## National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Sunday, July 3, 2022 – 0730 MDT National Preparedness Level 2

# **National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (87 fires)
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	11
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6
***Complex IMTs committed:	0

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs) are configured to respond to large, complex fires and can expand and reduce staffing in all functional areas as necessary to meet the needs of the incident.

Nationally, there are 64 fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Link to Understanding the IMSR.

		Activ	e Inciden	t Resource	Summary		
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	15	1,263,716	36	8	17	1,414	146
NWCC	2	43,274	0	26	0	94	-18
ONCC	2	1,221	21	87	6	700	-615
oscc	2	2,897	19	30	0	444	-15
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	5	10,546	28	23	13	1,043	-156
SWCC	8	779,776	10	16	1	893	-173
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	-41
EACC	1			10	1	55	0
SACC	9	17,036	0	29	2	230	-60
Total	44	2,118,781	114	229	40	4,873	-932

<sup>\*\*</sup>Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

### Alaska Area (PL 5)

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

**Clear**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (NW Team 10). Ten miles northwest of Anderson, AK. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with creeping and torching. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Minto Lakes**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (NR Team 3) to IMT 1 (CA Team 1) will occur tomorrow. Nineteen miles north of Whittier, AK. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and backing. Residences threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Lime Complex** (14 fires), Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (AK Green Team). Fifty miles east of Chuathbaluk, AK. Grass, timber and brush. Active fire behavior with flanking, running and torching. Numerous structures, communication and energy infrastructure threatened.

**Bean Complex** (6 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (NW Team 7). Started on state land 100 miles west of Fairbanks, AK. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with backing, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Goose**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land 42 miles northwest of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber, tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with running, backing and group torching.

**Poorman Complex** (3 fires), Galena Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-eight miles southeast of Ruby, AK. Timber litter. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and torching. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Snohomish**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on state land 15 miles southwest of Lake Minchumina, AK. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with backing and creeping. Community of Lake Minchumina and structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Siz	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	R	esourc	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
incident Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	⊑SI	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Clear	AK-FAS	39,872	9,087	8	Comp	7/22	411	14	12	6	2	0	4.1M	ST
Minto Lakes	AK-FAS	29,555	7,337	0	Comp	7/30	285	95	6	2	2	0	1.8M	ST
Lime Complex	AK-SWS	778,877	13,186	0	Comp	8/1	198	7	5	0	5	8	7.7M	ST
Bean Complex	AK-TAD	113,434	11,700	0	Comp	10/1	236	12	6	0	2	0	3.6M	ST11 3434
Goose	AK-UYD	1,217	717	0	Ctn	8/22	12	0	0	0	0	0	144K	FWS
Large	Fires Being	Managed	with a Stra	ateg	y Other	Than Full	Suppres	sion With	out a T	ype 1	or 2 IM	IT Assiç	gned	
Poorman Complex	AK-GAD	41,442	18,378	0	Comp	7/20	40	14	1	0	1	0	NR	BLM
Snohomish	AK-TAD	23,150	2,170	0	Comp	8/31	41	0	2	0	0	0	40K	ST
Dalton Highway Complex	AK-TAD	65,312	-520	0	Comp	8/31	71	5	1	0	2	0	1.2M	BLM
Middle Fork	AK-FAS	1,137	0	0	Comp	8/15	15	-1	0	0	0	0	60K	ST
Tatlawiksuk	AK-SWS	209,483		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	8K	ST
Iowithla River	AK-SWS	42,880		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	193K	ST
Submarine Creek	AK-SWS	27,560		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	24	171K	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Siz	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	Re	esourc	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
modern Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	Lot	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Sawpit Creek	AK-SWS	26,243		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	59K	ST
Pauls Creek	AK-SWS	17,948		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	4K	ST
Ponglevik River	AK-SWS	3,081		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	4K	FWS
Leaf	AK-TAD	2,400		0	Comp	9/1	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Koness	AK-UYD	313		0	Comp	9/1	12		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Fourth of July Creek	AK-SWS	51,146		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	68K	ST
Kokwok	AK-SWS	31,497		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	13K	ST
Contact Creek	AK-SWS	10,654		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	25K	NPS
Tuklung River	AK-SWS	6,591		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	20K	FWS
Fork Creek	AK-SWS	2,741		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	7K	FWS
Ongoke River	AK-SWS	1,426		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Ongivinuk River	AK-SWS	735		10	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Hog Butte	AK-TAD	136,892		0	Comp	UNK	0		0	0	0	0	598K	ST
Lansing Creek	AK-UYD	35,801		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
North Fork	AK-UYD	33,512		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Radio Creek	AK-GAD	17,957		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Schilling Creek	AK-UYD	14,260		0	Comp	8/31	4		0	0	0	0	55K	BLM
Paddle	AK-UYD	13,835		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Melozitna	AK-GAD	6,888		0	Comp	8/24	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Boatman	AK-UYD	5,173		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Hilltop	AK-TAD	4,103		0	Comp	10/1	0		0	0	0	0	1K	BLM
Eddy Creek	AK-GAD	3,355		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Tagagawik 2	AK-GAD	620		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Apoon Pass	AK-GAD	84,138		0	Comp	8/10	0		0	0	0	0	55K	FWS
Holonada	AK-TAD	566		0	Comp	10/1	0		0	0	0	0	5K	BLM
Central Creek Airstrip	AK-DAS	2,995		0	Comp	7/20	0		0	0	0	0	55K	ST
Fish Creek	AK-TAD	1,054		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Adak	AK-SWS	919		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	FWS

DAS – Delta Area Forestry, Alaska DOF

# Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	4
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Hermits Peak**, Santa Fe NF, USFS. IMT 2 (SW Team 3) and IMT 2 (GB Team 7). Twelve miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Pipeline**, Coconino NF, USFS. Five miles north of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Black**, Gila NF, USFS. Twenty-four miles north of Mimbres, NM. Grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	R	esourc	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
moldent Name	5	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	5	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Hermits Peak	NM-SNF	341,735	0	93	Ctn	7/31	727	-163	5	11	1	903	273M	FS
Pipeline	AZ-COF	26,532	0	90	Ctn	7/31	37	0	1	2	0	2	15.8M	FS
Black	NM-GNF	325,136	0	69	Ctn	7/17	86	0	3	0	0	5	58.6M	FS
Larg	e Fires Bein	g Managed	d with a St	rategy	Other T	han Full	Suppres	sion With	out a T	ype 1	or 2 IM	T Assi	gned	
Steamboat	AZ-A5S	815	0	60	Comp	7/5	2	0	0	0	0	0	50K	ST

A5S - Northwest District, Arizona DOF

### **Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires:9New large incidents:0Uncontained large fires:3

**Sandy**, Bridger-Teton NF, USFS. Seven miles southwest of Bondurant, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Goshute**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-five miles south of Wendover, NV. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Emigrant**, Eureka County. Ten miles west of Carlin, NV. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Communication and energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	R	esourc	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
moident rame	Offic	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	LSt	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Sandy	WY-BTF	102	-3	20	Ctn	7/31	197	36	6	4	4	0	380K	FS
Goshute	NV-EKD	1,966	0	60	Ctn	7/18	340	-4	8	3	7	0	1.7M	BLM
Emigrant	NV-EURX	1,024	574	95	Ctn	7/5	67	-66	3	1	0	0	150K	CNTY

#### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

**Ferebee Road**, North Carolina Forest Service. Thirteen miles northeast of Belhaven, NC. Southern rough. Moderate fire behavior with isolated creeping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Dempsey**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land seven miles west of Mineral Wells, TX. Brush and chaparral. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	R	esourc	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
incident Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	LSt	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Ferebee Road	NC-NCS	1,938	0	55	Ctn	7/31	91	0	0	13	1	0	823K	ST
Dempsey	TX-TXS	11,598		96	Ctn	7/7	96		0	10	1	1	NR	PRI
Large	Fires Being	Manage	d with a S	Strategy	/ Other T	han Full	Suppres	sion With	out a T	ype 1	or 2 IM	T Assi	gned	
St. Catherines Island	GA-GAS	2,213		98	Comp	UNK	14		0	3	0	0	294K	ST

GAS - Georgia Forestry Commission

## Northern California Area (PL 2)

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

**Rices**, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, CalFire. Eight miles southeast of North San Juan, CA. Brush and hardwood slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Several communities, numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	R	esourc	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
modent Name	O I I	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	LSI	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Rices	CA-NEU	904	0	35	Ctn	7/5	664	-615	20	82	6	13	12.8M	ST

# Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:25New large incidents:0Uncontained large fires:0

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	Re	esource	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
modent Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	_5	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Camino	CA-SLU	387	0	100	Ctn		358	0	15	30	0	0	2.2M	ST

SLU - San Luis Obispo Unit, CalFire

### Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Willow Creek**, Vale District, BLM. Started on private land 12 miles north of Vale, OR. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	Re	esource	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
incident Name	O I II	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	Lõi	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Willow Creek	OR-VAD	40,274	0	85	Ctn	UNK	24	-18	0	7	0	0	275K	PRI

# Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	4	0	0	3	1	8
	ACRES	0	45,257	0	0	47,526	0	92,783
Northwest Area	FIRES	2	1	0	1	0	2	6
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	6	0	7
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	2	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	21	3	25
Southern California Area	ACRES	0	8	0	0	39	2	49
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	5	2	9
	ACRES	0	71	0	0	0	3	74
Southwest Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	1	1	4
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	188	0	189
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	4	0	1	3	3	11
	ACRES	0	2	0	2	2	5	11
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	102	0	102
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	31	0	31
TOTAL FIRES:		4	12	0	2	53	16	87
TOTAL ACRES:		2	45,337	0	2	47,896	16	93,253

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	102	0	0	238	21	361
	ACRES	0	688,006	0	0	1,251,483	9	1,939,498
Northwest Area	FIRES	52	44	8	1	212	69	386
	ACRES	593	33,539	22	0	301	11	34,466
Northern California Area	FIRES	6	9	0	3	1,430	95	1,543
	ACRES	2	13	0	0	7,046	293	7,354
Southern California Area	FIRES	12	29	1	10	1,948	239	2,239
	ACRES	8	275	100	376	16,313	1,856	18,928
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	179	6	2	0	294	46	527
	ACRES	449	4	206	0	3,181	90	3,930
Great Basin Area	FIRES	11	142	3	14	280	66	516
	ACRES	33	6,027	0	10	6,238	4,378	16,686
Southwest Area	FIRES	298	117	1	9	434	452	1,311
	ACRES	40,734	8,564	0	5	158,140	755,541	962,984
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	144	75	10	8	759	117	1,113
	ACRES	4,805	1,392	130	572	165,256	7,414	179,569
Eastern Area	FIRES	84	0	20	8	4,357	265	4,734
	ACRES	253	0	680	10	30,289	2,608	33,840
Southern Area	FIRES	509	3	17	50	20,330	501	21,410
	ACRES	96,257	65	2,541	2,476	879,957	37,073	1,018,369
TOTAL FIRES:		1,295	527	62	103	30,282	1,871	34,140
TOTAL ACRES:		143,135	737,885	3,679	3,449	2,518,203	809,273	4,215,624

Ten Year Average Fires (2012 – 2021 as of today)	26,716
Ten Year Average Acres (2012 – 2021 as of today)	1,903,473

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

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

#### **Canadian Fires and Hectares**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	19	204	2,464
YUKON TERRITORY	21	1,182	87	10,980
ALBERTA	3	2,105	481	36,368
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	469	75	46,595
SASKATCHEWAN	0	249	168	51,058
MANITOBA	1	2	27	6,428
ONTARIO	0	0	106	2,395
QUEBEC	1	0	277	29,221
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	34	668
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	150	124
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	78	3,361
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	49	192
TOTALS	33	4,026	1,733	189,851

<sup>\*1</sup> Hectare = 2.47 Acres

<u>Predictive Services Discussion:</u> Scattered thunderstorms will cotinue across eastern and northern portions of the Alaskan Interior onto the North Slope and into southeast Alaska, with hot and dry conditions continuing over the eastern half of Alaska. Elevated to critical conditions will continue along and east of the Sierra and far southern Cascades across eastern California, Nevada, western and central Utah, and northwest Arizona. Monsoonal moisture will continue to slowly shift east, with eastern Arizona, New Mexico, and much of Colorado and Wyoming likely to have thunderstorms. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms are expected aloing and east of the Cascades through much of Idaho, Montana, and onto the northern and central Plains, including strong to severe storms. Thunderstorms will continue across much of the Southeast, with Tropical Storm Colin slowly tracking northeast along the North Carolina coast before moving offshore tonight.

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

# Mack Lake Fire (Michigan) – May 5, 1980

## **Perspective from the USFS Eastern Region**

### Today's topic is dedicated to all fallen firefighters.

A group of 11 firefighters was tasked with implementing the 28-acre Crane Lake prescribed burn (RX) on May 5, 1980. The burn, in light logging slash and grass fuels, was intended for planting jack pine to create habitat for the endangered Kirtland's warbler. On site was a tractor plow, one Type 7 engine, one 1,000-gallon 6x6 engine, and a deuce-and-a-half engine. A cold front was predicted to pass through the area in the early afternoon. The plan was to ignite the unit by 0900 and complete it by 1200, before conditions were out of prescription.

The crew got a late start and began ignition at 1026. Fire began spotting over the line almost immediately. Spot fires became challenging to contain and efforts were compounded by the Type 7 engine getting stuck, stalling, and running out of water. When a seventh spot fire ignited, the plan was to hold the fire along highway M-33 a few hundred feet away. At 1206 the fire spotted across the highway. Then the predicted cold front arrived, bringing strong winds. The tractor and engine successfully attacked the spot fire and responded to more spots across the highway at 1215. Their attack efforts were not enough to catch them all. Pushed by strong winds, the fire ran through grass and jack pine, transitioning to a crown fire within minutes.

The fire became intense and made a push, jeopardizing equipment. At approximately 1245, the engine radioed that they were retreating to the north away from the fire. James Swiderski, who was operating the tractor plow, did not respond to the radio call or any other attempt to reach him. A search was initiated for James, but he was found deceased at 1500, several hundred feet from his burned over tractor plow. The fire emitted the energy of approximately nine Hiroshima atomic bombs that afternoon. The fire had blown up, and 44 structures were lost, 24,000 acres were consumed, and James Swiderski lost his life.

In 2009, The Mio Ranger District, along with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), took the lead working with NWCG and the Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program (WFLDP) to develop the Mack Lake Staff Ride,

https://www.nwcg.gov/wfldp/toolbox/staff-ride/library/mack-lake-fire. To honor James and train future generations of firefighters, the staff ride focuses on human factors, high reliability organizations, and the Swiss cheese model. Intended to identify points of failure and understand the fire behavior of jack pine, staff ride participants hike to five locations along three miles, locating the start of the prescribed fire, the fatality site, and the Mack Lake subdivision.

Additionally, the 820-acre Little Mack Lake Fire in 2012 and the 50-acre Maple Ridge prescribed fire in 2014, both with different

conditions and outcomes, occurred along the three-mile route of the staff ride. The team found these fires added greatly to the learning value of the Mack Lake Staff Ride. In 2021 the Mack Lake Staff Ride was revised to a virtual format and included the two new fires. The Mack Lake Staff Ride covers many topics including fuels management, prescribed fire planning and implementation, emerging and complex incident management, and managing incidents within an incident (IWI). To participate in the staff ride, you can either come to Michigan or participate in the virtual format to honor James Swiderski and learn from four fires over 34 years in the Mack Lake basin.

"If you have a burn plan, follow it. ... Don't be afraid to ask for help... time is your most important resource ... and make sure you have fuel breaks on the things you want to protect." – Steve Goldman, Stand 5 virtual video

The revised virtual version of the staff ride was first used in delivery of April 2021 M-581 class with approximately 100 students and cadre. The Eastern Region will continue to use the staff ride virtually and on-site to teach entry level firefighters through senior leaders that there are no new accidents, just the same accident happening to a different individual, a different organization, or at a different time.

"I am beginning to think human factors are probably the key to it.
"In the Spring of the year... a fire can go from nothing to a running fire.... in a matter of minutes.
"You're not gonna catch that, you're just not!"

– Dick Lord, one of the 11

#### James Lee Swiderski - Never Forgotten

- RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) Module: Mack Lake Fire Case Study, <a href="https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-130/case-studies/cs223">https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-130/case-studies/cs223</a>
- Video: Remembering James Lee Swiderski, Part 1, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYs8uGsyfh0
- Video: Remembering James Lee Swiderski, Part 2, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUKVGMekbqo