

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, July 12, 2008 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 5**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (158 new fires)
New large fires:	2
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires:	69
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	14
Type 2 IMTs committed:	12
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

A NIMO Team (Cable) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Eight MAFFS C-130 air tankers are supporting the State of California. All aircraft are based at McClellan Airport in Sacramento, California. The Mission Commander is LTC Tom Jackie, 145th Air Wing Air National Guard, North Carolina. Three aircraft are provided by the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina, three from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, Colorado and two from the 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Northern California Area (PL 5)

New fires:	9
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	55
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

Area Command Team (Loach) is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests. NIMO Teams (Gage and Whitney) are supporting the ONCC Multi-Agency Coordinating Group. Area Command Team (Anderson) has been ordered to manage fire complexes on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests.

BTU Lightning Complex (14 fires), Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Morris). Twenty-seven miles north of Yuba City, CA. Timber, brush and logging slash. Torching and spotting with sustained runs. Power transmission lines, numerous residences and structures threatened. Evacuations in progress. Highway 70 closed.

SHU Lightning Complex (3 fires), Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kerschen). Shasta and Trinity counties, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Extreme fire behavior with short and long range spotting. Residences, infrastructure and recreation sites threatened. Evacuations in progress.

Whiskeytown Complex, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, NPS. IMT 2 (McNitt). Twelve miles west of Redding, CA. Timber and brush. Backing fire with short runs and group tree torching. Structures threatened.

American River Complex (2 fires), Tahoe NF. IMT 1 (Summerfelt and Muir). Eleven miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Intense ground fire with crown runs. Residences, watershed and power lines.

Canyon Complex (8 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Intense surface fire. Residences and archeological sites threatened. Evacuations in effect. Roads closed.

Lime Complex (36 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Wilcock). Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Active backing and flanking fire with uphill runs. Communities, ranches and youth camps threatened.

Iron and Alps Complex (6 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. Previously reported as Iron Complex. IMT 1 (Broyles). IMT also managing the Alps Complex. One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Backing and flanking fire with single and group tree torching. Communities threatened.

Alps Complex (12 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. Twenty miles northwest of Junction City, CA. Timber and brush. This incident will be reported under the Iron Complex after today. No further information received.

MEU Lightning Complex (37 fires), Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Waterman). Mendocino County, CA. Timber and grass. Isolated torching and short runs. Four communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Cub Complex, Lassen NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Sixteen miles southwest of Chester, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with upslope runs and tree torching. Residences threatened. Highway 32 closed. Evacuations in effect.

Hell's Half Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Secrest). Eight miles southwest of Burnt Ranch, CA. Timber. Backing fire with single tree torching. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Ukonom Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with uphill runs. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Siskiyou Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Swartzlander). Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and long range spotting. Historic and cultural resources threatened.

Soda Complex (2 fires), Mendocino NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Heintz) to IMT 2 (Fiorella) today. Fifteen miles northwest of Upper Lake, CA. Timber. Active fire with single and group tree torching and short uphill runs. Residences threatened.

Blue 2, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Svalberg). Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short crown runs. Cultural and heritage resources threatened.

Yuba River Complex, Tahoe NF. Thirteen miles northeast of Nevada City, CA. Timber and brush. Backing fire with short runs and isolated torching. Several communities, hydroelectric facilities and recreation sites threatened.

Mad Complex, (3 fires), Six Rivers NF. Twenty-three miles east of Redcrest, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with smoldering and creeping.

Humboldt Complex, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, Cal Fire. Humboldt County, CA. Timber, slash and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
BTU Lightning Complex	CA	BTU	49,000	1,300	50	7/16	3,212	98	61	371	0	60	43.9M	ST

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
SHU Lightning Complex	CA	SHU	72,501	6,386	45	7/21	1,923	183	24	235	11	10	29.7M	ST
Whiskeytown Complex	CA	WNP	6,135	635	50	7/19	429	-11	12	11	3	0	8.4M	NPS
American River Complex	CA	TNF	18,019	1,835	20	8/1	884	-10	18	53	8	2	11.4M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	27,214	2,195	55	7/31	1,222	29	27	89	6	3	18.9M	FS
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	76,663	23,245	55	7/31	1,115	144	19	75	8	2	21.0M	FS
Iron and Alps Complex	CA	SHF	32,840	2,095	44	7/25	1,071	65	24	84	2	1	14.4M	FS
Alps Complex	CA	SHF	1,218	315	80	8/15	92	-12	3	3	0	0	819K	FS
MEU Lightning Complex	CA	MEU	52,700	500	65	7/25	2,092	---	57	165	14	2	29.1M	ST
Cub Complex	CA	LNF	15,474	1,492	68	7/20	1,097	22	24	74	8	0	12.3M	FS
Hell's Half Complex	CA	SRF	7,858	1,771	29	7/30	464	-18	10	21	7	1	5.3M	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	17,847	4,100	15	10/1	486	138	14	23	2	0	5.7M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	26,200	2,200	34	8/14	540	11	11	25	6	0	9.6M	FS
Soda Complex	CA	MNF	7,020	3,395	78	7/16	312	11	8	11	2	4	6.8M	FS
Blue 2	CA	SRF	2,860	93	10	UNK	121	15	2	6	1	0	780K	FS
Yuba River Complex	CA	TNF	3,819	0	95	7/15	89	3	2	6	1	0	7.3M	FS
Mad Complex	CA	SRF	3,705	0	95	7/12	189	-16	4	13	0	0	5.0M	FS
Humboldt Complex	CA	HUU	1,310	0	90	7/24	196	-107	6	5	3	0	8.8M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 5)

New fires: 35
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 1 IMTs committed: 6

Basin Complex, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Dietrich and McGowan) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hutchinson). Five miles southeast of Big Sur, CA. Timber, brush and slash. Moderate fire behavior with group tree torching and short range spotting. Community of Big Sur threatened. Evacuations in effect. Highway 1 closed.

Gap, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Bennett) and Santa Barbara County FD (Bell). Six miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Chaparral. Smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

Piute, Sequoia NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Hoff and Molumby) and Kern County FD (Hayes). Seventeen miles northeast of Caliente, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior. Numerous communities threatened and evacuations in effect.

Clover, Sequoia NF. Thirty-two miles north of Weldon, CA. Timber and brush. Isolated burning snags.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Basin Complex	CA	LPF	113,827	14,806	41	7/30	2,051	-93	49	86	18	58	37.1M	FS
Gap	CA	LPF	9,443	0	80	7/16	1,110	-63	39	51	7	4	16.2M	FS
Piute	CA	SQF	35,078	226	38	7/20	1,562	129	35	92	7	51	17.3M	FS
Clover	CA	SQF	15,300	0	75	7/20	12	-5	0	0	1	0	8.2M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 32
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Spokane Valley, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (LaFave/Berndt). Four miles west of Spokane Valley, WA. Brush and grass. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Mill, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. One mile east of Warm Springs, OR. Structures threatened.

Cayuse, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (Gormley). Eleven miles east of Tonasket, WA. Shrub and grass. Structures threatened.

Badger Mountain, Washington DNR. Eight miles north of East Wenatchee, WA. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Browns Canyon, Washington DNR. Six miles north of Orondo, WA. Brush. Road closures. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Spokane Valley	WA	NES	1,000	---	0	UNK	138	---	0	27	0	14	NR	ST
Mill	OR	WSA	1,695	1,665	80	7/12	203	73	7	54	1	2	135K	BIA
Cayuse	WA	NES	1,500	400	40	7/13	287	85	5	28	4	1	245K	ST
Badger Mountain	WA	WFS	2,600	---	60	UNK	NR	---	---	---	---	0	NR	ST
Browns Canyon	WA	SES	2,000	---	5	UNK	NR	---	---	---	---	0	NR	ST

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 20
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Evans Road, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. North Carolina IMT 2 (Willis). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Minimal surface fire with extensive burning in deep organic soils. Residences threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire yesterday.

South 1, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Florida IMT 2 (Hill). Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Evans Road	NC	NCS	41,534	0	75	UNK	268	-60	0	47	1	4	12.2M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	0	95	7/12	157	-10	1	7	2	0	7.7M	FWS
Tussock Bay	NC	NCS	730	0	100	---	55	0	0	5	1	0	153K	ST

NCS – North Carolina Division of Forest Resources

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Grand Complex – WFU (2 fires), Grand Mesa NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Includes previously reported Coal Creek WFU. Twenty miles southeast of Grand Junction, CO. Brush and grass. Slope driven fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Grand Complex - WFU	CO	GMF	1,259	546	N/A	N/A	89	18	2	4	1	0	263k	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 21
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Central Grade, Nez Perce Tribe. Four miles east of Lewiston, ID. Grass. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Central Grade	ID	NPT	3,000	---	0	7/13	60	---	0	14	2	1	40K	BIA
Mt Sentinel	MT	SWS	390	0	100	---	53	-82	2	3	0	0	175K	ST

SWS – Southwestern Land Office, DNR

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Goose Slough, Tanana Zone, BLM. Seven miles north of Bettles, AK. Timber. Short duration crown runs. Light precipitation occurred over the fire yesterday.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Goose Slough	AK	TAD	1,600	300	0	UNK	43	13	2	0	1	0	NR	BLM

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 15
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Lane 2, Prescott NF. Fourteen miles northwest of Black Canyon City, AZ. Chaparral and timber. Creeping and smoldering. Substantial precipitation occurred over the fire yesterday.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Lane 2	AZ	PNF	9,629	0	95	7/14	24	-80	0	1	1	18	5.6M	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Onshore flow will develop today along the California coast accompanied by cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected in the Sierra Nevada and southern Great Basin with wetter storms further south. Alaska will continue to see a threat of thunderstorms across the interior.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Backfiring or Burnout Operations

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	1	3		5
	ACRES			15	4	0		19
Northwest	FIRES	2				26	4	32
	ACRES	3,913				15	0	3,928
Northern California	FIRES					7	2	9
	ACRES					12,314	12,037	24,351
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	30	3	35
	ACRES		0		0	831	17,938	18,769
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	1			10	5	21
	ACRES	3	14			1	3	21
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			3	1	8
	ACRES		22			4	0	26
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	3	4			2	6	15
	ACRES	4	2			40	1	47
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1			4	1	7
	ACRES	0	0			9	0	9
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES	6				14		20
	ACRES	10				128		138
TOTAL	FIRES	17	15	1	2	101	22	158
	ACRES	3,930	39	15	4	13,343	29,979	47,310

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		9	12	2	260	1	284
	ACRES		1,937	1,103	4	41,801	0	44,845
Northwest	FIRES	172	69	4	10	308	285	848
	ACRES	8,407	47,157	1,397	2	4,582	882	62,427
Northern California	FIRES	90	13	5	20	1,869	626	2,623
	ACRES	79	17	161	5,506	221,240	234,408	461,411
Southern California	FIRES	38	74	11	13	2,258	239	2,633
	ACRES	302	2,598	863	10	13,793	242,501	260,067
Northern Rockies	FIRES	746	24	10	2	418	169	1,369
	ACRES	9,489	800	4,519	5	36,731	461	52,005
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	22	166	1	7	175	104	475
	ACRES	274	2,494	492	132	6,398	2,343	12,133
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	129	1	9	38	25	210
	ACRES	10	10,314	0	4	3,056	38	13,422
Southwest	FIRES	525	182	6	41	645	633	2,032
	ACRES	23,876	45,572	347	925	261,238	91,277	423,235
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	287	133	23	11	331	152	937
	ACRES	1,178	1,468	2,003	2	113,576	1,603	119,830
Eastern Area	FIRES	315		11	18	7,004	270	7,618
	ACRES	1,899		248	264	45,801	1,693	49,905
Southern Area	FIRES	648		178	48	26,569	442	27,885
	ACRES	44,525		21,006	53,706	1,370,827	35,418	1,525,482
TOTAL	FIRES	2,851	799	262	181	39,875	2,946	46,914
	ACRES	90,039	112,357	32,139	60,560	2,119,043	610,624	3,024,762

Ten Year Average Fires	46,106
Ten Year Average Acres	2,564,126

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Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				50			50
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,995	1,995
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	50	0	1,995	2,045

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	8	34	13	3		96	154
	ACRES	2,435	3,311	2,359	6		19,075	27,186
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	10	12	6	122	189
	ACRES	415	113	17,687	78	1,159	5,706	25,158
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	16	55	5	24	147	254
	ACRES	509	2,161	15,969	309	1,109	17,311	37,368
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	21	5	7	13	50	99
	ACRES	200	2,925	346	689	2,289	11,555	18,004
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		3	9
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,436	4,505
Southwest	FIRES	19	57	9	12		122	219
	ACRES	2,838	32,255	12,031	1,462		50,479	99,065
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	25	28	105	17	38	110	323
	ACRES	2,679	2,627	18,415	4,438	5,313	33,263	66,735
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		413	20	1,258	116	1,852
	ACRES	30,265		56,407	1,096	74,140	33,808	195,716
Southern Area	FIRES	25		82	78	374	909	1,468
	ACRES	14,613		50,650	59,870	235,451	952,290	1,312,874
TOTAL	FIRES	157	175	698	164	1,728	1,804	4,726
	ACRES	53,954	45,540	174,698	69,310	323,502	1,138,358	1,805,362

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	12	4	1		23
	ACRES		859	11,297	889	3		13,048
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						880	880
Southern California	FIRES				2		6	8
	ACRES				0		9,674	9,674
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1		4	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						18	18
Western Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						21	21
Southwest	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				112		10,385	10,497
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		1		1	7
	ACRES		201		0		1	202
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1,614	1,614
TOTAL	FIRES	0	11	14	11	1	39	76
	ACRES	0	1,060	11,298	1,002	3	22,597	35,960

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	29	5	711	9,044
Yukon Territory	0	0	51	12,656
Alberta	8	75	1,002	6,852
Northwest Territory	4	7,483	91	24,122
Saskatchewan	1	0	517	622,328
Manitoba	0	0	324	104,901
Ontario	2	0	150	382
Quebec	0	0	147	1,233
Newfoundland	0	0	79	2,236
New Brunswick	1	0	116	93
Nova Scotia	3	1	215	2,567
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	42	366
Total	48	7,564	3,445	786,780

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