

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, July 28, 2022 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (125 fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	13
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5
***Complex IMTs committed:	1

***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 93 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.

One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 141st Air Refueling Wing (Washington Air National Guard) have been deployed to Boise, ID. One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 162nd Operations Group (Arizona Air National Guard) have been deployed to St. George, UT in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	9	1,580,089	12	7	15	688	-229
NWCC	1	1,200	0	11	0	42	0
ONCC	2	6,846	0	2	0	7	0
OSCC	3	24,128	87	314	28	4,047	653
NRCC	6	3,773	10	18	3	369	28
GBCC	11	85,368	29	102	23	1,593	47
SWCC	7	381,556	15	15	4	899	-62
RMCC	7	20,209	9	52	6	436	171
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	27	50,937	9	81	5	540	-141
Total	73	2,154,107	171	602	84	8,621	467

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Moose, Salmon-Challis NF, USFS. IMT 1 (GB Team 2). Seventeen miles north of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning, running and group torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Dodge Springs, Ely District, BLM. IMT 2 (GB Team 6). Thirty-eight miles north of Mesquite, NV. Short grass, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

* **Favre**, Boise District, BLM. Started on county land six miles east of Midvale, ID. Short grass. Moderate fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Structures, energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Heath Canyon, Ely District, BLM. Twenty miles southwest of Lund, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Moose	ID-SCF	38,321	1,057	15	Ctn	8/30	877	56	16	59	10	4	10.8M	FS
Dodge Springs	NV-ELD	5,635	0	90	Ctn	8/1	304	-69	6	2	8	0	2.8M	BLM
* Favre	ID-BOD	1,500	---	0	Ctn	7/28	76	---	0	26	0	0	200K	C&L
Heath Canyon	NV-ELD	419	23	5	Ctn	8/1	76	0	2	2	1	0	125K	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Halfway Hill	UT-SCS	11,701	0	83	Comp	9/15	102	-1	1	6	1	2	11.2M	ST
Woodtick	ID-SCF	1,773	52	20	Comp	9/15	96	3	3	3	1	0	440K	FS
Wolf Fang	ID-SCF	431	---	0	Comp	7/31	1	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS
Goshute	NV-EKD	1,966	---	90	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	2.5M	BLM

SCS – South Central Area, Utah DOF EKD – Elko District, BLM

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 28
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Chalk Mountain, Texas A&M Forest Service. IMT 1 (SA Blue Team). Started on private land five miles southwest of Glen Rose, TX. Timber, tall grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Residences and energy infrastructure threatened.

217, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles northeast of Mooreland, OK. Timber, tall grass and brush. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs, group torching and long-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

San Gabriel, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land eight miles northeast of Georgetown, TX. Tall grass, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Chalk Mountain	TX-TXS	6,746	0	53	Ctn	8/2	309	0	8	22	1	16	4.3M	PRI
217	OK-OKS	19,072	15,072	20	Ctn	7/31	61	-55	0	18	2	1	553K	ST
San Gabriel	TX-TXS	446	-54	90	Ctn	7/31	43	20	0	11	1	0	NR	PRI
El Pasture	TX-TXS	394	-806	100	Ctn	---	1	-30	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Honey Creek	TX-TXS	353	0	100	Ctn	---	1	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Buffer West (31)	FL-FLS	860	-340	100	Comp	---	3	-14	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

FLS – Florida Forest Service

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 24
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Oak, Mariposa-Merced Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Cal Fire Team 5). Five miles northeast of Mariposa, CA. Tall grass, chaparral and timber. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and isolated torching. Several communities, numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Washburn, Yosemite NP, NPS. IMT 2 (CA Team 15). Three miles southeast of Wawona, CA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Oak	CA-MMU	18,824	292	35	Ctn	8/6	3,758	707	85	303	22	100	21.5M	ST
Washburn	CA-YNP	4,883	2	94	Ctn	7/31	289	-54	2	11	6	0	33.6M	NPS

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

Clear, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (NR Team 1) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Ten miles northwest of Anderson, AK. Timber, hardwood litter and closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Bean Complex (3 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (NR Team 4). Started on state land 100 miles west of Fairbanks, AK. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Dalton Highway Complex (6 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Seventy-seven miles northwest of Beaver, AK. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Energy infrastructure threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. 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	72,188	3	77	Comp	7/30	173	-120	2	4	3	33	24.4M	ST
Bean Complex	AK-TAD	196,786	0	85	Comp	10/1	164	-9	2	0	3	0	11.1M	ST
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Dalton Highway Complex	AK-TAD	89,100	0	57	Comp	8/31	167	-3	3	3	2	0	6.2M	BLM
Paradise Complex	AK-TAD	279,369	0	65	Comp	9/1	35	0	1	0	2	0	2.9M	BLM
Kocacho	AK-UYD	4,135	-727	0	Comp	10/1	7	-1	0	0	0	0	50K	TRI
Slathouka	AK-TAD	9,927	0	81	Comp	9/30	37	-23	1	0	2	0	1.9M	BLM
Middle Tanana Complex	AK-DAS	62,861	0	0	Comp	10/31	48	-4	1	0	1	0	3.4M	ST
Lime Complex	AK-SWS	865,625	---	56	Comp	8/1	0	---	0	0	0	8	12.7M	ST
Christian	AK-UYD	818	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
AK-TAD-000532	AK-TAD	5,482	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
North Fork	AK-UYD	59,438	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Schilling Creek	AK-UYD	53,139	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Minnkohwin	AK-TAD	7,163	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Little Mud West	AK-TAD	2,039	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Hard Luck	AK-UYD	2,436	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Tatlawiksuk	AK-SWS	229,439	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	1	0	72K	BLM
Submarine Creek	AK-SWS	35,939	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	24	184K	ST
Biederman	AK-UYD	6,707	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS
Tolstine Creek	AK-SWS	3,542	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	18K	ST
South Fork Kuskokwim	AK-SWS	2,866	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	17K	ST
Lansing Creek	AK-UYD	56,354	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Hardscrabble Creek	AK-SWS	2,514	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Bearman	AK-UYD	596	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Goose	AK-UYD	5,185	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Fourth of July Creek	AK-SWS	51,146	---	2	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	68K	ST
Iowithla River	AK-SWS	42,880	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	198K	ST
Kokwok	AK-SWS	31,497	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	13K	ST
Sawpit Creek	AK-SWS	26,243	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	61K	ST
Pauls Creek	AK-SWS	17,948	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	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	21K	FWS

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Fork Creek	AK-SWS	2,741	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	8K	FWS
Ongoke River	AK-SWS	1,426	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FWS
Ongivinuk River	AK-SWS	735	---	10	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
Redstar	AK-TAD	1,288	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS
Minto Lakes	AK-FAS	37,554	---	53	Comp	7/30	10	---	0	0	2	0	9.2M	ST
Chalatna	AK-TAD	661	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
East Henshaw	AK-TAD	440	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Little Mud	AK-TAD	10,673	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Fort Hamlin Hills	AK-TAD	468	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Poorman Complex	AK-GAD	128,432	---	0	Comp	8/1	65	---	1	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Middle Fork	AK-FAS	1,245	---	0	Comp	8/15	2	---	0	0	0	0	60K	ST
Radio Creek	AK-GAD	29,432	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	30K	BLM
Eddy Creek	AK-GAD	3,355	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	BLM
Tagagawik 2	AK-GAD	620	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM
Melozitna	AK-GAD	6,491	---	0	Comp	8/24	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	BLM
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

UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM DAS – Delta Area, Alaska DOF SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF
GAD – Galena Zone, BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Hermits Peak, Santa Fe NF, USFS. IMT 2 (SW Team 5). 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.

C-3, Truxton Canyon Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (SW Team 3). Twenty-five miles north of Peach Springs, AZ. Timber, brush and hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Precipitation occurred over fire area yesterday.

Committee, Coconino NF, USFS. Four miles southeast of Sedona, AZ. Chaparral, short grass and timber. 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			
Hermits Peak	NM-SNF	341,735	0	93	Ctn	7/31	584	3	10	5	1	903	287M	FS
C-3	AZ-TCA	1,378	0	60	Comp	7/31	140	-57	2	3	0	0	691K	BIA
Committee	AZ-COF	362	---	80	Ctn	7/31	11	---	0	0	1	0	1.9M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
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Dragon	AZ-GCP	1,330	6	0	Comp	9/1	145	-2	3	5	1	0	575K	NPS
Pine Peak	AZ-CRD	1,631	---	25	Comp	8/15	14	---	0	1	1	0	370K	BLM
Potrillo	NM-LCD	2,700	---	70	Comp	UNK	14	---	2	1	0	0	15K	BLM

GCP – Grand Canyon NP, NPS CRD – Colorado River District, BLM LCD – Las Cruces Field Office, BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Complex IMTs committed: 1

Sugarloaf, Medicine Bow – Routt NF, Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. CIMT (RM Team 3). Twenty-five miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Sugarloaf	WY-MRF	397	1	0	Ctn	8/17	256	156	7	5	6	0	600K	FS
* Deweese	CO-PSF	783	---	100	Ctn	---	15	---	0	4	0	0	80K	FS

PSF – Pike and San Isabel NF, USFS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

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

Leilani, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii-Pohakuloa Training Area, DOD. Twenty miles south of Waimea, HI. Tall grass and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and backing.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Leilani	HI-PTYQ	2,368	0	85	Ctn	UNK	7	0	0	2	0	0	5K	DOD

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
 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														
Clover	MT-BDF	700	154	13	Comp	10/30	98	2	3	2	0	0	175K	FS
Hog Trough	MT-BRF	587	0	9	Comp	10/15	141	9	3	4	2	0	1.1M	FS

BDF – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS BRF – Bitterroot NF, USFS

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	21,352	0	0	2,000	0	23,353
Northwest Area	FIRES	3	2	0	1	5	4	15
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	2	1	4
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	4	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	38	0	38
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	21	3	24
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	8	4	13
	ACRES	0	20	0	0	35	1,115	1,170
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	3	0	0	2	1	14
	ACRES	1	6	0	0	0	0	7
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	2	4	0	0	2	1	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	87	1	88
Eastern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	13	0	0	0	14	1	28
	ACRES	79	0	0	0	149	17	246
TOTAL FIRES:		27	10	0	1	69	18	125
TOTAL ACRES:		81	21,380	0	0	2,331	1,136	24,928

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	184	0	0	329	28	541
	ACRES	0	1,474,697	0	0	1,556,725	10	3,031,432
Northwest Area	FIRES	97	101	12	5	417	169	801
	ACRES	1,072	43,169	25	0	1,592	65	45,925
Northern California Area	FIRES	6	14	3	7	1,876	129	2,035
	ACRES	2	180	5	43	13,531	353	14,114
Southern California Area	FIRES	19	32	7	18	2,525	300	2,901
	ACRES	105	285	102	879	17,741	2,007	21,120
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	227	17	3	0	487	138	872
	ACRES	2,080	2,103	207	0	4,312	787	9,489
Great Basin Area	FIRES	21	367	3	23	473	157	1,044
	ACRES	42	23,400	0	28	35,296	78,634	137,400
Southwest Area	FIRES	364	175	3	23	521	633	1,719
	ACRES	42,442	13,064	0	2,711	159,629	756,675	974,523
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	241	202	12	17	883	190	1,545
	ACRES	17,556	4,397	130	596	170,954	9,224	202,858
Eastern Area	FIRES	88	0	20	10	4,855	301	5,274
	ACRES	254	0	680	12	38,606	2,868	42,421
Southern Area	FIRES	667	4	21	60	20,668	572	21,992
	ACRES	98,581	88	5,308	2,924	985,795	38,158	1,130,855
TOTAL FIRES:		1,730	1,096	84	163	33,034	2,617	38,724
TOTAL ACRES:		162,134	1,561,384	6,457	7,194	2,984,185	888,785	5,610,142

Ten Year Average Fires (2012 – 2021 as of today)	33,003
Ten Year Average Acres (2012 – 2021 as of today)	3,410,527

***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	406	375	12,958
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	271	175,204
ALBERTA	0	2,954	653	107,827
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	1,825	182	359,432
SASKATCHEWAN	3	2,332	288	214,997
MANITOBA	0	0	114	133,954
ONTARIO	2	0	161	2,414
QUEBEC	1	0	316	29,573
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	516	60	2,680
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	163	132
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	99	3,365
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	0
NATIONAL PARKS	1	2	49	6,624
TOTALS	22	8,034	2,764	1,049,158

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Exceptionally hot, dry conditions are expected from northern California, across the Pacific Northwest and into the Northern Rockies and across the northern Great Basin. A mix of wet and dry scattered thunderstorms is likely to develop in the central Idaho mountains, into southwestern Montana, southeastern Idaho and western Wyoming. Gusty outflow winds are expected in the vicinity of thunderstorms.

Monsoonal moisture will continue to generate widespread thunderstorm activity across the Southwest and Colorado Rockies, with a chance of heavy rain in the Front Range and into southeastern Colorado. Scattered thunderstorms are likely to extend into portions of southern California, the Great Basin and the Sierra Nevada. Isolated thunderstorms are also possible in southern and into central Oregon.

Conditions will remain hot, dry and breezy across most of Texas and the Lower Mississippi Valley today. The thunderstorms that have been persistent across the central Great plains into the Ohio Valley may slide south to produce some precipitation in Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle and Arkansas, as well as continuing to produce storms and possibly heavy rain in the Ohio Valley.

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



This Day in History is a 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?

Point Fire (Idaho) – July 28, 1995

Incident Summary: On July 28, 1995, dry thunderstorms moved into southwestern Idaho and sparked dozens of wildfires. At **1829**, a fire was reported about 16 miles southwest of Boise. BLM and Kuna Rural Fire District (RFD) resources were dispatched to the fire. As they arrived on scene, the fire was 60 to 65 acres, actively burning in mature sagebrush and dense cheatgrass with moderate rates of spread. West winds 4 to 6 mph fanned 3- to 5-foot flame lengths along the flanks. The IC (BLM) instructed the BLM engines to split up and directly attack the flanks with Kuna engines 620 and 622 following behind them. Kuna Command instructed the two Kuna engines to stay together and follow the BLM engines to compensate for less experienced firefighters occupying engine 620. By **2010**, it is reported that engines on both flanks had met and the spread of the fire had been stopped at 120 acres.

At **2022**, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag warning for dry lightning and locally strong winds, predicting gusts of up to 50 mph from a thunderstorm moving toward the fire. Engines along the northern perimeter of the fire are alerted via BLM Dispatch on a BLM radio channel.

Kuna engines 620 and 622 continued to mop-up along the northern flank, passing multiple federal fire resources and ending at a fence on the southeast corner of the fireline where they were given instructions to turn around and work back around the perimeter. The two worked in tandem until Kuna 622 ran out of water. Kuna 620 took the lead and continued using its remaining water. Using the radio in a nearby BLM engine, Kuna 622 contacted the IC who instructed them refill and standby due to the predicted high winds.

While Kuna 622 was en route to refill, Kuna 620 contacted them with a report that their vehicle was overheating. They are instructed to clean the radiator screen. Soon after, and for unknown reasons, Kuna 620 turned north on a two-track road then north-northeast, driving cross-country through unburned heavy sagebrush. At this point, Kuna 620 became disabled.

At about **2046**, the fire escaped the northern perimeter at several locations, fanned by strong south winds from the thunderstorm. Several fire personnel immediately drove north to assess fire behavior. They saw that the fire was burning intensely with flame lengths over 20 feet and an estimated rate of spread of 560 feet/minute. They see a stationary engine in the path of the oncoming flame front and made repeated attempts to contact the engine on the BLM tactical channel but received no response. They did not know whether the engine was occupied.

At **2049**, Kuna 620 contacts the Kuna Commander on a local non-federal frequency and reported, "We are on the north line. We have fire coming hard, and this thing has died." The Kuna 620 engine crew made another a radio transmission one minute later, "The truck's been overtaken by fire!" That was their last transmission. Two firefighters lost their lives. It took 4 minutes from the point of escape for the fire to overrun the disabled engine.

Discussion Points:

L – How do you establish and maintain lookouts during initial attack?

- *If terrain is relatively flat, can we be lookouts for other crews nearby? If so, how?*

C – The BLM IC could not monitor Kuna Command because the frequency was not programmed into his radio. Some Kuna crews could utilize the BLM frequencies while others could not. Kuna Command did not always have capability for radio communications with all units. And Kuna RFD Engines 620 and 622 had communication capabilities with both BLM and Kuna Command but could not communicate with Kuna Command once they switched to the BLM frequency.

- *During initial attack, how do you establish and maintain effective communications with other agencies and cooperators?*
- *As an IC, how do you ensure Red Flag warnings and other vital information is received by all fire resources?*
- *What will you and your crew do during any fire assignment to get accurate information about weather and current fire behavior?*

E and S – Sometimes it is necessary to travel through the unburned fuel while accessing the fire, burning out, or shuttling water.

- *What are your concerns?*
- *How do you maintain Escape Routes and Safety Zones:*
 - *As you move down the fireline?*
 - *When en route to refill?*
- *How much water do you keep as reserve in the tank?*

Additional Resources: [Point Fire Accident Investigation](http://www.coloradofirecamp.com/point-fire/overview.htm) <http://www.coloradofirecamp.com/point-fire/overview.htm>

[RT-130 WFSTAR Module – Point Fire Immersive](https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-130/case-studies/cs225) <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-130/case-studies/cs225>

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