA Ranch	TX	TXS	1,200	---	0	UNK	123	---	2	11	0	0	NR	ST
* Bone Dry	TX	TXS	650	---	0	UNK	20	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Statehouse Mountain	AR	OUF	143	0	N/A	N/A	1	-2	0	0	0	0	2K	FS
Shanty	FL	EVP	7,528	4,028	100	---	6	-12	0	1	1	0	75K	NPS
* Armstrong Assist	TX	TXS	1,200	---	100	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

EVP – Everglades NP

Southern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 22
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Motor**, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Thirteen miles northeast of Mariposa, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior.

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
* Motor	CA	SNF	900	---	0	9/9	264	---	14	12	4	0	100k	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 38
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **T17**, Idaho National Laboratory, DOE. Twenty-six mile east of Arco, ID. Brush and grass. Running and spotting.

Saddle Complex, Salmon-Challis NF. Twenty-two miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber. Short runs with 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
* T17	ID	INE	25,000	---	0	UNK	34	---	0	6	0	0	90K	DOE
Saddle Complex	ID	SCF	10,753	1,128	N/A	N/A	55	0	2	1	0	0	261K	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Great Stone, Carson City District, BLM. Started on BIA land 10 miles north of Nixon, NV. Brush. Minimal behavior.

* **Jumbo**, Ely District, BLM. Fifty-three miles northeast of Mesquite, NV. Grass. Active fire behavior.

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
Great Stone	NV	CCD	2,377	877	50	8/26	155	62	6	0	2	0	75K	BIA
* Jumbo	NV	ELD	601	---	0	8/27	42	---	2	3	1	0	100K	BLM
* Summit	NV	WID	485	---	100	---	25	---	0	8	0	0	10K	BLM

WID – Winnemucca District, BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 38
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Catfish**, Socorro Field Office, BLM. Started on Bureau of Reclamation land 28 miles southwest of San Antonio, NM. Chaparral. Running, backing, torching.

* **Fly**, Coconino NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Hardwood litter. 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
* Catfish	NM	SCD	350	---	20	8/31	32	---	1	2	0	0	9K	BOR

* Fly	AZ	COF	120	---	N/A	N/A	27	---	1	1	0	0	1K	FS
* Kehl	AZ	COF	187	---	100	---	5	---	0	1	0	0	5K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Isolated mainly dry thunderstorms will move across northern and central Idaho, western Montana and western Wyoming. Scattered thunderstorms will develop across the central and southern Rockies and the southern Great Basin. Heavy rain, thunderstorms and strong winds associated with Hurricane Irene will move into mid-Atlantic coast states from South Carolina to Maryland and Virginia. Conditions will remain hot across much of the West while cooler air drops into the northern Plains and Great Lakes region.

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



Today's discussion is from the Aviation Category.



Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

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

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone. Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- 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?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?

- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		14		4	14	88	120
	ACRES		6,192		0	258	41	6,491
Northern California	FIRES	1				20	24	45
	ACRES	1				35	20	56
Southern California	FIRES					21	1	22
	ACRES					22	0	22
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0			7	24	31
	ACRES		4,300			613	561	5,474
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		15			5	18	38
	ACRES		535			7,005	1,134	8,674
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3		1		1	5
	ACRES	2,700	159		0		0	2,859
Southwest	FIRES	3	11			5	19	38
	ACRES	1	3			1	175	180
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	16	9			3	11	39
	ACRES	474	431			0	3,688	4,593
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				5		6
	ACRES	1				8		9
Southern Area	FIRES					65	2	67
	ACRES					2,635	29	2,664
TOTAL	FIRES	21	52	0	5	145	188	411
	ACRES	3,177	11,620	0	0	10,577	5,648	31,022

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	26	28	17	408	7	488
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,821	8,040	199,818	1	292,341
Northwest	FIRES	192	191	8	38	347	547	1,323
	ACRES	3,725	45,942	89	4	6,601	729	57,090
Northern California	FIRES	67	11	5	13	1,421	193	1,710
	ACRES	53	2,450	4	2,178	6,623	5,424	16,732
Southern California	FIRES	18	294	5	20	2,556	190	3,083
	ACRES	224	2,486	3	1,049	34,910	22,458	61,130
Northern Rockies	FIRES	411	62	6	6	324	361	1,170
	ACRES	3,694	25,095	141	7	5,407	21,132	55,476
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	454	1	8	401	316	1,205
	ACRES	2,033	246,006	26	6	34,684	23,208	305,963
Western Great Basin	FIRES	14	303	4	15	108	38	482
	ACRES	2,774	62,793	69	3	18,700	349	84,688
Southwest	FIRES	845	314	11	46	953	1,114	3,283
	ACRES	33,904	125,147	273	20,294	612,462	1,264,512	2,056,592
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	499	314	25	31	652	399	1,920
	ACRES	6,386	7,357	3,502	2,278	249,283	66,030	334,836
Eastern Area	FIRES	340		27	18	3,826	211	4,422
	ACRES	355		2,612	81	25,581	14,080	42,709
Southern Area	FIRES	811		237	70	30,396	856	32,370
	ACRES	132,978		80,320	55,690	3,121,689	33,912	3,424,589
TOTAL	FIRES	3,224	1,969	357	282	41,392	4,232	51,456
	ACRES	186,134	564,929	123,860	89,630	4,315,758	1,451,835	6,732,146

Ten Year Average Fires	56,606
Ten Year Average Acres	5,564,730

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	1			2			3
	ACRES	30			61			91
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						262	262
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	2	0	2	5
	ACRES	30	0	0	61	0	263	354

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	3	12		16
	ACRES			20	35	8,513		8,568
Northwest	FIRES	8	44	7	1		122	182
	ACRES	5,268	6,885	429	42		8,661	21,285
Northern California	FIRES	15	16	21	21		140	213
	ACRES	61	655	19,513	141		5,387	25,757
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	4	15	75	114
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,060	1,960	2,090	7,829
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	14	42	1	16	96	206
	ACRES	1,321	893	7,986	141	211	6,610	17,162
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	17	3	2	35	26	83
	ACRES	54	8,572	1,023	678	712	6,555	17,594
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
	ACRES		121	550		64	296	1,031
Southwest	FIRES	18	29	3	4		88	142
	ACRES	1,725	192,296	1,428	46		73,234	268,729
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	43	33	89	17	45	121	348
	ACRES	4,684	5,597	14,174	4,703	8,554	30,247	67,959
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		346	31	844	131	1,382
	ACRES	60,283		47,330	3,848	49,649	39,282	200,392
Southern Area	FIRES	42		140	20	1,429	556	2,187
	ACRES	7,835		74,269	13,528	304,886	454,283	854,801
TOTAL	FIRES	193	167	663	104	2,398	1,364	4,889
	ACRES	81,231	215,775	168,685	24,222	374,549	626,645	1,491,107

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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	1	3	474	11,801
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	53	39,746
ALBERTA	1	0	957	940,041
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	202	368,277
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	252	339,942
MANITOBA	1	11	261	84,303
ONTARIO	0	0	1,017	624,789
QUEBEC	0	0	264	12,423
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	44	352
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	69	39
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	112	132
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	56	84,924
TOTALS	3	14	3,762	2,506,770

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