

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday July 6, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial attack activity:      | Heavy (352 new fires) |
| New large fires:              | 14 (*)                |
| Large fires contained:        | 13                    |
| Uncontained large fires: **   | 16                    |
| Area Command Teams committed: | 1                     |
| NIMOs committed:              | 0                     |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:        | 6                     |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:        | 6                     |

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

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

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 12 |
| New large fires:         | 2  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 4  |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:   | 1  |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 2  |

**Carpenter 1**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. IMT 1 (Harvey) and IMT 2 (Adell). One mile from Kyle Canyon, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Communities of Kyle, Lee and Trout Canyon, youth camps and a ski area are threatened.

**Bison**, Western Nevada Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Whalen). Five miles east of Gardnerville, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush, and grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Gregerson**, Ely District, BLM. Twenty-five miles southeast of Alamo, NV. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Goat Peak**, Battle Mountain District, BLM. Twenty miles south of Battle Mountain, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Smoldering.

**Eightmile**, Ely District, BLM. Ten miles east of Alamo, NV. Timber and brush. Backing and creeping with short runs. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Black**, Ely District, BLM. Fifteen miles south of Baker, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, and brush. Short crown runs. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Carpenter 1   | NV | HTF  | 9,031 | 7,031            | 0     | UNK     | 422       | 338              | 12  | 26  | 5    | 0         | 500K     | FS         |
| Bison         | NV | WNA  | 1,860 | 560              | 15    | 7/8     | 385       | 185              | 12  | 20  | 3    | 0         | 800K     | BIA        |
| * Gregerson   | NV | ELD  | 1,000 | --               | 25    | UNK     | 52        | ---              | 1   | 4   | 1    | 0         | 10K      | BLM        |
| Goat Peak     | NV | BMD  | 2,001 | 0                | 95    | 7/6     | 212       | -62              | 7   | 4   | 2    | 7         | 750K     | BLM        |
| Eightmile     | NV | ELD  | 5,583 | 1,083            | N/A   | N/A     | 55        | -2               | 2   | 2   | 1    | 0         | 35K      | BLM        |
| * Black       | NV | ELD  | 350   | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 20        | ---              | 0   | 0   | 2    | 0         | 15K      | BLM        |
| Raspberry     | NV | WID  | 686   | -1,114           | 100   | ---     | 115       | 41               | 4   | 5   | 0    | 0         | 115K     | BLM        |
| Cosgrove      | NV | WID  | 557   | -843             | 100   | ---     | 105       | 49               | 4   | 3   | 2    | 0         | 140K     | BLM        |
| Dun Glen      | NV | WID  | 336   | -1,264           | 100   | ---     | 0         | -10              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 75K      | BLM        |
| North Creek   | NV | ELD  | 1,100 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 23        | -3               | 2   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 160K     | BLM        |

WID – Winnemucca District, BLM

### **Alaska Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 5  
New large fires: 8  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Stuart Creek #2**, Military Zone, Alaska Fire Service. IMT 1 (McGowan) and IMT 2 (Allbee). Twenty-five miles east of North Pole, AK. Black spruce. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

**Moon Lake**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (Allen). IMT is also managing the Tetlin Jct. Ridge incident. Twenty miles west of Tok, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures threatened.

**Tetlin Jct. Ridge**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Eighteen miles east of Tok, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Beaver Log Lakes**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. One mile northeast of Minchumina Lake, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Prospect Creek**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Twenty miles east of Bettles, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Sulatna River**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land forty-three miles southeast of Ruby, AK. Black spruce. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Little Mud**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land forty miles east of Ruby, AK. Brush. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**North Porcupine**, Upper Yukon Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land eighty-five miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Siruk Creek**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Twenty-five miles northwest of Allakaket, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Toklat River East**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Thirty-six miles west of Garner AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Bear Creek**, Galena Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Thirty-nine miles southeast of Unalakleet, AK. Black spruce. Creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Chandalar**, Upper Yukon Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Started on FWS land eight miles west of Venetie, AK. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Sandless Lake**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Fifty-one miles west of Garner, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Titna**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Seventy-nine miles east of Ruby, AK. Black spruce. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **McKinley River East**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Started on NPS land thirty-six miles southeast of Minchumina Lake, AK. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Timber Creek**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Eighteen miles northwest of Bettles, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Birch Creek**, Upper Yukon Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Ten miles northwest of Circle Hot Springs, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior with group torching.

\* **Wigand Creek**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Thirty-six miles west of Garner, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Bear Creek**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Started on NPS land thirty-seven miles southeast of Minchumina Lake, AK. Black spruce and 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 |
|-----------------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Stuart Creek #2       | AK | MID  | 32,014 | 1,014            | N/A   | N/A     | 389       | 136              | 13  | 10  | 9    | 0         | 3.4M     | BLM        |
| Moon Lake             | AK | TAS  | 18,389 | 8,124            | 0     | 8/1     | 296       | 139              | 9   | 1   | 7    | 0         | 960K     | ST         |
| Tetlin Jct. Ridge     | AK | TAS  | 3,567  | -30              | 30    | 8/1     | 182       | -52              | 10  | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1M       | ST         |
| Beaver Log Lakes      | AK | TAD  | 63,000 | 0                | N/A   | N/A     | 78        | -1               | 2   | 0   | 2    | 0         | 1.3M     | BLM        |
| Prospect Creek        | AK | TAD  | 53,391 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 20K      | BLM        |
| Sulatna River         | AK | TAD  | 47,587 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 2K       | FWS        |
| Little Mud            | AK | TAD  | 29,748 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | FWS        |
| North Porcupine       | AK | UYD  | 23,356 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 9         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 75K      | FWS        |
| Siruk Creek           | AK | TAD  | 19,056 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | BLM        |
| * Toklat River East   | AK | TAD  | 18,903 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | BLM        |
| Bear Creek            | AK | GAD  | 16,794 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | BLM        |
| * Chandalar           | AK | UYD  | 14,724 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | FWS        |
| * Sandless Lake       | AK | TAD  | 8,445  | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | NPS        |
| * Titna               | AK | TAD  | 4,934  | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | BLM        |
| * McKinley River East | AK | TAD  | 4,417  | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | NPS        |
| Timber Creek          | AK | TAD  | 3,137  | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 18K      | BLM        |

| 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 |
|----------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Birch Creek  | AK | UYD  | 1,300 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 8         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 37K      | BLM        |
| * Wigand Creek | AK | TAD  | 1,191 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | BLM        |
| * Bear Creek   | AK | TAD  | 1,608 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | NPS        |
| Skinny's Road  | AK | FAS  | 1,806 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 410       | -40              | 19  | 1   | 3    | 0         | 2.6M     | ST         |

FAS - Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska DOF

### **Southwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 49  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Dean Peak**, Colorado River District, BLM. IMT 2 (Reidy). Ten miles southeast of Kingman, AZ. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Interior burning with short runs. Numerous structures and communication sites threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

\* **White**, Wupatki National Monument. Twenty-eight miles north of Flagstaff, AZ. Grass. Running.

**Yarnell Hill**, Phoenix District, Arizona State Forestry Division. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Four miles west of Yarnell, AZ. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Evacuations in effect.

**Silver**, Gila NF. One mile west of Kingston, NM. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Doce**, Prescott NF. Seven miles northwest of Prescott, AZ. Timber and brush. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|---------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Dean Peak     | AZ | CRD  | 5,300   | 100              | 37    | UNK     | 473       | 12               | 11  | 16  | 4    | 0         | 2.6M     | BLM        |
| * White       | AZ | WUP  | 1,000   | ---              | 10    | 7/8     | 63        | ---              | 2   | 4   | 0    | 0         | 15K      | NPS        |
| Yarnell Hill  | AZ | A1S  | 8,377   | 0                | 90    | 7/12    | 451       | -99              | 8   | 15  | 4    | 114       | 3.8M     | ST         |
| Silver        | NM | GNF  | 138,546 | 0                | 78    | 7/21    | 292       | 0                | 3   | 7   | 1    | 1         | 14.2M    | FS         |
| Doce          | AZ | PNF  | 6,767   | 0                | 96    | UNK     | 79        | -2               | 2   | 10  | 1    | 0         | 7.2M     | FS         |
| Beaver        | AZ | TCA  | 6,134   | 826              | 100   | ---     | 3         | -35              | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 42K      | BIA        |

TCA - Truxton Canyon Agency, BIA

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 23  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Area Command Teams committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Area Command Team (Loach) is assigned to the West Fork Complex in support of Forest Service Region 2.

**West Fork Complex**, (three fires), San Juan NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Blume) to IMT 1 (Lund) will occur today. IMT 2 (Nunez). Fifteen miles north of Pagosa Springs, CO. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Numerous structures, power lines, ski area and communications sites threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

| 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 Fork Complex | CO | SJF  | 110,028 | 0                | N/A   | N/A     | 1,032     | -137             | 14  | 53  | 8    | 1         | 24.1M    | FS         |

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 64  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Straton Creek**, Grants Pass Unit, Oregon DOF. Eleven miles northwest of Grants Pass, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with spotting.

**Owyhee**, Vale District, BLM. IMT 1 (Schulte). Four miles west of Adrian, OR. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

\* **Rattlesnake**, Colville Agency, BIA. Fifty miles southeast of Keller, WA. Timber, brush and grass. 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 |
|-----------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Straton Creek | OR | ODF  | 175    | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 400       | ---              | 16  | 16  | 3    | 0         | 800K     | ST         |
| Owyhee          | OR | VAD  | 46,501 | 252              | 95    | 7/7     | 247       | -74              | 1   | 19  | 3    | 1         | 1.5M     | BLM        |
| * Rattlesnake   | WA | COA  | 518    | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 33        | ---              | 1   | 6   | 1    | 0         | 200K     | BIA        |

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 30  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Black Mountain**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Three miles southeast of Minersville, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. No further information received. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Dewdrop**, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. Previously reported incident. Forty miles south of St. George, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper, and brush. Short runs with torching. 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 |
|----------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Black Mountain | UT | CCD  | 4,439  | 0                | 80    | 7/7     | 290       | 9                | 13  | 14  | 4    | 0         | 450K     | BLM        |
| Dewdrop        | AZ | ASD  | 1,200  | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 30        | ---              | 1   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 40K      | BLM        |
| Jim Brown      | ID | TFD  | 14,404 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 0         | -41              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 45K      | BLM        |

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Pointe        | ID | TFD  | 2,948 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 0         | -64              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 70K      | BLM        |
| Bray Lake     | ID | TFD  | 2,402 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 0         | -64              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 45K      | BLM        |
| Wildflower    | UT | SLD  | 1,754 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 25        | -88              | 1   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 1.2M     | BLM        |
| Heaven        | ID | TFD  | 678   | 0                | 100   | ---     | 0         | -113             | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 70K      | BLM        |
| Emery         | ID | TFD  | 576   | 0                | 100   | ---     | 89        | 22               | 2   | 5   | 0    | 0         | 75K      | BLM        |
| * MM111 I84   | ID | BOD  | 330   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 17        | ---              | 0   | 4   | 0    | 0         | 18K      | BLM        |

TFD - Twin Falls District, BLM

SLD - Salt Lake District, BLM

BOD - Boise District, BLM

### **Northern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 86

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

**3-7 Fox**, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles northwest of Adin, CA. Grass. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 3-7 Fox       | CA | LMU  | 502  | ---              | 50    | UNK     | 145       | ---              | 4   | 13  | 1    | 0         | 52K      | ST         |

### **Other Fires**

(As of July 5)

| GACC  | Fires | Cumulative Acres | Crews | Engines | Helicopters | Total Personnel |
|-------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| AK    | 21    | 365,611          | 1     | 1       | 2           | 47              |
| NW    | 2     | 2,900            | 6     | 20      | 3           | 239             |
| NO    | 1     | 0                | 2     | 8       | 0           | 90              |
| SO    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| NR    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| EB    | 2     | 630              | 5     | 6       | 1           | 141             |
| WB    | 1     | 882              | 1     | 0       | 0           | 21              |
| SW    | 2     | 18,816           | 6     | 4       | 3           | 151             |
| RM    | 6     | 1,271            | 3     | 7       | 3           | 209             |
| EA    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| SA    | 1     | 200              | 0     | 5       | 0           | 15              |
| Total | 38    | 395,310          | 24    | 51      | 12          | 913             |

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered thunderstorms will develop over the southern and central Rockies with isolated dry storms forming from southern Idaho to Arizona. A trough over the Northwest will bring drier air into the much of the West. Temperatures will continue to be near to slightly above normal. In the East, widespread thunderstorm activity will continue east of the Mississippi. The Plains will remain hot and humid. In Alaska, showers and a few thunderstorms will continue over the south and west but warm and dry conditions will hold in the central and eastern Interior.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



“This Day in History” is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity. You can use this summary as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, your team and your unit.

## Part IV - South Canyon Fire, Colorado, 1994 (Last of a Four-Part Series)

**Incident Summary:** On July 2, 1994, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colo., lightning ignites a fire in piñon-pine and juniper on a ridge at the base of Storm King Mountain. The entire general area, in a one-year drought, is experiencing low humidities and record-high temperatures. Over the next two days, the South Canyon Fire increases in size. Initial attack resources are assigned. Four days later, on July 6, a dry cold front moves into the fire area. As winds and fire activity increases, the fire makes several rapid runs. Fourteen firefighters perish as they try to outrun the flames.

### July 6 – Summary of Activities

A total of 36 fires are now burning on this BLM District. During the night, due to the hazards of rolling rocks, the smokejumpers abandon their line construction on the South Canyon Fire up on Storm King Mountain. The fire continues to flare-up throughout the night. A cold front pushing 30-35 mph winds is predicted to occur by 3 p.m. today. A red flag warning has been issued for these frontal winds.

4:30 a.m.: The 11 firefighters from yesterday return and begin their almost 4-hour hike up the east drainage to the fire—where they clear Helispot 2.

8:45 a.m.: The day’s tactical plan calls for improving the fireline on the ridge between helispots 1 and 2. The jumpers and a newly ordered hotshot crew will construct hand line along the fire’s edge on its western flank.

9:30 a.m.: The IC and Jumper-in-Charge take a helicopter recon flight. The Jumper-in-Charge and a jumper on ground discuss lack of safety areas on the fire. It is decided to continue with the original suppression plan. At 10:30 a.m., 8 more smoke jumpers land at the fire. They are assigned to reinforce line building on the west flank. By 11 a.m., the hotshot crew arrives at the helibase to be shuttled up to the fire.

12 p.m.: Winds increase—with gusts up to 30 mph.  
12:30 p.m.: The hotshot crew Superintendent and 9 of his crew arrive at Helispot 2. The IC, Jumper-in-Charge, and hotshot Superintendent agree to send these 9 hotshots down the west flank to reinforce the jumpers.

1 p.m.: A flare-up on the west flank forces some of the jumpers to retreat up the fireline toward the top of the ridge. They discuss safety concerns about building this fireline. After a helicopter water drop, they move back down the hill and continue building fireline.

3 p.m.: The remaining 10 hotshots arrive at Helispot 2 to widen hand line and put out spot fires along the ridge. 20 minutes later, the predicted cold front moves into the area. Strong winds immediately increase the fire activity. Within 45 minutes, water drops are no longer effective. The fire makes rapid runs with 100-foot flame lengths. In response, firefighters start walking back up the fireline.

4 p.m.: The fire blows up. It crosses the drainage and runs up the ridge. A spot fire is observed on the east side of the drainage below a retreating crew. 40 mph winds push the blow-up to the ridge in 2 minutes.

Fourteen firefighters who try to outrun the flames perish: *Kathi Beck, Tami Bickett, Scott Blecha, Levi Brinkley, Robert Browning, Doug Dunbar, Terri Hagen, Bonnie Holtby, Rob Johnson, Jon Kelso, Don Mackey, Roger Roth, James Thrash, and Richard Tyler.*

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

A primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of entrapment situations.

- Discuss how the basics of LCES can help prevent getting into an entrapment situation. (Reference page 6 in your IRPG for this discussion.)
- One recommendation from the South Canyon fire review was that *every* firefighter should carry a radio. Discuss how radios can be used to increase situational awareness.
- Explain why experience alone isn’t enough to protect you in an entrapment situation such as the one that took firefighters’ lives on the South Canyon Fire.
- What are some tell-tale signs that your work environment is becoming increasingly hazardous?

Resources: [South Canyon Fire Investigation. 1994. http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S\\_Canyon\\_AIReport\\_1994.pdf](http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf)  
[Virtual Staff Ride of the South Canyon fire http://www.fireleadership.gov/toolbox/staffride/library\\_staff Ride9.html](http://www.fireleadership.gov/toolbox/staffride/library_staff Ride9.html)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA                |       | BIA   | BLM   | FWS   | NPS    | ST/OT  | USFS | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |       | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4      |      | 5      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 352   | 3,139 | 10,550 | 15,271 |      | 29,312 |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 57    |       |       |        | 4      | 3    | 64     |
|                     | ACRES | 522   |       |       |        | 1      | 0    | 523    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 4     |       |       |        | 79     | 3    | 86     |
|                     | ACRES | 2     |       |       |        | 830    | 0    | 832    |
| Southern California | FIRES |       | 2     |       |        | 54     | 11   | 67     |
|                     | ACRES |       | 0     |       |        | 16     | 4    | 20     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       |       |       |        | 3      | 2    | 5      |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       |        | 0      | 5    | 5      |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       | 15    |       | 1      | 6      | 8    | 30     |
|                     | ACRES |       | 8,145 |       | 0      | 8      | 41   | 8,194  |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 0     | 5     |       |        | 3      | 4    | 12     |
|                     | ACRES | 560   | 1,000 |       |        | 1      | 1    | 1,562  |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 10    | 1     |       | 4      | 5      | 29   | 49     |
|                     | ACRES | 2     | 0     |       | 1,052  | 82     | 37   | 1,173  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 10    | 7     |       |        | 3      | 3    | 23     |
|                     | ACRES | 1     | 24    |       |        | 18     | 0    | 43     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |       |       |       |        |        |      | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       |        |        |      | 0      |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |       |       |       |        | 9      | 2    | 11     |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       |        | 147    | 2    | 149    |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 81    | 31    | 0     | 5      | 170    | 65   | 352    |
|                     | ACRES | 1,087 | 9,521 | 3,139 | 11,602 | 16,374 | 90   | 41,813 |



### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM     | FWS     | NPS    | ST/OT   | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES | 1      | 33      | 29      | 28     | 342     | 2       | 435       |
|                     | ACRES | 0      | 367,886 | 171,669 | 87,867 | 327,820 | 0       | 955,242   |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 95     | 53      | 18      | 3      | 415     | 132     | 716       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,299  | 48,712  | 418     | 0      | 4,742   | 214     | 55,385    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 93     | 12      |         | 8      | 1,644   | 239     | 1,996     |
|                     | ACRES | 93     | 79      |         | 3      | 13,981  | 4,269   | 18,425    |
| Southern California | FIRES | 17     | 69      | 19      | 12     | 2,002   | 233     | 2,352     |
|                     | ACRES | 37     | 861     | 486     | 164    | 21,629  | 38,948  | 62,125    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 321    | 13      | 4       | 3      | 259     | 107     | 707       |
|                     | ACRES | 5,302  | 210     | 1,008   | 2      | 1,552   | 12,584  | 20,658    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 20     | 253     |         | 8      | 206     | 94      | 581       |
|                     | ACRES | 130    | 48,603  |         | 7      | 6,157   | 1,591   | 56,488    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 4      | 155     | 3       | 3      | 42      | 41      | 248       |
|                     | ACRES | 586    | 64,453  | 1       | 0      | 135     | 1,053   | 66,228    |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 425    | 88      | 24      | 51     | 399     | 508     | 1,495     |
|                     | ACRES | 44,385 | 6,085   | 3,313   | 1,364  | 57,328  | 175,397 | 287,872   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 317    | 166     | 13      | 24     | 395     | 206     | 1,121     |
|                     | ACRES | 613    | 7,865   | 514     | 1,072  | 17,005  | 109,957 | 137,026   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 308    |         | 35      | 26     | 4,378   | 229     | 4,976     |
|                     | ACRES | 7,190  |         | 994     | 87     | 32,775  | 1,070   | 42,116    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 122    |         | 38      | 17     | 8,178   | 288     | 8,643     |
|                     | ACRES | 10,939 |         | 3,822   | 1,445  | 85,377  | 10,250  | 111,833   |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 1,723  | 842     | 183     | 183    | 18,260  | 2,079   | 23,270    |
|                     | ACRES | 70,574 | 544,754 | 182,225 | 92,011 | 568,501 | 355,333 | 1,813,398 |

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>39,768</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>2,432,373</b> |

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### 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 |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
|                     | 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 |        |        | 1       | 2      | 13      |         | 16        |
|                     | ACRES |        |        | 5       | 22     | 5,150   |         | 5,177     |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 7      | 37     | 9       | 3      |         | 136     | 192       |
|                     | ACRES | 2,066  | 9,043  | 449     | 67     |         | 28,883  | 40,508    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 2      | 12     | 16      | 21     |         | 125     | 176       |
|                     | ACRES | 35     | 780    | 15,998  | 254    |         | 5,472   | 22,539    |
| Southern California | FIRES |        | 4      | 5       | 4      | 2       | 139     | 154       |
|                     | ACRES |        | 37     | 603     | 298    | 33      | 4,873   | 5,844     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 11     | 11     | 24      | 2      | 95      | 145     | 288       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,583  | 2,742  | 6,747   | 156    | 1,091   | 9,741   | 22,060    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 4      | 18     | 1       | 5      | 21      | 43      | 92        |
|                     | ACRES | 696    | 1,354  | 1       | 693    | 1,357   | 10,921  | 15,022    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |        | 2      | 1       |        | 12      | 7       | 22        |
|                     | ACRES |        | 24     | 35      |        | 103     | 300     | 462       |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 17     | 19     | 5       | 1      |         | 71      | 113       |
|                     | ACRES | 19,319 | 11,472 | 1,372   | 10     |         | 16,858  | 49,031    |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 12     | 37     | 30      | 10     | 35      | 94      | 218       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,691  | 3,317  | 3,410   | 616    | 5,090   | 24,916  | 39,040    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 20     |        | 237     | 47     | 689     | 163     | 1,156     |
|                     | ACRES | 23,148 |        | 30,349  | 4,744  | 31,099  | 32,916  | 122,256   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 48     |        | 95      | 19     | 10,312  | 788     | 11,262    |
|                     | ACRES | 13,997 |        | 47,080  | 22,022 | 560,422 | 858,096 | 1,501,617 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 121    | 140    | 424     | 114    | 11,179  | 1,711   | 13,689    |
|                     | ACRES | 62,535 | 28,769 | 106,049 | 28,882 | 604,345 | 992,976 | 1,823,556 |

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## Canada Fires and Hectares

| Provinces            | Fires Yesterday | Hectares Yesterday | Fires Year-To-Date | Hectares Year-To-Date |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| British Columbia     | 9               | 25,001             | 352                | 30,329                |
| Yukon Territory      | 2               | 32,904             | 114                | 102,974               |
| Alberta              | 28              | 3                  | 740                | 11,168                |
| Northwest Territory  | 1               | 64,647             | 152                | 142,838               |
| Saskatchewan         | 6               | 0                  | 237                | 32,209                |
| Manitoba             | 4               | 309                | 210                | 396,088               |
| Ontario              | 12              | 3,424              | 328                | 13,484                |
| Quebec               | 10              | 39,239             | 321                | 800,469               |
| Newfoundland         | 0               | 10,500             | 58                 | 17,673                |
| New Brunswick        | 0               | 0                  | 311                | 744                   |
| Nova Scotia          | 0               | 0                  | 146                | 302                   |
| Prince Edward Island | 0               | 0                  | 0                  | 0                     |
| National Parks       | 0               | 0                  | 28                 | 26,010                |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>72</b>       | <b>176,027</b>     | <b>2,997</b>       | <b>1,574,288</b>      |

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