### National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Wednesday, July 8, 2015 – 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity	
Initial attack activity:	Light (183 new fires)
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	20
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	12

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

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

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<u>Alaska Area (PL 5)</u>	
New fires:	0
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

**Tanana Area Fires (9 fires)**, Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (Staats). Started on native corporation land seven miles northeast of Tanana, AK. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Middle Yukon Fires (4 fires)**, Galena Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (Hutton). Started on native corporation land two miles north of Nulato, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and flanking. Numerous structures threatened.

**Aggie Creek**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rosenthal) to IMT 2 (Nieto) will occur today. Thirty miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* Aniak Complex (4 fires), Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Includes previously reported Mission Creek, Whitefish Lake 1, Ophir Creek, and North Aniak. One mile east of Aniak, AK. Short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Baker**, Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (Greer). Started on state land four miles southwest of Eureka, AK. Closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Rock**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on native corporation land nine miles southeast of Hughes, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and backing. Numerous structures threatened.

**Tetlin Hills**, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. Eight miles southeast of Tok, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, uphill runs and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Deep Creek**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on state land three miles south of Lake Minchumina, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Long Lake**, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. Started on BIA land two miles east of Northway, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, isolated torching and flanking. Structures threatened.

**Anaconda Creek**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. Twenty-four miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Nenana Ridge**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. Twelve miles east of Four Mile Rd, AK. Light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

**Sea**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Sixty miles southeast of Ruby, AK. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and backing.

**Munsatli 2**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported fire. Started on state land 28 miles southwest of Lake Minchumina, AK. Closed timber litter. Active fire behavior with torching, backing and creeping.

**Rex Complex (2 fires)**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. Started on private land seven miles southeast of Clear, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and torching. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn /	Est	Perso	onnel	Res	ource	s	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	22 CID	Own
Tanana Area Fires	AK-TAD	334,584	5,437	0	Comp	NR	278	-21	6	4	2	0	5.6M	TRI
Middle Yukon Fires	AK-GAD	116,067	2,783	0	Comp	NR	222	-27	7	1	6	3	4.9M	TRI
Aggie Creek	AK-FAS	24,007	7,068	25	Comp	NR	650	9	20	7	4	0	5.9M	ST
* Aniak Complex	AK-SWS	131,758		5	Comp	NR	168		8	0	4	1	4.8M	ST
Baker	AK-TAD	14,513	4,513	75	Comp	NR	97	0	4	2	1	0	1.1M	ST
Rock	AK-TAD	40,000	13,493	0	Comp	NR	108	20	6	0	0	0	202K	TRI
Tetlin Hills	AK-TAS	1,800	0	5	Ctn	NR	219	49	9	0	1	0	3.7M	ST
Deep Creek	AK-TAD	3,000	0	0	Comp	NR	21	0	2	0	0	0	73K	ST
Long Lake	AK-TAS	23,000	2,967	20	Ctn	NR	20	1	0	1	0	0	2.2M	BIA
Anaconda Creek	AK-FAS	1,091	0	95	Ctn	7/08	69	-5	2	0	1	0	ЗM	ST
Nenana Ridge	AK-FAS	325	0	60	Ctn	NR	43	-1	2	0	0	0	550K	ST

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn / Est		Personnel		Resources			Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	99 CID	Own
Sea	AK-TAD	45,007	10,687	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	BLM
Munsatli 2	AK-TAD	24,974	17,975	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Rex Complex	AK-FAS	16,189	0	60	Comp	NR	314	-140	11	4	2	8	10.2M	PRI
West Fork	AK-FAS	231		100	Ctn		22		1	0	1	0	83K	ST

### Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	32
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

**Corner Creek**, Ochoco NF. ODF IMT 1 (Buckman) and IMT 2 (Fillis). Eleven miles south of Dayville, OR. Timber, Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Newby Lake**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Eleven miles northwest of Loomis, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect.

**231**, Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Started on private land seven miles south of Springdale, WA. Timber, Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with group torching, spotting and running. Numerous structures threatened.

**Twenty One Mile Grade**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Leitch). Twenty-one miles south of Republic, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Horseshoe**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Gales). Fifteen miles northwest of Trout Lake, WA. Closed timber litter, light logging slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

**153 West Fork**, Malheur NF. Ten miles southeast of Dayville, OR. Heavy logging slash. Active fire behavior with spotting, wind driven and uphill runs. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Paradise**, Olympic NP. NIMO (Hahnenberg). Thirteen miles north of Quinault, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Gilmore Gulch**, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Six miles northeast of Anatone, WA. Brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Williams**, Northeast Region, DNR. Three miles north of Colville, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Bunker Hill Complex**, Umpqua NF. Eleven miles north of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Wolverine, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber. No new information

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn /	Est	Pers	onnel	Rese	ource	es	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESt	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	22 CID	Own
Corner Creek	OR-OCF	27,166	649	40	Ctn	NR	866	21	32	47	7	1	6.4M	FS
	WA- OWF	1,347	557	0	Comp	NR	250	77	4	2	7	0	250K	FS
231	WA-NES	1,070	190	39	Ctn	NR	266	59	6	25	3	11	980K	PRI
Twenty One Mile Grade	WA- COA	2,250	0	65	Ctn	7/10	427	19	10	19	4	0	2.4M	BIA
Horseshoe	WA-GPF	250	0	0	Comp	7/12	189	54	5	0	5	0	600K	FS
153 West Fork	OR-MAF	150	0	2	Ctn	NR	91	0	4	0	0	0	375K	FS
Paradise	WA-OLP	1,570	47	21	Comp	9/30	95	0	0	0	2	0	1.6M	NPS
	WA- WFS	7,000	4500	50	Ctn	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	500K	ST
Williams	WA-NES	332	0	76	Ctn	NR	293	2	9	21	2	0	2M	ST
Bunker Hill Complex	OR-UPF	388	0	95	Ctn	UNK	67	-10	2	3	2	0	4.5M	FS
	WA- OWF	314		0	Ctn	NR	117		4	0	1	0	300K	FS
Sugar Loaf	OR-PRD	4,740	0	100	Ctn		98	-76	2	2	0	1	3.5M	BLM
Beezley Hill	WA-SPD	1,796		100	Ctn		74		1	12	0	1	100K	BLM
Radar	OR-BUD	1,037		100	Ctn		41		1	5	0	0	350K	BLM
Willow Springs	WA-SPD	485		100	Ctn		7		0	3	0	0	7K	BLM
PRD – Prin	eville Dis	strict, BL	M	BUD	– Burns	Distric	t, BLM		SPD -	Spol	kane	Distri	ct, BLM	

# Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Cape Horn**, Pend Oreille Field Office, DNR. IMT 2 (Fry). Three miles northeast of Bayview, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Blue**, Nez Perce - Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Four miles southeast of Dixie, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Alex Camp Road, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Fifty miles north of Winnett, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Granite, Idaho Panhandle NF. Five miles northwest of Nordman, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	0/	% Est		Perse	onnel	Rese	ource	es	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	99 CID	Own
Cape Horn	ID-POS	1,380	180	35	Ctn	NR	255	59	7	8	4	8	630K	ST
Blue	ID-NCF	325	0	40	Ctn	NR	310	5	9	2	3	0	3.9M	FS
Alex Camp Road Fire	MT-LED	5,075	-675	50	Ctn	7/10	156	24	3	23	1	0	733K	BLM
Granite	ID-IPF	120	20	34	Ctn	7/15	82	0	3	0	1	0	100K	FS

### Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

**Washington**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Three miles south of Markleeville, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident	Unit	Init Size		%	Ctn /	Est	Perse	onnel	Rese	ource	es	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	<b>\$9 CID</b>	Own
Washington	NV-HTF	17,790	0	99	Ctn	07/31	36	-95	0	2	2	1	12.7M	FS

### Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	19
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

Lake, San Bernardino NF. Two miles south of Seven Oaks, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Incident	Unit	Size		% Ctn /		Est	Perso	onnel	Reso	ource	es	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	99 CID	Own
LAKE	CA-BDF	31,359	0	98	Ctn	NR	355	-20	7	13	7	4	40.2M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)	
New fires:	0
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

Cow Bone 2, Seminole Tribe, BIA. Five miles southwest of Big Cypress, FL. Tall Grass. Minimal fire behavior.

**Cinco #1**, Florida Forest Service. Fifteen miles west of Mission Bay, FL. Short Grass. No new information.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /		₀∠ Ctn	% Ctn /		% Ctn / Est		Personnel		Resources			\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	/0	Comp	LSI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	99 CID	Own													
Cow Bone 2	FL-SEA	1,440	0	89	Ctn	07/13	5	0	0	2	1	0	70K	BIA													
Cinco #1	FL-FLS	4,300		10	Ctn	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	ST													

Active	Active Incident Resource Summary										
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel					
AKCC	56	1,474,928	116	22	32	3,223					
NWCC	32	106,897.5	99	212	38	3,749					
ONCC	1	395	2	5	0	74					
OSCC	3	31,794	16	20	7	551					
NRCC	8	7,479	29	35	13	1,015					
GBCC	16	43,928	4	8	2	150					
SWCC	5	53,433	2	4	1	80					
RMCC	3	527	1	0	1	33					
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0					
SACC	16	13,839	1	23	1	142					
Total	140	1,733,221	270	329	95	9,017					

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	2	1	0	4	14	11	32
Northwest Area	ACRES	1	0	0	328	13	6	348
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	1	2	0	13	78	94
Northern California Area	ACRES	0	0	2	0	162	10	174
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	2	0	1	15	1	19
	ACRES	0	4	0	1	8	0	13
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	10	12
Northern Nockies Area	ACRES	1	0	0	0	30	6	37
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	4	0	1	4	6	16
Gleat Dasili Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Southwest Area	FIRES	2	0	0	1	3	0	6
Southwest Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	2	0	4
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:		8	8	2	7	52	106	183
TOTAL ACRES:		2	4	2	330	217	22	577

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	229	0	0	394	20	643
Alaska Alea	ACRES	0	2,222,435	0	0	884,682	775	3,107,892
Northwest Area	FIRES	87	76	22	30	705	442	1,362
Northwest Area	ACRES	6,263	13,608	161	1,673	3,080	25,687	50,472
Northern California Area	FIRES	85	11	4	17	1,511	439	2,067
Northern California Area	ACRES	77	113	354	1	4,875	2,236	7,656
Southern California Area	FIRES	16	34	11	31	1,827	265	2,184
	ACRES	16	1,887	12	99	13,580	35,364	50,958
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	610	31	2	0	539	211	1,393
Northern Rockies Area	ACRES	4,008	5,575	4,793	0	49,957	4,887	69,220
Great Basin Area	FIRES	20	312	3	17	291	177	820
Gleat Dasili Alea	ACRES	13	29,613	0	8	6,085	20,186	55,905
Southwest Area	FIRES	342	118	4	20	374	475	1,333
Southwest Area	ACRES	41,234	2,494	4	3,737	16,045	74,034	137,548
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	338	129	12	14	568	106	1,167
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	13,064	386	544	7,278	62,687	527	84,486
Eastern Area	FIRES	527	0	29	14	5,260	331	6,161
Eastern Area	ACRES	2,181	0	2,102	547	43,788	5,483	54,101
Southern Area	FIRES	284	0	9	11	12,346	237	12,887
Southern Area	ACRES	35,503	0	999	183	154,306	12,497	203,488
TOTAL FIRES:		2,309	940	96	154	23,815	2,703	30,017
TOTAL ACRES:		102,359	2,276,111	8,969	13,526	1,239,085	181,676	3,821,726

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	38,807
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	2,590,377

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cical Dasin Aica	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lastem Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	2	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	316	1,710	2,026
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	20	2	22
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	316	1,710	2,026

# Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaaka Araa	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	7
Alaska Area	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	4,953
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	147	187
Northwest Area	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	23,534	43,869
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	136
Northern California Area	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	13,240
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	2	0	100	109
Southern California Area	ACRES	0	78	495	83	0	1,860	2,516
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	118	196
Northern Rockies Area	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	728	17,735	47,119
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	52	115
Gleat Dasili Alea	ACRES	24	1,449	1,060	85	1,704	19,925	24,247
Couthurset Area	FIRES	14	20	8	7	0	119	168
Southwest Area	ACRES	588	18,879	2,436	4,606	0	71,246	97,755
Decky Mountain Area	FIRES	17	34	56	11	47	80	245
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	2,075	6,299	15,525	1,153	2,132	22,351	49,535
Footorn Aroo	FIRES	30	0	251	22	1,369	157	1,829
Eastern Area	ACRES	39,398	0	32,877	6,637	65,316	49,704	193,932
Southorn Area	FIRES	82	0	136	11	7,698	692	8,619
Southern Area	ACRES	15,633	0	108,522	14,261	484,496	607,256	1,230,168
TOTAL FIRES:		161	145	499	76	9,152	1,578	11,611
TOTAL ACRES:		63,826	59,171	178,974	28,654	555,364	821,345	1,707,334

## Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

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

### **Canada Fires and Hectares**

PROVINCES	FIRES	HECTARES	FIRES	HECTARES
	YESTERDAY	YESTERDAY	YEAR-TO-DATE	YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	44	86,853	887	215,881
YUKON TERRITORY	0	17,858	178	128,841
ALBERTA	4	0	1,289	375,499
NORTHWEST				
TERRITORY	5	11,805	194	386,089
SASKATCHEWAN	4	8,428	584	744,651
MANITOBA	4	437	293	28,819
ONTARIO	0	0	330	32,995
QUEBEC	4	0	293	4,127
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	105	6,269
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	174	205
NOVA SCOTIA	0	1	206	467
PRINCE EDWARD				
ISLAND	0	0	4	2
NATIONAL PARKS	0	12,392	82	483,547
TOTALS	65	137,774	4,619	2,407,390

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion Scattered thunderstorms will develop over most of the Interior West covering the central and southern Rockies, the Great Basin, northern California and southern Oregon. Most thunderstorms will produce rain with lighter amounts in California and Oregon. Isolated thunderstorms will also form over the far Northwest and the northern Rockies. East of the Rockies, thunderstorms will form along a decaying front from Texas to New England. Some storms could produce heavy rains and flooding. Temperatures will cool across most of West with hot conditions remaining in the Southwest deserts and in the Columbia Basin. Warm and humid conditions will persist in the Southeast while cooler weather spreads through the Plains, the Midwest and New England. In Alaska, scattered rain and thunderstorms will form along the Brooks Range while showers and few thunderstorms move across the southern third of the state. Temperatures will cool over most of the state.

### http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm

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 change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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### HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS Felling Safety Category

For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hung-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.

Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.

In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:

- Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
- Risk Assessment
- Situational Awareness Checklist
- Secure Felling Area
- No Work Zones (NWZ)
- Blasting option
- Equipment/cable option
- Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
- Escape routes
- Pushing/driver tree opportunity
- Felling trees tied together
- Sidewinder potential
- Hazards of obscured view of top
- Need to keep looking up
- Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
- Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
- Rope Technique

References: Hazard Tree Safety Web Page

