

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, July 8, 2022 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (143 fires)
New large incidents:	8
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	12
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5
***Complex IMTs committed:	0

***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 80 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.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	14	1,276,928	43	15	17	1,742	-72
NWCC	2	71,115	0	10	0	33	0
ONCC	2	5,176	54	172	16	2,216	250
OSCC	2	2,897	17	30	0	398	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	7	7,453	11	13	7	543	-84
SWCC	7	730,912	8	12	1	480	-108
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	8	21,762	2	40	4	318	23
Total	42	2,116,243	135	292	45	5,730	9

Alaska Area (PL 5)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	8
Uncontained large fires:	0
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 torching, group torching and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Minto Lakes, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 1 (CA Team 1). Nineteen miles north of Whittier, AK. Timber and hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with flanking, backing and smoldering. 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 smoldering, creeping and backing. Numerous structures, communication and energy infrastructure threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Bean Complex (5 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 running, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Middle Tanana Complex (6 fires), Delta Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (NR Team 3). Includes previously reported Central Creek Airstrip incident. Thirty-two miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, uphill runs and flanking. Structures threatened.

Dalton Highway Complex (5 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Twenty-five miles south of Coldfoot, AK. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Paradise Complex** (3 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Includes previously reported Hog Butte, Leaf and Snohomish incidents. Six miles southwest of Lake Minchumina, AK. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. Community of Lake Minchumina and structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Tatlawiksuk, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Started on BLM land 41 miles south of McGrath, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, single tree torching and group torching. Residences threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Submarine Creek, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Forty-five miles west of Telida, AK. Timber, tall grass and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with backing and creeping. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Lansing Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land 30 miles southeast of Coldfoot, AK. Short grass and timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Schilling Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Four miles east of Caro, AK. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

North Fork, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on state land 18 miles southwest of Chandalar, AK. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Paddle, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-six miles northeast of Circle, AK. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Radio Creek, Galena Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Forty miles north of Ruby, AK. Timber, short grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and group torching. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Pack**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Twenty-nine miles east of Circle, AK. Short grass and timber. Active fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Hilltop, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land 65 miles southwest of Tanana, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Koness, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land 37 miles southeast of Arctic Village, AK. Short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Fanny Mountain, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Fifty-three miles east of Circle, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Slathtouka**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Nineteen miles southwest of Allakaket, AK. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Belle**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land 17 miles north of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Runt**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Seventy-eight miles southeast of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Christian River**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on Native Corporation land 29 miles south of Arctic Village, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Sinyalak**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on state land 21 miles northwest of Allakaket, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Sucker**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land 27 miles southwest of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Clear	AK-FAS	61,976	6,391	12	Comp	7/30	491	4	13	10	4	1	7.4M	ST
Minto Lakes	AK-FAS	35,186	800	0	Comp	7/30	313	16	9	4	2	0	4.1M	ST
Lime Complex	AK-SWS	785,539	0	0	Comp	8/1	158	-27	3	0	5	8	8.9M	ST
Bean Complex	AK-TAD	150,340	2,806	0	Comp	10/1	243	-16	5	0	2	0	4.4M	ST
Middle Tanana Complex	AK-DAS	29,126	2,670	0	Comp	10/31	123	-32	2	0	0	0	500K	ST
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Dalton Highway Complex	AK-TAD	75,562	1,177	0	Comp	8/31	90	0	1	0	2	0	NR	BLM
* Paradise Complex	AK-TAD	37,879	37,879	0	Comp	UNK	47	47	2	0	1	0	800K	BLM
Tatlawiksuk	AK-SWS	225,800	16,317	0	Comp	10/31	14	14	0	0	1	0	8K	ST
Submarine Creek	AK-SWS	31,258	3,698	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	24	180K	ST
Lansing Creek	AK-UYD	55,663	19,862	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Schilling Creek	AK-UYD	48,510	34,250	0	Comp	10/1	10	6	0	0	0	0	31K	BLM
North Fork	AK-UYD	48,290	14,778	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Paddle	AK-UYD	30,301	16,466	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Radio Creek	AK-GAD	29,432	11,475	0	Comp	8/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	30K	BLM
* Pack	AK-UYD	24,137	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Hilltop	AK-TAD	10,160	6,057	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Koness	AK-UYD	7,195	6,882	0	Comp	10/1	0	-12	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Fanny Mountain	AK-UYD	3,544	2,113	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Slathtouka	AK-TAD	2,564	---	0	Comp	9/30	34	---	1	0	0	0	100K	BLM
* Belle	AK-UYD	841	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
* Runt	AK-UYD	456	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Christian River	AK-UYD	433	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
* Sinyalak	AK-TAD	413	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NF	ST
* Sucker	AK-UYD	318	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Poorman Complex	AK-GAD	55,504	0	0	Comp	8/1	101	-4	2	0	1	0	1.1M	BLM
Fourth of July Creek	AK-SWS	51,146	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	68K	ST
Iowithla River	AK-SWS	42,880	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	198K	ST
Kokwok	AK-SWS	31,497	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	13K	ST
Sawpit Creek	AK-SWS	26,243	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	59K	ST
Pauls Creek	AK-SWS	17,948	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	4K	ST
Contact Creek	AK-SWS	10,654	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	25K	NPS
Tuklung River	AK-SWS	6,591	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	20K	FWS
Boatman	AK-UYD	5,250	77	0	Comp	8/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Goose	AK-UYD	4,363	122	0	Comp	8/22	24	0	1	0	0	0	150K	FWS
Eddy Creek	AK-GAD	3,355	0	0	Comp	8/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	5K	BLM
Ponglevik River	AK-SWS	3,081	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	4K	FWS
Fork Creek	AK-SWS	2,741	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	7K	FWS
Waterfall	AK-UYD	2,467	778	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Biederman	AK-UYD	1,568	0	0	Comp	10/1	22	12	0	0	0	0	30K	NPS
Ongoke River	AK-SWS	1,426	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Ongivinuk River	AK-SWS	735	0	10	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Tagagawik 2	AK-GAD	620	0	0	Comp	8/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM
Holonada	AK-TAD	613	47	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Salmon	AK-UYD	488	0	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Melozitna	AK-GAD	6,491	---	0	Comp	8/24	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	BLM
Middle Fork	AK-FAS	1,245	---	0	Comp	8/15	6	---	0	0	0	0	60K	ST
Apoon Pass	AK-GAD	84,138	---	0	Comp	8/10	0	---	0	0	0	0	55K	FWS
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

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 16
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Electra, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Cal Fire Team 3). Four miles southwest of Jackson, CA. Brush, short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and uphill runs. Several communities, numerous structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Rices, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles southeast of North San Juan, CA. Brush and hardwood slash. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Electra	CA-AEU	4,272	160	60	Ctn	7/18	2,114	250	51	170	15	0	6.9M	ST
Rices	CA-NEU	904	---	98	Ctn	UNK	102	---	3	2	1	13	16.7M	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Hermits Peak, Santa Fe NF, USFS. IMT 2 (GB Team 7). Twelve miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior. 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. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Black, Gila NF, USFS. Twenty-four miles north of Mimbres, NM. Grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Adobe, Northwest District, Arizona DOF. Previously reported incident. Sixteen miles north of Bagdad, AZ. Tall grass and brushy. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Hermits Peak	NM-SNF	341,735	0	93	Ctn	7/31	391	-81	5	7	1	903	275M	FS
Pipeline	AZ-COF	26,532	0	90	Ctn	7/31	33	0	1	2	0	2	16M	FS
Black	NM-GNF	325,136	0	90	Ctn	7/17	39	0	2	0	0	5	59.3M	FS
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Adobe	AZ-A5S	1,637	1,014	0	Comp	7/20	2	0	0	0	0	0	20K	ST

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 37
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4

Koonce, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land six miles southwest of Iowa Park, TX. Short grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Deer, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 17 miles southeast of Falfurrias, TX. Short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Hard Castle, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land six miles north of Meridian, TX. Tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Ferebee Road, North Carolina Forest Service. Thirteen miles northeast of Belhaven, NC. Southern rough. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Koonce	TX-TXS	3,794	794	85	Ctn	7/11	51	-4	0	7	0	0	NR	PRI
Deer	TX-TXS	1,062	-238	95	Ctn	7/9	37	0	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
Hard Castle	TX-TXS	600	300	45	Ctn	7/14	41	35	0	2	4	1	NR	PRI
Ferebee Road	NC-NCS	1,938	0	90	Ctn	7/31	83	-8	0	16	0	0	2.1M	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 18
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

Sandy, Bridger-Teton NF, USFS. Seven miles southwest of Bondurant, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Goshute, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-five miles south of Wendover, NV. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Sandy	WY-BTF	80	-22	90	Ctn	7/10	23	0	0	1	1	0	1.2M	FS
Goshute	NV-EKD	1,966	---	80	Ctn	7/18	175	---	4	1	4	0	2.8M	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 1)

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

Byron Hill, Spokane District, BLM. Started on county land five miles southeast of Maptin, WA. Grass and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Byron Hill	WA-SPD	1,800	---	90	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	CNTY

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	8	0	0	2	1	11
	ACRES	0	15,543	0	0	9,948	0	25,491
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	4	1	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	15	1	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	22	2	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	8	7	101	116
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	11	0	0	2	5	18
	ACRES	0	191	0	0	9	1	201
Southwest Area	FIRES	2	5	0	0	1	5	13
	ACRES	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	2	4	0	0	4	3	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	6	0	0	1	30	0	37
	ACRES	23	0	0	1	56	0	80
TOTAL FIRES:		10	29	0	2	81	21	143
TOTAL ACRES:		24	15,737	0	9	10,035	103	25,908

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	137	0	0	266	23	426
	ACRES	0	997,156	0	0	1,401,436	10	2,398,602
Northwest Area	FIRES	62	56	8	1	256	89	472
	ACRES	707	35,280	22	0	312	13	36,334
Northern California Area	FIRES	6	9	0	6	1,543	101	1,665
	ACRES	2	13	0	0	11,085	324	11,424
Southern California Area	FIRES	15	30	1	12	2,166	252	2,476
	ACRES	9	285	100	384	16,595	1,993	19,366
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	197	7	2	0	314	61	581
	ACRES	472	4	206	0	3,187	91	3,959
Great Basin Area	FIRES	14	187	3	16	322	79	621
	ACRES	37	6,442	0	10	6,558	4,395	17,442
Southwest Area	FIRES	312	126	2	9	439	483	1,371
	ACRES	40,738	8,672	1	5	159,647	755,840	964,903
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	158	104	11	9	783	124	1,189
	ACRES	4,813	1,686	130	572	165,328	7,417	179,946
Eastern Area	FIRES	84	0	20	8	4,379	272	4,763
	ACRES	253	0	680	10	30,410	2,610	33,963
Southern Area	FIRES	535	4	17	56	20,553	515	21,680
	ACRES	96,534	88	2,541	2,512	880,770	37,420	1,019,865
TOTAL FIRES:		1,383	660	64	117	31,021	1,999	35,244
TOTAL ACRES:		143,566	1,049,626	3,680	3,493	2,675,329	810,114	4,685,808

Ten Year Average Fires (2012 – 2021 as of today)	28,340
Ten Year Average Acres (2012 – 2021 as of today)	2,209,735

***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/>

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	11	2,144	253	7,403
YUKON TERRITORY	22	18,348	196	80,683
ALBERTA	4	2,783	520	52,894
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	9	25,279	97	156,544
SASKATCHEWAN	2	1,467	171	65,275
MANITOBA	1	459	30	8,821
ONTARIO	1	0	111	2,396
QUEBEC	1	0	286	29,488
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	1	41	678
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	1	152	129
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	84	3,362
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	0
NATIONAL PARKS	5	526	49	2,443
TOTALS	59	51,008	1,998	410,116

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Isolated to scattered thunderstorms will continue across central and eastern portions of the Interior onto the North Slope, especially near the Canadian border. Much of Interior will remain warm and dry, with these conditions likely extending into southwest, south-central, and southeast Alaska, including gusty southerly winds through the Alaska Range passes. However, showers are likely on Kenai and in portions of southwest Alaska, especially near the coast and on the Aleutians. Dry and breezy conditions will continue across portions of the Great Basin, with above normal temperatures expected across much of the West. Much of Texas into the ArkLaTex will remain hot and dry. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms will likely be confined to along and east of the Divide in Colorado and New Mexico, with strong to severe thunderstorms likely again from central Idaho across Montana and onto the northern and central High Plains. Much of the eastern CONUS, except for portions of the Northeast and Great Lakes, will have scattered to numerous thunderstorms.

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

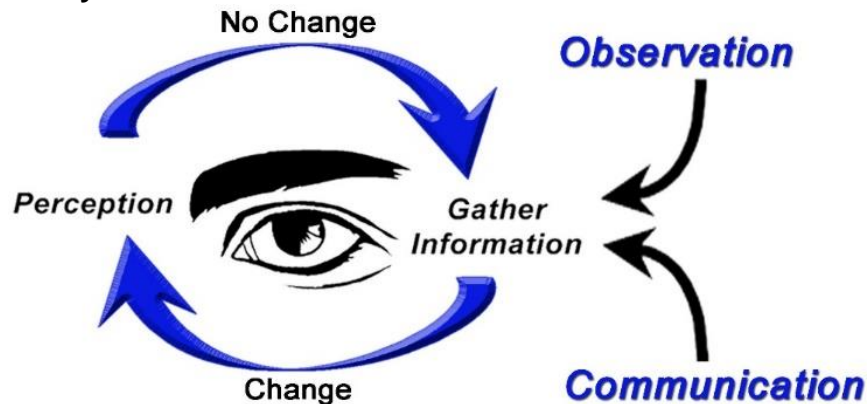


LEAD Time

Situational Awareness
Leadership Category

The cornerstone of good decision making is good situational awareness. Leaders can increase their decision space by attaining and maintaining good situational awareness. Decision space is simply the amount of time that a decision maker has for considering options before reaching a required decision point.

Situational Awareness Cycle



Situational awareness is depicted as a cycle because the situation and people's perceptions are constantly changing. This internal cycle continues as long as people are awake. Everyone starts with an initial perception of any given situation and then continuously updates it with new information. People gather information through both observation, which includes input from the senses, and communication, which includes face-to-face conversation, written communication, and radio or telephone exchanges.

Simply paying attention is an important part of maintaining good situational awareness, but even more important is determining what to pay attention to. All perceptions are subject to filtering and focusing: people constantly filter information and shift focus. People also produce a lot of internal inputs such as thoughts about what to do next, stress, memories of similar experiences, fear.

Those with more experience in an environment often can more easily filter out distractions and unimportant details and focus on the most salient information.

Discussion Points:

- What does situational awareness mean?
- What are the actions that influence situational awareness?
- Is it possible to lose situational awareness?
- Does your situational awareness match reality consistently?

References:

- [Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program](#)
- [Leading in the Wildland Fire Service, PMS 494-2](#)

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