

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (137 new fires)
New large incidents:	4
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires:***	33
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

Nationally, there are 14 large fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

NIMO (Houseman) has been assigned to COVID-19 support at Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C.

One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 141st Air Refueling Wing (Washington Air National Guard) has been deployed to Fairchild AFB (Spokane, WA), in support of wildland fire operations.

One MAFFS C-130 airtanker and support personnel each from the 152nd Airlift Wing (Nevada Air National Guard) and the 302nd Airlift Wing (Colorado Air Force Reserve) have been deployed to McClellan Airfield, CA, in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	16	18,246	69	93	20	2,165
ONCC	9	122,943	71	92	15	2,839
OSCC	9	36,469	73	463	24	4,158
NRCC	7	8,086	14	25	13	480
GBCC	15	58,900	41	72	26	1,777
SWCC	11	31,850	9	33	5	457
RMCC	5	10,202	11	33	8	488
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	7	12,999	4	27	1	169
Total	79	299,695	292	838	112	12,533

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 27
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Apple, Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (CA Team 2). One mile northeast of Cherry Valley, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and short-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Stagecoach, Central California District, BLM. IMT 2 (CA Team 15). Four miles southwest of Havilah, CA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs and wind-driven runs. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Dam, Angeles NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (CA Team 13) back to the local unit will occur today. Eight miles north of Azusa, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Pond, San Luis Obispo Unit, Cal Fire. Nine miles east of Santa Margarita, CA. Chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Energy and communication infrastructure and numerous structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Apple	CA-RRU	26,850	0	20	Ctn	8/17	2,578	13	40	322	12	13	10.4M	ST
Stagecoach	CA-CND	3,500	3,200	5	Ctn	8/17	843	601	22	83	9	2	2M	BLM
Dam	CA-ANF	220	0	95	Ctn	8/14	176	-29	1	2	1	0	3.5M	FS
Pond	CA-SLU	2,005	0	85	Ctn	8/8	422	-435	6	51	0	14	3M	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 16
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 7
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Lost, Elko District Office, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of Wendover, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching, creeping and smoldering. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

North, Carson City District Office, BLM. Eleven miles north of Cold Springs, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Bishop, Ely District Office, BLM. IMT 2 (GB Team 7). Seventeen miles southwest of Caliente, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and backing. Structures threatened.

Pine Hollow, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (GB Team 6) back to local unit will occur on 8/7. Twenty-three miles east of Fredonia, AZ. Chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Upper Provo, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF, USFS. Fifteen miles east of Kamas, UT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, spotting and flanking. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

* **Comet**, Ely District, BLM. Five miles northwest of Pioche, NV. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with torching, crowning and running. Structures threatened.

Timber Mountain, Southern Nevada District Office, BLM. Started on DOE land 32 miles north of Amargosa Valley, NV. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Lost	NV-EKD	7,115	0	30	Ctn	8/10	311	-9	8	23	2	0	650K	BLM
North	NV-CCD	6,910	-83	40	Ctn	8/8	247	74	6	7	5	0	1.5M	BLM
Bishop	NV-ELD	13,008	0	80	Ctn	8/12	403	-54	9	8	7	0	4M	BLM
Pine Hollow	AS-ASD	11,405	32	89	Ctn	8/13	307	-73	4	9	4	0	2.9M	BLM
Upper Provo	UT-UWF	480	144	36	Ctn	8/7	191	22	6	3	4	0	820K	FS
* Comet	NV-ELD	900	---	0	Ctn	8/9	121	---	3	11	1	0	300K	BLM
Timber Mountain	NV-SND	4,840	0	90	Ctn	8/7	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.3M	DOE
Hollow	UT-SCS	1,416	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-97	0	0	0	2	375K	ST
Hubby	ID-BOD	455	55	100	Ctn	---	22	-41	0	4	0	0	150K	CNTY
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Howell Peak	UT-RID	1,885	---	98	Comp	8/15	1	---	0	0	0	0	250K	BLM

SCS – Central Area, Utah DOF BOD – Boise District, BLM RID – Richfield Field Office, BLM

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 19
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

July Complex, Modoc NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 12). Thirty-six miles northwest of Canby, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Red Salmon Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 14). Fourteen miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber, chaparral and short grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and spotting.

Stump, Lassen NF, USFS. Fourteen miles west of Chester, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

Gold, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles south of Adin, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Hog, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles west of Susanville, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

S-4 Sheldon, Northern California District, BLM. Forty miles northeast of Cedarville, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
July Complex	CA-MDF	83,261	0	97	Ctn	8/22	770	-227	22	21	4	9	29.8M	FS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Red Salmon Complex	CA-SRF	3,420	672	0	Ctn	8/28	824	-7	22	3	6	0	5.7M	FS
Stump	CA-LNF	684	84	42	Ctn	8/12	331	35	8	20	4	0	1.5M	FS
Gold	CA-LMU	22,634	0	96	Ctn	8/12	333	-209	5	14	0	13	34M	ST
Hog	CA-LMU	9,564	0	96	Ctn	8/10	229	0	6	7	1	2	34M	ST
S-4 Sheldon	CA-NOD	1,802	0	85	Ctn	8/6	32	-18	2	0	0	0	800K	BLM
Sites	CA-LNU	560	0	100	Ctn	---	175	-79	4	24	0	0	1.3M	ST

LNU – Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire

Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

Cassadore Springs, San Carlos Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (SW Team 4). Includes previously reported Kean fire. Eleven miles north of San Carlos, AZ. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, running and torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Pig, Coconino NF, USFS. Four miles northeast of Rim Rock, AZ. Chaparral and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching and smoldering.

Willow, Apache-Sitgreaves NF, USFS. Twenty-five miles southwest of Winslow, AZ. Timber and medium slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Pine, Prescott NF, USFS. Sixteen miles east of Cordes Lakes, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect.

Horseflat, Truxton Canyon Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Peach Springs, AZ. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cassadore Springs	AZ-SCA	13,300	8,400	0	Ctn	8/18	210	124	4	7	3	1	700K	BIA
Pig	AZ-COF	495	60	20	Ctn	8/7	81	0	2	5	0	0	225K	FS
Willow	AZ-ASF	281	0	85	Ctn	8/7	9	0	0	1	0	0	37K	FS
Pine	AZ-PNF	2,184	0	90	Ctn	8/10	0	0	0	0	0	0	60K	FS
Horseflat	AZ-TCA	600	0	95	Ctn	UNK	4	0	0	1	0	0	142K	BIA
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Sue Peak	TX-BBP	644	---	75	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	NPS

BBP – Big Bend NP, NPS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	22
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Pine Gulch, Grand Junction Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (RM Black Team). Eighteen miles north of Grand Junction, CO. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, group torching and backing. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

* **Richard Mtn**, CPC Area, Wyoming State Forestry. Forty miles west of Rock Springs, WY. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and wind-driven runs. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road closures in effect.

Irish, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Forty-four miles northeast of Vernal, UT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pine Gulch	CO-GRD	5,685	2,085	5	Ctn	8/14	232	106	3	16	4	0	800K	BLM
* Richard Mtn	WY-CPS	3,750	---	0	Ctn	8/11	95	---	2	9	2	0	200K	ST
Irish	CO-LSD	100	0	50	Ctn	8/5	70	20	4	2	2	0	350K	BLM
Pots	CO-MFX	235	0	100	Ctn	---	76	-29	2	3	0	0	490K	CNTY
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Goose Creek	CO-RGF	171	---	75	Comp	8/15	3	---	0	1	0	0	1.5M	FS
Sand Creek	CO-SJF	107	---	60	Comp	8/31	5	---	0	0	0	0	3M	FS

MFX – Moffat County RGF – Rio Grande NF, USFS SJF – San Juan NF, USFS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	23
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3

* **Fir Mountain**, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Five miles southeast of Odell, OR. Timber and medium slash. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Konnowac, Spokane District, BLM. Four miles northeast of Donald, WA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping.

Worthington, Medford Unit, Oregon DOF. Started on BLM land five miles northeast of Eagle Point, OR. Timber, hardwood litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Fir Mountain	OR-954S	313	---	30	Ctn	8/14	393	---	15	12	7	0	600K	ST
Konnowac	WA-SPD	1,083	83	75	Ctn	8/6	41	-1	0	9	0	0	300K	BLM
Worthington	OR-711S	761	11	75	Ctn	8/14	349	-127	14	10	2	0	2.5M	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Chikamin	WA-OWF	260	---	0	Comp	10/31	143	---	6	0	2	0	250K	FS

OWF – Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, USFS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 15
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Magpie Rock, Flathead Agency, BIA. Eight miles east of Dixon, MT. Timber and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, single tree torching and smoldering.

* **Horse Creek 2**, Big Horn County. Twenty miles east of Hardin, MT. Timber grass and understory. Moderate fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Magpie Rock	MT-FHA	3,539	0	62	Ctn	8/15	270	0	9	10	6	0	1.6M	BIA
* Horse Creek 2	MT-LG22	1,670	---	50	Ctn	8/5	41	---	1	4	1	0	50K	CNTY
Falling Star	MT-LG32	2,277	0	100	Ctn	---	10	-109	0	3	0	0	700K	CNTY

LG32 – Stillwater County

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Mays, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 16 miles east of Brady, TX. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with short crown runs, group torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened.

Pocket Complex, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 52 miles southwest of Sonora, TX. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and spotting.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Mays	TX-TXS	9,500	500	60	Ctn	8/7	80	30	0	17	1	0	NR	PRI
Pocket Complex	TX-TXS	625	0	70	Ctn	8/7	43	29	3	2	0	0	NR	PRI
Beaver Creek	TX-TXS	703	103	100	Ctn	---	21	2	0	4	0	0	NR	PRI

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Billy Hawk Creek	AK-GAD	2,240	---	95	Comp	9/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	9K	FWS
Wapoo Creek 2	AK-GAD	1,693	---	95	Comp	9/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Wapoo Creek	AK-GAD	600	---	0	Comp	9/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	ST
Sheenjok River	AK-UYD	5,736	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	144K	FWS
Coleen	AK-UYD	1,542	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Tivehvun Lake	AK-UYD	829	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FWS
Old Lost	AK-UYD	452	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
Iwaktok Hill	AK-SWS	13,030	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FWS
Clear Creek	AK-MID	1,285	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	BLM

GAD – Galena Zone, BLM UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF MID – Military Zone, BLM

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
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	3	19	23
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	1	61	63
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	17	1	19
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	1	655	657
Southern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	24	2	27
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	2	16	20
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	10	2	15
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	58	0	59
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	2	1	0	11	1	16
	ACRES	1	900	0	0	8	0	909
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	2	0	1	0	1	5
	ACRES	0	147	0	10	0	0	157
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	4	7	1	0	6	4	22
	ACRES	40	2,330	2	0	107	1	2,480
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	2	3	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	376	0	376
TOTAL FIRES:		10	13	2	3	79	30	137
TOTAL ACRES:		42	3,378	2	12	555	733	4,722

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	135	0	0	168	16	319
	ACRES	0	45,264	0	0	133,969	26	179,259
Northwest Area	FIRES	175	134	43	14	1,038	406	1,810
	ACRES	7,596	7,312	10,271	85	27,701	1,050	54,015
Northern California Area	FIRES	8	39	1	30	2,118	390	2,586
	ACRES	102	4,116	0	10,005	46,974	82,509	143,706
Southern California Area	FIRES	18	89	3	20	2,937	407	3,474
	ACRES	28	1,349	1	1,120	29,601	18,132	50,231
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	727	41	4	2	599	195	1,568
	ACRES	10,613	515	780	1	32,903	403	45,215
Great Basin Area	FIRES	31	627	17	32	730	228	1,665
	ACRES	390	328,799	64	66	93,232	38,486	461,036
Southwest Area	FIRES	649	193	20	26	475	911	2,274
	ACRES	122,115	17,548	1,842	743	43,986	520,152	706,386
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	320	243	11	9	788	361	1,732
	ACRES	3,619	40,058	367	98	93,377	3,485	141,004
Eastern Area	FIRES	329	0	33	14	6,059	392	6,827
	ACRES	297	0	3,278	52	20,392	1,588	25,607
Southern Area	FIRES	252	86	23	43	9,843	306	10,553
	ACRES	18,491	404	3,419	32,835	364,665	22,837	442,650
TOTAL FIRES:		2,509	1,587	155	190	24,755	3,612	32,808
TOTAL ACRES:		163,251	445,363	20,022	45,005	886,798	688,668	2,249,108

Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)	36,621
Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)	4,026,739

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

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	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
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	8	0	15	0	0	0	23
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	7	4	12
	ACRES	0	0	210	0	18	927	1,155
TOTAL FIRES:		1	0	3	0	7	4	15
TOTAL ACRES:		8	0	230	0	18	927	1,183

***Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

***Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	9	7	350	806
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	21	15,136
ALBERTA	27	0	468	753,617
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1	66	19,612
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	96	42,060
MANITOBA	2	12	112	49,420
ONTARIO	3	2	468	6,194
QUEBEC	0	0	633	67,827
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	61	2,080
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	329	1,142
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	121	654
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	10	8
NATIONAL PARKS	3	0	51	1,655
TOTALS	45	22	2,786	960,209

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Isolated to widely scattered wet/dry thunderstorms are likely across portions of northern California, northern Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho. Thunderstorms may continue overnight into eastern Washington, northern Idaho, and western Montana. Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will develop across inland portions of southern California, southern Great Basin, and southwest Texas. Thunderstorms will develop across eastern Arizona and through much of the southern and central Rocky Mountains and onto the Plains. A cold front will continue to push eastward through the Appalachians with rain and thunderstorms expected along the Atlantic Coast.

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



This Day in History is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity and is not intended to second guess or be judgmental of decisions and actions. Put yourself in the following situation as if you do not know what the outcome will be. What are the conditions? What are you thinking? What are YOU doing?

Mann Gulch

Summary: August 4th, 1949 – Lightning started many fires on the Helena National Forest including one near the top of a ridge between Meriwether and Mann Gulches. At 12:55 pm August 5th, the fire was observed at 6 acres. At 1:30 the call went out for smokejumpers from the Missoula ~~jumpbase~~. By the time the jump plane flew over at 3pm the fire was 60 acres. The crew jumped and are scattered by a nearby thunder cell.

The crew gathers at the bottom of the gulch up-canyon of the fire. Jumper Foreman goes to scout the fire and meets up with a fire guard working alone near the head of the fire. Observing increased fire activity, the decision is made to start from the toe. While hiking to the toe, the foreman noted that there was fire below them in the gulch and that it had crossed to the other side of the canyon blocking their ability to escape to the river. They reversed direction and headed up toward the NW ridge. The fire is 500 feet behind them crowning in timber and doghair thickets.

The foreman knows that they will not outrun the fire and starts to burn off some grass for a “refuge”. He gives the order for his crew to come into the black with him. The foreman stayed in his black and survived the fire passing over. It is not clear how many of the crew heard the orders over the roar of the fire or understood what the foreman was trying to do (burning out was neither taught nor common practice at this time). The crew continued running up the steep slope for the ridge. Two made it to safety in rocks at the top. 5:56pm marks the time on one firefighter's watch that stopped when the 15 Missoula Smokejumpers and one Meriwether Fire Guard were burned over. Only 5 would survive the blow-up. 2 would die from their burns the next day.

This Day in Wildland Fire History is dedicated to all those at Mann Gulch August 5th, 1949.

Predicted Fire Danger was “low” but readings from a nearby ranger station were RH=22%, fuel sticks = 5%, and wind=16mph indicating more severe fire danger. No weather was recorded at the fire, but steady SW winds were observed at the time of the jump. The Gulch runs SW down to the Missouri River. Also note the thunder cell that was in the area.

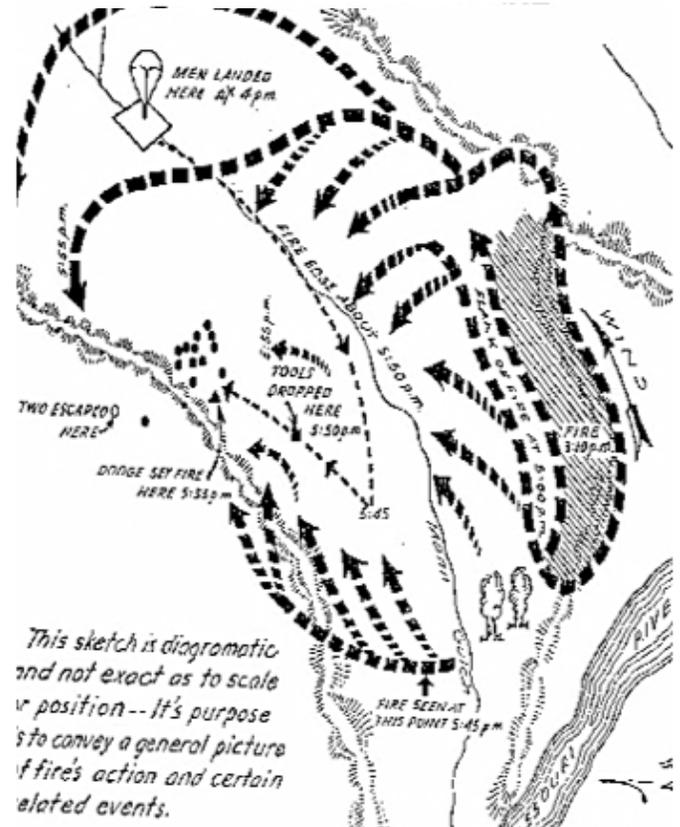
- Open your [Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\)](#), PMS 461 Operational Engagement section (green), and review Risk Management. Based on the above information coupled with the increase in fire size, use the Risk Management Process and the map (right) to discuss some of the actions you will take to ensure crew safety: as the FFT2, squad boss, crew boss, etc.

Based on initial aerial size-up, the strategy was to hold the fire on the ridge by anchoring the head of the fire and flanking down both sides to the toe. The fire was noted as “appearing relatively quiet”.

- Discuss other tactics that your crew could use if presented with a similar situation. Look at the different options available at different steps of the initial attack.

Though his ability as a firefighter was well respected by his peers, the Foreman was not known by this young group of smokejumpers.

- When we find ourselves in this position (such as a Crew boss assignment) what can we do to create and encourage crew cohesion?



Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.