

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, July 17, 2008 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 5**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (143 new fires)
New large fires:	1
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:	42
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	12
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10
Fire Use Teams committed:	2

\*\* 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 Mike Barkdull, 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming. 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.

Australia, New Zealand and Canada are providing 59 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California. Canada is also providing two crews to California.

**Northern California Area (PL 5)**

New fires:	21
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	30
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

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

**SHU Lightning Complex** (2 fires), Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kerschen). Shasta and Trinity counties, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Advisory evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Lime Complex** (11 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Wilcock). Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with short runs and isolated torching. Residences, ranches and youth camps threatened.

**Iron and Alps Complexes** (7 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Broyles and Opliger). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Active surface fire with single and group tree torching. Several communities threatened and advisory evacuations in effect.

**American River Complex**, Tahoe NF. IMT 1 (Muir). Eleven miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching. Residences threatened and road closures in effect.

**Canyon Complex** (6 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and spotting. Communities and archeological sites threatened. Area-wide closures in effect.

**Soda Complex**, Mendocino NF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Fiorella) and Cal Fire (Bradley). Fifteen miles northwest of Upper Lake, CA. Timber. Active backing fire with short upslope runs and torching. Residences threatened.

**Hell's Half**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Quesinberry). Eight miles southwest of Burnt Ranch, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with isolated torching and short crown runs. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Cub Complex**, Lassen NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Sixteen miles southwest of Chester, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with isolated torching. Residences threatened. Precautionary evacuations for several communities in effect. State highway 32 closed.

**Siskiyou Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Swartzlander). Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Moderate surface fire with isolated torching. Residences and cultural sites threatened. Area-wide closures in effect.

**Ukonom Complex**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, short upslope runs and torching. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**BTU Lightning Complex** (2 fires), Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Morris). Twenty-seven miles north of Yuba City, CA. Timber, brush and logging slash. Minimal fire activity.

**MEU Lightning Complex** (3 fires), Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Waterman). Mendocino County, CA. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Blue 2**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Svalberg). Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Active surface fire with isolated torching. Cultural sites threatened.

**Bear Wallow Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with short upslope runs and isolated torching.

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	82,536	1,579	60	7/21	2,779	101	55	268	11	20	41.1M	ST
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	82,726	2,257	62	8/15	1,312	-70	26	67	8	2	27.0M	FS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	47,066	1,809	46	8/15	1,114	-15	25	88	4	1	NR	FS
American River Complex	CA	TNF	19,322	523	55	8/1	831	-13	19	30	8	2	17.0M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	32,352	627	66	7/31	1,408	4	34	88	7	3	25.9M	FS
Soda Complex	CA	MNF	8,317	672	69	7/23	655	224	15	18	10	4	9.5M	FS

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Hell's Half	CA	SRF	10,192	153	35	7/30	593	-9	9	53	4	1	8.4M	FS
Cub Complex	CA	LNF	19,000	2,856	78	7/20	987	8	29	37	6	0	17.6M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	39,750	500	18	8/14	782	-1	22	49	4	0	12.7M	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	22,926	200	22	9/15	691	68	18	29	3	0	8.9M	FS
BTU Lightning Complex	CA	BTU	54,300	100	80	7/24	2,184	-398	51	165	16	60	61.4M	ST
MEU Lightning Complex	CA	MEU	53,300	0	95	7/17	2,290	58	71	141	10	2	41.4M	ST
Blue 2	CA	SRF	3,950	55	16	8/12	278	84	6	11	2	0	1.9M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	2,037	367	0	N/A	91	7	3	1	0	0	150K	FS

#### **Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 22  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 4  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**Cold Spring**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Forty miles northwest of Goldendale, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Cultural sites threatened.

**Badger Mountain**, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (Barnett). Eight miles north of East Wenatchee, WA. Timber, sage and grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Residences threatened.

**Spokane Valley**, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (LaFave). Four miles west of Spokane Valley, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Willow Creek**, Washington DNR. Five miles southeast of Soap Lake, WA. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
Cold Spring	WA	GPF	7,604	444	18	UNK	930	412	34	37	7	0	2.2M	FS
Badger Mountain	WA	WFS	15,023	0	95	7/17	265	-76	5	23	1	0	2.8M	ST
Spokane Valley	WA	NES	1,006	0	90	UNK	458	-9	18	31	0	21	2.9M	ST
Willow Creek	WA	WFS	3,600	---	60	UNK	70	---	0	10	2	3	200K	ST
243	WA	MCR	1,384	-416	100	---	6	-95	0	2	0	0	NR	FWS

MCR - Mid Columbia NWR

#### **Southern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 18  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

**Basin Complex**, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (McGowan) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hutchinson). Five miles southeast of Big Sur, CA. Timber, brush and slash. Backing fire with short runs and isolated torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Piute**, Sequoia NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Molumby) and Kern County FD (Hayes). Seventeen miles northeast of Caliente, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Flash flood evacuations in effect.

**Gap**, Los Padres NF. Six miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Chaparral. Smoldering. Structures 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
Basin Complex	CA	LPF	122,980	1,000	61	7/30	1,967	0	50	45	14	61	51.0M	FS
Piute	CA	SQF	37,026	0	95	7/20	501	-159	10	14	3	51	23.6M	FS
Gap	CA	LPF	9,443	0	90	7/22	108	0	4	4	2	4	20.6M	FS

### **Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 33  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Evans Road**, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Florida IMT 2 (Utley). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Extensive burning in deep organic soils. Residences threatened.

**South 1**, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Minimal 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
Evans Road	NC	NCS	41,543	-9	75	UNK	282	-5	0	48	1	4	13.77M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	0	95	7/31	110	-15	2	6	1	0	8.23M	FWS
WF High Land SE	TX	MCR	667	-133	100	---	5	4	0	1	1	0	NR	FWS

MCR – McFaddin, NWR

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**Grand Complex** (2 fires), Grand Mesa NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Twenty miles southeast of Grand Junction, CO. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Falcon**, Fort Carson FD. Ten miles south of Colorado Springs, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching.

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	CO	GMF	1,632	0	NR	UNK	62	-22	0	1	1	0	681K	FS
* Falcon	CO	FCQ	260	---	50	7/17	63	---	1	13	1	0	NR	DOD

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 14  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**Mill Hollow - WFU**, Ashley NF. FUMT (Ourada/Soper). Eighteen miles north of Helper, UT. Timber. 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
Mill Hollow – WFU	UT	ASF	533	---	N/A	N/A	43	---	1	3	2	0	55K	FS
Gooding Gun Club	ID	SID	300	0	100	---	23	-15	0	6	0	1	NR	PRI

SID – Twin Falls District, BLM

**Alaska Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 2  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Goose Slough**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on BIA land seven miles north of Bettles, AK. Timber, brush and tundra. Minimal 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
Goose Slough	AK	TAD	2,560	0	90	7/18	65	-3	3	0	2	0	556K	BIA

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will continue in central Idaho and western Montana, with wet thunderstorms east of the Continental Divide and through the Four-Corner states. Southern California may still see thunderstorms in eastern sections of the area through Friday.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Initial Attack Fire Sizeup/Safety

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

- Use the following reporting factors for sizeup. Discuss others that may be used.
  - Fire name and location
  - Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
  - Size of fire
  - Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
  - Values threatened
  - Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
  - Fire behavior
  - Resources on the fire and those needed
  - Estimated containment and control times
  - Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)
  
- After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transition from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in conditions on the fire.
  - Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
  - Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
  - Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
  - Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
  - Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
  - Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
  - Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
  - Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
  - Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
  - Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			0			0	0
Northwest	FIRES	1				15	6	22
	ACRES	1				1,080	37	1,118
Northern California	FIRES					15	6	21
	ACRES					1,743	2,281	4,024
Southern California	FIRES					10	8	18
	ACRES					0	930	930
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			6	4	12
	ACRES	0	2			67	15	84
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			4	2	14
	ACRES		200			101	30	331
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3				2	3	8
	ACRES	0				262	6	268
Eastern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES	2				29	2	33
	ACRES	2				789	6	797
TOTAL	FIRES	7	9	1	0	90	36	143
	ACRES	3	202	0	0	4,046	3,310	7,561

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		12	13	1	263	2	291
	ACRES		728	1,081	0	51,489	0	53,298
Northwest	FIRES	186	74	4	10	352	327	953
	ACRES	10,248	53,066	1,397	2	5,704	8,954	79,371
Northern California	FIRES	93	13	5	21	1,917	644	2,693
	ACRES	81	17	161	5,507	267,745	289,290	562,801
Southern California	FIRES	38	75	11	15	2,326	271	2,736
	ACRES	302	2,598	863	11	13,807	260,297	277,878
Northern Rockies	FIRES	798	26	10	2	457	201	1,494
	ACRES	9,586	908	4,519	5	41,736	509	57,263
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	25	188	2	8	195	126	544
	ACRES	304	2,986	493	133	6,601	3,761	14,278
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	132	2	9	45	28	224
	ACRES	10	10,055	1	4	3,160	49	13,279
Southwest	FIRES	564	192	6	44	654	667	2,127
	ACRES	20,594	80,931	347	926	263,249	91,380	457,427
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	300	137	23	16	342	162	980
	ACRES	889	1,493	2,003	289	109,702	1,682	116,058
Eastern Area	FIRES	315		12	18	7,129	274	7,748
	ACRES	1,899		251	264	45,846	1,695	49,955
Southern Area	FIRES	750		186	50	27,431	464	28,881
	ACRES	52,576		24,689	53,707	1,388,422	35,688	1,555,082
TOTAL	FIRES	3,077	849	274	194	41,111	3,166	48,671
	ACRES	96,489	152,782	35,805	60,848	2,197,461	693,305	3,236,690

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>47,593</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>2,891,453</b>

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					5		5
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					500	3,643	4,143
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	505	3,644	4,149

### 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	35	13	3		96	155
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,075	27,230
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	11	12	6	122	190
	ACRES	415	113	22,765	78	1,159	5,706	30,236
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	16	55	5	24	147	255
	ACRES	521	2,161	15,969	309	1,109	17,311	37,380
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	21	5	7	13	50	99
	ACRES	200	2,925	346	700	2,289	11,555	18,015
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	19	60	9	12		122	222
	ACRES	2,838	39,090	12,031	1,462		50,479	105,900
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	25	28	105	17	39	111	325
	ACRES	2,679	2,627	18,415	4,438	5,318	33,263	66,740
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		413	20	1,258	117	1,853
	ACRES	30,265		56,407	1,096	74,140	33,843	195,751
Southern Area	FIRES	25		75	82	375	918	1,475
	ACRES	14,613		43,943	60,846	235,951	959,732	1,315,085
TOTAL	FIRES	158	179	692	168	1,730	1,816	4,743
	ACRES	53,966	52,419	173,069	70,297	324,007	1,145,836	1,819,594

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### WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	14	5	1		26
	ACRES		2,524	15,256	1,034	3		18,817
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						3,166	3,166
Southern California	FIRES				6		6	12
	ACRES				3		9,674	9,677
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1		20	21
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						356	356
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
	ACRES		201		0		21	222
Southwest	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				112		10,615	10,727
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	13	16	17	1	40	87
	ACRES	0	2,926	15,257	1,150	3	25,467	44,803

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	21	107	789	9,346
Yukon Territory	0	0	53	14,728
Alberta	6	1	1,034	6,888
Northwest Territory	2	51	108	26,255
Saskatchewan	0	3,829	523	645,954
Manitoba	0	0	324	104,901
Ontario	0	0	151	382
Quebec	0	0	149	1,233
Newfoundland	2	0	84	2,236
New Brunswick	3	101	128	196
Nova Scotia	0	0	223	2,573
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	4	0	47	368
Total	38	4,089	3,613	815,061

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