National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Friday, July 27, 2012 – 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (160 new fires)

New large fires: 7 (*)
Large fires contained: 6
Uncontained large fires: ** 25
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Four MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve) and the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard), are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID.

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 4)

New fires:	11
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	10
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Region 24 Complex (3 fires), Nebraska DOF. IMT 2 (Pechota). Two miles south of Norden, NE. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Longhorn Complex (3 fires), Rosebud Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Lowe). Four miles northwest of St. Francis, SD. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping.

Seminoe, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Rawlins, WY. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

* Crawford, Nebraska DOF. Ten miles southeast of Crawford, NE. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Ash Creek, Nebraska NF. Twenty miles southwest of Chadron, NE. Timber and grass. Smoldering.

Air Park, Southern Ute Agency, BIA. Four miles south of Durango, CO. Juniper and brush. Smoldering.

^{**} 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
Region 24 Complex	NE	NES	71,405	-1,000	70	7/30	438	-42	9	25	7	20	2.3M	ST
Long Horn Complex	SD	RBA	43,639	1,737	90	7/29	409	-175	6	34	4	4	3.8M	BIA
Seminoe	WY	RAD	4,112	457	53	7/30	255	-141	9	7	4	0	1.6M	BLM
* Crawford	NE	NES	350		80	UNK	90		3	12	0	0	100K	ST
Ash Creek	NE	NBF	2,200	0	95	UNK	130	-82	5	12	1	0	1M	FS
Air Park	СО	SUA	499	0	90	7/29	40	-12	1	0	2	0	650K	BIA

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:10New large fires:1Uncontained large fires:5Type 2 IMTs committed:2

Skibstad, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Fry). Previously reported as the Skipsted fire. Eight miles southeast of Columbus, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Wolf Creek, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Thirty-five miles north of Winnett, MT. Juniper, brush and grass. Running and torching. Structures threatened.

* **15 Mile**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Nineteen miles northeast of Winnett, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Chrandal Creek, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Thirty-two miles south of Darby, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened.

Garden Coulee, Charles M. Russell NWR. Thirty-five miles south of Zortman, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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Skibstad	МТ	sos	3,213	2,713	35	7/28	233	212	1	36	2	3	400K	ST
Wolf Creek	MT	LED	12,160	6,860	50	7/30	102	0	1	25	3	0	150K	BLM
* 15 Mile	МТ	LED	1,500		40	7/28	42		1	5	1	0	45K	BLM
Chrandal Creek	MT	BRF	2,400	100	50	UNK	396	8	12	6	5	0	5.7M	FS
Garden Coulee	МТ	CMR	300	0	80	7/27	12	0		3		0	12K	FWS
Mission Road	MT	CES	3,250	0	100		113	-69	3	12	1	0	750K	ST

CES - Central Land Office, Montana DNR

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:23New large fires:3Uncontained large fires:2Type 1 IMTs committed:1

- * **Graham**, Tuolomne-Calaveras Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Veneris). IMT also managing the Penn fire. Two miles north of Groveland, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.
- * **Penn**, Tuolomne-Calaveras Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles southeast of Murphys, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.
- * **Cascade**, Yosemite NP. One mile north of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and 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
* Graham	CA	TCU	100		20	7/30	514		19	43	6	0	800K	ST
* Penn	CA	TCU	134		40	7/28	424		19	35	4	1	1.2M	ST
* Cascade	CA	YNP	109		N/A	N/A	3		0	0	0	0	12K	NPS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires:57New large fires:2Uncontained large fires:3

Townley Road, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles northwest of Indiahoma, OK. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

- * **Doar**, Francis Marion and Sumter NF. One mile south of Awendaw, SC. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.
- * Ola, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Three miles southeast of Ola, AR. Timber. 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
Townley Road	ок	OKS	23,436	19,436	50	UNK	237	160	0	98	1	3	50K	ST
* Doar	sc	FMF	488		75	UNK	43		0	5	0	0	15K	FS
* Ola	AR	ARS	500		90	UNK	0		0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Dutton Road	ОК	OKS	586	0	100		0	-60	0	0	0	3	8K	ST
Turkey Pin Hollow	AR	ARS	199		100		7	7	0	0	0	0	2K	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

Gregerson, Ely District, BLM. Twenty miles east of Alamo, NV. Brush and grass. Smoldering.

Chimney, Elko District, BLM. Two miles east of Twin Bridges, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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
Gregerson	NV	ELD	7,300	0	90	UNK	174	-100	7	3	1	0	225K	BLM
Chimney	NV	EKD	4,597	0	99	UNK	170	0	5	13	0	0	NR	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Wash, Arizona Strip District, BLM. Forty-two miles south of St. George, UT. Juniper, brush and grass. No new 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
Wash	ΑZ	ASD	540	0	90	UNK	4	-54	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM
Baboon	UT	CCD	20,732	0	100		9	-11	0	2	0	2	650K	BLM
Jackson Wash	UT	CCD	590	0	100		49	-2	1	5	0	0	NR	BLM
Horse	UT	sws	350	0	100		24	13	1	1	0	0	NR	ST

CCD- Cedar City District, BLM SWS - Southwest Area, Utah DOF

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

Water Tower, Burns District, BLM. Thirteen miles southeast of Fields, OR. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
Water Tower	OR	BUD	1,540	226	90	7/27	198	112	5	11	3	0	300K	BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

West Side Complex, Kaibab NF. Forty miles west of Big Springs, AZ. Brush and grass. Smoldering.

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 Side Complex	AZ	KNF	2,871	0	80	8/4	12	-231	0	4	0	0	60K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

Hogatza, Galena Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on NPS land twenty-five miles northwest of Hughes, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Uyon Lakes, Galena Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on NPS land twenty five miles south of Sparrevohn, AK. Tundra. 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
Hogatza	AK	GAD	24,179		N/A	N/A	0		0	0	0	0	NR	NPS
Uyon Lakes	AK	GAD	4,500		N/A	N/A	0		0	0	0	0	NR	NPS

Other Fires

(As of July 27)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	13	113,241	0	0	0	0
NW	3	557,744	6	7	0	151
NO	3	2,763	14	22	5	410
SO	1	109	0	0	0	3
NR	6	2,504	38	6	3	133
EB	6	72,612	2	6	0	101
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	297,845	0	0	0	5
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	3	2,936	5	11	3	76
Total	36	1,049,754	65	52	11	879

This table does not include fires reported in the large fire section of this report. Updated weekly.

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop across the southern and central Rockies. Thunderstorms will also form across eastern Idaho, southern Montana and western Wyoming along a weak cold front moving through the region. Temperatures will continue to rise across the West. In the East, a cold front moving through the central Plains and Ohio Valley will bring cooler conditions to the Plains and upper Midwest region. Showers and thunderstorms will develop across the South and the Atlantic seaboard.

http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.html

Minutes FOR SAFETY

Today's discussion is from the Fireline Safety Category.

UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics or hazards are in conflict with Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

- Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.
- Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and a being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?
- Have strategies, tactics or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected don't arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.)
- Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen?
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.
 - Consider retreating until you are informed.
 - Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.
 - Get the national standard Incident Response Pocket Guide standard briefing

References:

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Incident Response Pocket Guide

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
A11-	FIRES							0
Alaska	ACRES							0
N	FIRES					2	1	3
Northwest	ACRES					1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES					12	1	13
Northern Camornia	ACRES					32	0	32
Southern California	FIRES	1		2	0	19	1	23
Southern Camornia	ACRES	0		1	69	66	10	146
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3	7	10
Northern Nockies	ACRES					2,719	100	2,819
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			3	7	14
Eastern Great Dasin	ACRES		158			22	4	184
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4			5		9
western Great basin	ACRES		1			3		4
Southwest	FIRES	1	2				8	11
Countiwest	ACRES	1	1				2	4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	3			2	1	11
rtooky wountain	ACRES	165	3			2	0	170
Eastern Area	FIRES					8	1	9
Lastern Area	ACRES					4	65	69
Southern Area	FIRES			1	2	48	6	57
Journal Alea	ACRES			1,500	40	202	507	2,249
TOTAL	FIRES	7	13	3	2	102	33	160
TOTAL	ACRES	166	163	1,501	109	3,051	688	5,678

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	28	20	224	4	314
	ACRES	43	50,107	39,270	67,906	49,838	0	207,164
Northwest	FIRES	112	121	18	16	315	251	833
	ACRES	2,053	649,569	1,787	13	2,169	347	655,938
Northern California	FIRES	70	15	2	6	1,706	274	2,073
	ACRES	54	1,476	0	8	11,717	31,404	44,659
Southern California	FIRES	22	107	7	18	1,991	265	2,410
	ACRES	27	4,379	8	436	27,512	2,590	34,952
Northern Rockies	FIRES	876	107	15	8	311	281	1,598
	ACRES	282,677	78,387	869	650	69,795	30,747	463,125
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	30	397		13	519	231	1,190
	ACRES	3,622	516,260		134	169,158	216,562	905,736
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	251	1	13	99	46	413
	ACRES	1,199	100,300	0	37	10,285	12,276	124,097
Southwest	FIRES	657	165	12	31	412	719	1,996
	ACRES	30,236	4,429	187	4,326	31,098	521,313	591,589
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	915	377	21	19	903	483	2,718
_	ACRES	62,715	33,235	1,246	829	260,784	246,812	605,621
Eastern Area	FIRES	676		43	16	7,433	479	8,647
	ACRES	1,631		4,755	401	70,607	8,829	86,223
Southern Area	FIRES	448		39	42	13,250	500	14,279
	ACRES	38,408		18,891	16,733	164,049	78,757	316,838
TOTAL	FIRES	3,810	1,577	186	202	27,163	3,533	36,471
	ACRES	422,665	1,438,142	67,013	91,473	867,012	1,149,637	4,035,942

Ten Year Average Fires	47,263
Ten Year Average Acres	3,965,044

^{***} 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
	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
Northern California	ACRES	_						0
	FIRES							0
Southern California	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
Northern Rockies	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES							0
Mantaus Coast Basin	FIRES							0
Western Great Basin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
Southwest	ACRES							0
Dooley Mountain	FIRES							0
Rocky Mountain	ACRES							0
Footowa Avec	FIRES							0
Eastern Area	ACRES							0
Courtle and Anag	FIRES							0
Southern Area	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	10		12
	ACRES				18	13,314		13,332
Northwest	FIRES	8	59	15			157	239
	ACRES	3,502	7,000	1,305			31,956	43,763
	FIRES	2	13	22	21		153	211
Northern California	ACRES	107	203	22,621	151		13,082	36,164
	FIRES		6	5	5	6	159	181
Southern California	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,831	4,120	8,799
Northarn Dagliag	FIRES	15	9	68	3	33	192	320
Northern Rockies	ACRES	1,792	4,745	16,495	233	1,809	20,854	45,928
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	20	42	79
Lasterii Great Dasiii	ACRES		898	188	230	324	18,824	20,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
western Great basin	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	31	17	12	15		131	206
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,472	109		38,954	54,268
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	25	91	21	18	61	239
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	2,025	2,965	19,979	2,492	8,377	10,819	46,657
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		490	41	959	151	1,678
	ACRES	22,116		78,658	9,054	57,490	57,523	224,841
Southern Area	FIRES	23		136	53	8,274	832	9,318
	ACRES	4,783		57,176	37,634	470,896	811,626	1,382,115
TOTAL	FIRES	139	148	845	165	9,333	1,882	12,512
	ACRES	35,539	28,112	202,694	50,867	554,320	1,007,979	1,879,511

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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	27	53	598	10,199
YUKON TERRITORY	4	0	87	63,049
ALBERTA	5	0	1,005	329,527
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	6	7	185	200,154
SASKATCHEWAN	4	2	284	195,058
MANITOBA	7	0	346	84,050
ONTARIO	18	7,122	1,125	110,685
QUEBEC	11	0	570	69,608
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	9	170	137,433
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	288	352
NOVA SCOTIA	8	3	312	779
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	5	9
NATIONAL PARKS	3	0	49	270,769
TOTALS	95	7,196	5,024	1,471,671

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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