

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, September 20, 2006 - 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (104 new fires)
New large fires: 4 (*)
Large fires contained: 1
Uncontained large fires: 29
Area Command Teams: 2
Type 1 IMTs committed: 8
Type 2 IMTs committed: 7
Fire Use Teams: 2

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

Australia and New Zealand assisting with 67 fire specialists and managers.

Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 13
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3
Area Command Teams: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Area Command Team (Waterbury) assigned to manage the Day fire.

Day, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Two IMT 1 (Dietrich and Custer) ordered. Twenty-two miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Chaparral and timber. Active backing fire with occasional uphill runs. Structures, campgrounds, power and gas lines, communication and archeological sites threatened. Structure protection in place.

Pinnacles, San Bernardino NF. IMT 2 (Garwood) ordered. Four miles northwest of Lake Arrowhead. Brush and grass. Significant runs with spotting. Highway 73 closed.

Sawmill, Inyo NF. Thirty-six miles northwest of Bishop, CA. Chaparral, pinyon pine and juniper. Torching, creeping and smoldering. Cabins and cultural sites threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Day	CA	LPF	93,339	20	UNK	2,068	67	69	14	0	20.3M	FS
* Pinnacles	CA	BDF	2,500	5	9/23	145	3	16	3	0	NR	FS
Sawmill	CA	INF	7,434	75	9/21	259	12	10	3	2	2M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 20
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Bassetts, Tahoe NF. IMT 1 (Opliger) ordered. Ten miles east of Downieville, CA. Timber. Spotting and rapid rates of spread. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Bar Complex (two fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Molumby) and IMT 2 (Johnson). Twelve miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. Timber and brush. Single and group tree torching. Structures and power lines threatened. Structure protection, road closures and evacuations in effect.

Uncles Complex (three fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Sinclear). IMT also managing Happy Camp. Eighteen miles northeast of Orleans, CA. Old growth timber and brush. Minimal fire activity. Historic structures and cultural resources threatened.

Happy Camp (two fires), Klamath NF. Thirteen miles south of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Smoldering. Cultural sites threatened.

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* Bassetts	CA	TNF	300	0	UNK	250	17	22	2	0	NR	FS
Bar Complex	CA	SHF	74,170	39	10/15	1,858	46	101	8	0	42.1M	FS
Uncles Complex	CA	KNF	23,190	50	10/3	123	4	0	6	0	14.1M	FS
Happy Camp	CA	KNF	6,134	95	9/24	12	0	1	0	0	13M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 6
 Area Command Teams: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1
 Fire Use Teams: 1

Area Command Team (Loach) managing large fires on the Boise and Salmon-Challis National Forests.

Impact, Wasatch Front Area, Utah State DFF. Fourteen miles northwest of American Fork, UT. Brush and grass. Running and torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Rattlesnake Complex, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Muir). Thirteen miles northeast of Garden Valley, ID. Subalpine fir, pine and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Red Mountain, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Broyles). Sixteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Subalpine fir and lodgepole pine. Minimal fire behavior. Campgrounds, cultural and historic sites threatened.

East Roaring, Boise NF. Thirteen miles northeast of Pine, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Boundary Complex, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Lund). IMT also managing Middle Fork Complex. Fourteen miles southeast of Landmark, ID. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Minimal fire behavior. Some closure orders lifted.

South Fork Complex, Payette NF. Transfer of command from FUMT (Reinarz) to the local unit today. Thirteen miles east of McCall, ID. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

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* Impact	UT	NWS	500	40	9/20	97	2	13	2	0	100K	ST
Rattlesnake Complex	ID	BOF	44,904	75	10/15	368	9	8	6	0	12.2M	FS
Red Mountain	ID	BOF	35,482	95	10/1	544	15	13	5	0	13.1M	FS
East Roaring	ID	BOF	3,185	90	UNK	51	1	1	1	0	3.2M	FS
Boundary Complex	ID	SCF	26,888	95	9/20	108	3	3	0	0	4.4M	FS
South Fork Complex	ID	PAF	51,594	20	10/3	26	0	0	0	0	11.5M	FS
Middle Fork Complex	ID	SCF	41,978	100	---	77	0	5	0	0	2.6M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 42
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 11
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2
 Fire Use Teams: 1

Columbia Complex, Southeast, Washington DNR. IMT 2 (Jennings). Fifteen miles northeast of Walla Walla, WA. Grass, brush and timber. Torching and smoldering. Residences, a ski area and watershed threatened.

Tripod Complex (three fires), Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Gormley). IMT also managing the Tatoosh Complex and Van Peak fires. Seven miles northeast of Winthrop, WA. Mixed conifer. Smoldering.

Tatoosh Complex, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Twenty-four miles northwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Smoldering. Monitoring by air.

Van Peak, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Thirty-one miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber and dead and down fuels. Smoldering. Monitoring by air.

Flick Creek, North Cascades NP. FUMT (Furlong). FUMT also managing Tinpan WFU. One mile east of Stehekin, WA. Mixed conifer. No new information reported.

Twin Lakes Complex, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Twenty-one miles southeast of Joseph, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

Elkhorn Complex, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Sixteen miles northwest of Baker City, OR. Timber and dead and down fuels. Minimal fire behavior. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

Tinpan, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Seven miles west of Lucerne, WA. Timber. No new information reported.

Shake Table Complex, Malheur NF. Nine miles southeast of Dayville, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

Cedar Creek, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles southwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Smoldering.

Puzzle, Willamette NF. Southeast of Idanha, OR. Timber and dead and down fuels. No new information. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

Polallie, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Cle Elum, WA. Subalpine fir, lodgepole pine and brush. Smoldering and isolated torching. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Columbia Complex	WA	SES	109,249	80	10/15	949	21	45	6	28	31.5M	ST
Tripod Complex	WA	OWF	175,016	70	10/1	734	19	25	5	2	83.5M	FS
Tatoosh Complex	WA	OWF	54,345	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	33K	FS
Van Peak	WA	OWF	1,813	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
Flick Creek	WA	NCP	7,883	NR	UNK	66	3	0	1	0	4.0M	NPS
Twin Lakes Complex	OR	WWF	12,069	80	10/1	14	0	0	3	0	4.3M	FS
Elkhorn Complex	OR	WWF	966	90	UNK	52	2	0	0	0	3.9M	FS
Tinpan – WFU	WA	OWF	9,247	N/A	N/A	23	1	0	1	0	8.2M	FS
Shake Table Complex	OR	MAF	14,453	96	9/20	51	2	2	0	0	NR	FS
Cedar Creek	WA	OWF	1,661	90	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	2.7M	FS
Puzzle	OR	WIF	6,340	70	UNK	53	2	0	0	0	NR	FS
Polallie	WA	OWF	963	57	UNK	66	2	3	1	0	3.1M	FS
Bybee Complex – WFU	OR	CLP	2,930	N/A	N/A	76	1	1	1	0	2.0M	NPS

CLP – Crater Lake National Park

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 3

Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Derby (two fires), Gallatin NF. IMT 1 (Stanich). Fifteen miles south of Big Timber, MT. Timber, grass and heavy dead and down fuels. Smoldering and creeping. Grazing allotments and watershed threatened.

Heaven's Gate Complex (four fires), Nez Perce NF. Nine miles west of Riggins, ID. Grass and timber. Smoldering and creeping.

Paradise Valley Complex (three fires), Gallatin NF. Twenty-nine miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Timber. Smoldering.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Derby	MT	GNF	234,000	90	10/15	462	9	4	2	47	19.7M	FS

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Heaven's Gate Complex	ID	NPF	42,300	80	11/15	25	1	0	0	0	6.6M	FS
Paradise Valley Complex	MT	GNF	21,400	55	10/15	40	1	3	4	0	9.5M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

Paiute Canyon, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Winnemucca, NV. Brush and grass. Moderate to extreme fire behavior. Power lines threatened. Highway 95 temporarily closed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* Paiute Canyon	NV	WID	800	70	9/20	38	0	7	1	0	NR	BLM

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

SUF – East Zone Complex (four fires), Superior NF. IMT 2 (Stegmeir). Thirty miles north of Tofte, MN. Timber and blow down. Minimal fire activity. Residences and commercial resources threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SUF - East Zone Complex	MN	SUF	5,898	5	10/1	156	5	8	1	0	1.4M	FS

Predictive Services Discussion

Northern California will have north to northeast winds Wednesday and again Friday and Saturday while southern California should have generally onshore flow the next few days. A series of low pressure systems moving into the Great Basin will bring gusty north to northeast winds to northern California on Wednesday with stronger winds on Friday and Saturday. Southern California will have generally southwest to northwest flow. Low humidity will continue in the mountains above the marine layer. Northern Minnesota should be dry with a chance of showers returning late Thursday through Saturday.



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

BACKFIRING OR BURN OUT 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			5	35	42
	ACRES	0	178			6	35,238	35,422
Northern California	FIRES					17	3	20
	ACRES					82	2,527	2,609
Southern California	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					1	1	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					1	0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			7	5	14
	ACRES		5			402	0	407
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5			2		7
	ACRES		1,099			3		1,102
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	1	8	0	0	46	49	104
	ACRES	0	1,282	0	0	496	37,766	39,544

Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	16	9	3	242	1	276
	ACRES	67	3,942	82,654	1,322	181,505	0	269,490
Northwest	FIRES	211	423	46	33	1,168	1,495	3,376
	ACRES	8,217	387,300	528	5,561	143,898	391,946	937,450
Northern California	FIRES	131	69	17	25	2,992	914	4,148
	ACRES	234	5,810	135	10	92,102	172,000	270,291
Southern California	FIRES	85	79	10	53	1,942	735	2,904
	ACRES	307	4,322	7	6,471	68,976	157,150	237,233
Northern Rockies	FIRES	932	60	45	19	1,091	1,216	3,363
	ACRES	53,866	117,230	83,904	17,677	307,906	356,572	937,155
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	76	1,090	3	54	859	791	2,873
	ACRES	6,649	742,225	3	14,417	130,173	280,460	1,173,927
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	715	33	25	147	153	1,081
	ACRES	379	1,229,242	41,289	560	157,509	40,357	1,469,336
Southwest	FIRES	931	341	12	128	2,192	1,833	5,437
	ACRES	15,914	32,694	10,161	7,647	512,748	181,937	761,101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	874	747	44	58	1,175	596	3,494
	ACRES	36,977	24,602	1,975	688	270,285	37,846	372,373
Eastern Area	FIRES	587		46	61	11,830	647	13,171
	ACRES	5,856		1,452	255	75,854	47,876	131,293
Southern Area	FIRES	1,112		175	48	40,105	1,036	42,476
	ACRES	170,414		16,803	19,212	2,148,938	53,501	2,408,868
TOTAL	FIRES	4,952	3,540	440	507	63,743	9,417	82,599
	ACRES	298,880	2,547,367	238,911	73,820	4,089,894	1,719,645	8,968,517

Ten Year Average Fires	62,618
Ten Year Average Acres	5,010,374

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

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	2
	ACRES		80				15	95
Western Great Basin	FIRES				2		0	2
	ACRES				154		25	179
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		45					45
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						300	300
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	2	0	2	5
	ACRES	0	125	0	154	0	340	619

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		7		8
	ACRES			9,610		2,429		12,039
Northwest	FIRES	15	121	54	1	1	230	422
	ACRES	6,852	10,396	6,702	98	180	30,021	54,249
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	20	4	13	104	181
	ACRES	207	2,991	26,950	66	18	4,717	34,949
Southern California	FIRES		6	8	6	2	65	87
	ACRES		870	320	909	21	2,689	4,809
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	141	2	33	292	489
	ACRES	40	4,344	24,122	268	3,177	36,550	68,501
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	6	23	7	3	5	55	99
	ACRES	1,611	3,166	2,429	1,870	129	23,202	32,407
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4	3		1	16
	ACRES		2,565	14	203		1,110	3,892
Southwest	FIRES	35	21	5	11		141	213
	ACRES	4,710	13,270	8,456	4,081		51,175	81,692
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	21	111	15	34	96	308
	ACRES	4,424	5,866	22,433	8,996	1,767	28,889	72,375
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		561	35	1,544	149	2,329
	ACRES	15,175		62,208	4,959	76,117	29,049	187,508
Southern Area	FIRES	22		166	64	14,926	866	16,044
	ACRES	6,639		73,121	33,331	943,701	683,447	1,740,239
TOTAL	FIRES	167	243	1,078	144	16,565	1,999	20,196
	ACRES	39,658	43,468	236,365	54,781	1,027,539	890,849	2,292,660

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WFU Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			3		1		4
	ACRES			300		10		310
Northwest	FIRES		1		4		3	8
	ACRES		3		2,930		9,248	12,181
Northern California	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		1,495	1,495
Southern California	FIRES				32		13	45
	ACRES				9,171		12,166	21,337
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		112	118
	ACRES				2,205		28,035	30,240
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1			4		74	79
	ACRES	105			1,095		36,957	38,157
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4		7			11
	ACRES		2,578		323			2,901
Southwest	FIRES				19		33	52
	ACRES				315		35,926	36,241
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6		1		6	13
	ACRES		0		0		10,230	10,230
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,697	1,697
Southern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				63		3,739	3,802
TOTAL	FIRES	1	11	3	77	1	253	346
	ACRES	105	2,581	300	16,102	10	139,493	158,591

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Resources Status: Committed Resources

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	24	49	16	101	9	18			380	520
Northern California	60	25	42	113	14	7	6		270	365
Southern California	33	57	38	69	23	5	11		158	273
Northern Rockies	11	2	2	6	3	5			179	76
Eastern Great Basin	18	12	18	32	3	13	1		293	167
Western Great Basin			15	3	2				3	
Southwest			1						2	
Rocky Mountain			2	2					4	3
Eastern Area	4	1	4	4	1	1			252	45
Southern Area										
Total	150	146	138	330	55	49	18	0	1541	1449

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