

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 21, 2006 - 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (54 new fires)

New large fires: 2 (*)

Large fires contained: 3

Uncontained large fires: 25

Area Command Teams: 2

Type 1 IMTs committed: 9

Type 2 IMTs committed: 9

Fire Use Teams:

** 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: 19

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 4

Area Command Teams: 1

Type 1 IMTs committed 3

Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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

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

Pinnacles, San Bernardino NF. IMT 2 (Garwood). Four miles northwest of Lake Arrowhead, CA. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Highway 173 closed.

Pines, Angeles NF. IMT 2 (Walker). Eight miles north of Pasadena, CA. Chaparral. Short runs, isolated torching and creeping. Structures and power lines threatened.

Sawmill, Inyo NF. Thirty-six miles northwest of Bishop, CA. Chaparral, pinyon pine and juniper. Minimal fire activity. Cultural sites threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Day	CA	LPF	99,950	35	UNK	2,127	53	110	15	0	22.8M	FS
Pinnacles	CA	BDF	2,500	55	9/23	512	24	42	5	0	512K	FS
* Pines	CA	ANF	250	45	9/22	426	16	23	0	0	NR	FS
Sawmill	CA	INF	7,434	95	9/21	81	2	3	2	2	2M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Bassetts, Tahoe NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). IMT 1(Wilcock) ordered. Four miles northeast of Sierra City, CA. Timber. Spotting, torching and rapid rates of spread. Structures and historical sites threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Bar Complex (five 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 and road closures 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. Campground and roads closed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Bassetts	CA	TNF	958	20	UNK	370	8	30	2	0	NR	FS
Bar Complex	CA	SHF	74,585	38	10/15	1,648	42	44	8	0	43.5M	FS
Uncles Complex	CA	KNF	23,777	50	10/3	103	2	0	6	0	14.3M	FS
Happy Camp	CA	KNF	6,134	95	9/24	9	0	0	0	0	13M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Area Command Teams: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Area Command Team (Loach) will demobilize today.

Impact, Wasatch Front Area, Utah State DFF. Three miles south of Herriman, UT. Brush and grass. Smoldering.

Rattlesnake Complex (two fires), Boise NF. IMT 1 (Muir). IMT 2 (Lund) ordered. 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. Isolated smoldering. Campgrounds, cultural and historic sites threatened.

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

South Fork Complex, Payette NF. Thirteen miles east of McCall, ID. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect. 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
Impact	UT	NWS	1,600	80	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	125K	ST
Rattlesnake Complex	ID	BOF	44,904	80	10/15	331	9	4	5	0	12.5M	FS
Red Mountain	ID	BOF	35,482	95	10/1	525	16	9	4	0	13.5M	FS
East Roaring	ID	BOF	3,185	90	9/23	32	2	5	0	0	3.2M	FS
South Fork Complex	ID	PAF	51,594	70	10/3	5	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Boundary Complex	ID	SCF	26,888	100	---	87	2	3	0	0	4.5M	FS

SCF - Salmon-Challis NF

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 0
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 8
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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

Tripod Complex, 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. Decrease in acreage due to the removal of Border Lake fire.

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

Twin Elk Complex (two fires), Wallowa-Whitman NF. Includes previously reported Elkhorn and Twin Lakes Complexes. Twenty-one miles southeast of Joseph, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

Shake Table Complex, Malheur NF. Nine miles southeast of Dayville, OR. Timber. No new information reported.

Flick Creek, North Cascades NP. One mile east of Stehekin, WA. Mixed conifer. No new information reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

Cedar Creek, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles southwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. No new information reported.

Tinpan, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Seven miles west of Lucerne, WA. Timber. 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	809	18	26	6	28	32.9M	ST
Tripod Complex	WA	OWF	175,114	70	10/1	770	20	26	3	2	82.3M	FS
Tatoosh Complex	WA	OWF	51,671	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	33K	FS
Van Peak	WA	OWF	1,813	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
Twin Elk Complex	OR	WWF	13,035	85	10/1	69	2	0	3	0	8.1M	FS
Shake Table Complex	OR	MAF	14,453	96	UNK	51	2	2	0	0	NR	FS
Flick Creek	WA	NCP	7,883	NR	UNK	66	3	0	1	0	3.9M	NPS
Cedar Creek	WA	OWF	1,661	90	UNK	46	0	5	2	0	2.9M	FS
Tinpan – WFU	WA	OWF	9,247	N/A	N/A	23	1	0	1	0	8.1M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

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

Derby (two fires), Gallatin NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Stanich) to IMT 2 (Reid) tomorrow. Fifteen miles south of Big Timber, MT. Timber, grass and heavy dead and down fuels. Smoldering and creeping. Decrease in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	232,927	90	10/15	295	2	4	0	47	20.4M	FS
Paradise Valley Complex	MT	GNF	21,400	55	10/15	26	1	0	1	0	9.6M	FS
Heaven's Gate Complex	ID	NPF	42,300	100	---	15	1	0	0	0	6.6M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Pass, Las Vegas Field Office, BLM. Four miles west of Good Springs, NV. Brush and grass. Smoldering.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* Pass	NV	LVD	597	80	UNK	64	2	2	0	0	NR	BLM

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Paiute Canyon	NV	WID	2,300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

WID - Winnemucca Field Office, BLM

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

SUF – East Zone Complex (four fires), Superior NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Stegmeir) to the local unit tomorrow. Thirty miles north of Tofte, MN. Timber and blow down. Minimal fire activity.

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	4	5	1	0	1.4M	FS

Predictive Services Discussion

Strong winds are on tap for Northern California Thursday night and Friday while southern California will see cooler temperatures through Friday. High pressure building over northern California will lead to strong north to northeast winds Thursday night and Friday along with lowering humidity. In southern California, a deeper marine layer and cooler temperatures are expected through Friday. However, the humidity will remain quite low above the marine layer.



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

DRIVING SAFETY

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about every thing you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?

- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.

- Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
- Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
- Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
- By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
- Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
- Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving, pull over and park.
- When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations causal and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
- Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.

- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						103	103
Northern California	FIRES					12	2	14
	ACRES					26	2,109	2,135
Southern California	FIRES			1		15	3	19
	ACRES			0		10	2,501	2,511
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					4		4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		647			1,500	0	2,147
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					2	1	3
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					26		26
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	1	0	44	7	54
	ACRES	1	647	0	0	1,568	4,714	6,930

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	392,049	937,553
Northern California	FIRES	131	69	17	25	3,004	916	4,162
	ACRES	234	5,810	135	10	92,128	174,109	272,426
Southern California	FIRES	85	79	11	53	1,963	738	2,929
	ACRES	307	4,322	7	6,471	68,985	177,301	257,393
Northern Rockies	FIRES	933	60	45	19	1,091	1,216	3,364
	ACRES	53,867	117,230	83,904	17,677	307,906	356,143	936,727
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	76	1,090	3	54	861	791	2,875
	ACRES	6,649	742,225	3	14,417	131,477	280,460	1,175,231
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	715	33	25	149	154	1,084
	ACRES	379	1,229,089	41,289	560	159,809	40,357	1,471,483
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	27,983	1,975	688	317,792	37,846	423,261
Eastern Area	FIRES	587		46	61	11,836	648	13,178
	ACRES	5,856		1,452	255	75,856	47,877	131,296
Southern Area	FIRES	1,112		175	48	40,121	1,036	42,492
	ACRES	170,414		16,803	19,212	2,149,094	53,501	2,409,024
TOTAL	FIRES	4,953	3,540	441	507	63,802	9,424	82,667
	ACRES	298,881	2,550,595	238,911	73,820	4,141,198	1,741,580	9,044,985

Ten Year Average Fires	62,768
Ten Year Average Acres	5,021,108

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
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			1				1
	ACRES			669				669
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	669	0	0	0	669

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	2,464	1,870	129	23,202	32,442
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		167	64	14,926	866	16,045
	ACRES	6,639		73,790	33,331	943,701	683,447	1,740,908
TOTAL	FIRES	167	243	1,079	144	16,565	1,999	20,197
	ACRES	39,658	43,468	237,069	54,781	1,027,539	890,849	2,293,364

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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		36,959	38,159
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	139,495	158,593

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR to DATE	HECTARES YEAR to DATE
British Columbia	6	521	2,493	131,599
Yukon Territory	0	0	78	109,724
Alberta	10	0	1,853	117,204
Northwest Territory	0	0	158	53,335
Saskatchewan	3	82	496	1,162,602
Manitoba	4	12	668	151,996
Ontario	113	96,921	2,247	148,069
Quebec	13	6	673	124,233
Newfoundland	0	0	89	3,434
New Brunswick	3	0	305	377
Nova Scotia	4	2	222	1,626
Prince Edward Island	0	0	34	47
National Parks	1	0	134	27,677
Total	157	97,544	9,450	2,031,924

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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	20	35	5	62	8	16			350	502
Northern California	58	22	49	71	16	10	6		324	281
Southern California	44	69	54	144	27	5	12		238	344
Northern Rockies	4	2		5	3	1			151	65
Eastern Great Basin	20	9	13	12	2	9			184	129
Western Great Basin		2	9	2	1				2	
Southwest			1						2	
Rocky Mountain			2	2					4	3
Eastern Area	4		2	3	2				213	44
Southern Area										
Total	150	139	135	301	59	41	18	0	1468	1368

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