

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 28, 2006 - 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (39 new fires)

New large fires: 0 (*)

Large fires contained: 0

Uncontained large fires: 11

Area Command Teams: 1

Type 1 IMTs committed: 4

Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Fire Use Teams:

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

Australia and New Zealand assisting with 24 fire specialists and managers.

Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 3

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Area Command Teams: 1

Type 1 IMTs committed 2

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

Day, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (Custer, Dietrich). Twenty-two miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Chaparral and timber. Short crown runs, spotting and backing fire. Structures, power and gas lines, communication and archeological sites threatened. Structure protection in place. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Day	CA	LPF	159,281	41	UNK	4,290	100	266	31	18	53.1M	FS
King - WFU	CA	YNP	151	0	UNK	NR	2	0	0	0	92K	NPS

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 6

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 3

Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Bar Complex (four fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Molumby) and IMT 2 (Johnson). Fourteen miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. Timber and brush. Crowning and spotting. Structures and power lines threatened. Structure protection and road closures in place.

Uncles Complex (three fires), Klamath NF. Eighteen miles northeast of Orleans, CA. Old growth timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Historic structures and cultural resources threatened.

Noble, Mendocino Unit, CDF. CDF IMT 1 (Lutts). Eight miles east of Piercy, CA. Timber. Creeping and isolated torching. Watershed threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Bar Complex	CA	SHF	88,896	33	10/15	961	25	14	10	0	50.9M	FS
Uncles Complex	CA	KNF	25,285	50	10/31	34	1	0	2	0	15M	FS
Noble	CA	MEU	607	40	9/30	1,326	67	60	8	0	1.2M	ST

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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. Isolated torching with creeping. Historical and cultural sites. Area-wide closure in effect.

Tatoosh Complex, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Twenty-four miles northwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Creeping and isolated torching. Monitoring by air. Area-wide closure in effect.

Van Peak, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Thirty-one miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber and dead and down fuels. Creeping and isolated torching. Monitoring by air. Area-wide closure in effect.

Columbia Complex, Umatilla NF. Fifteen miles northeast of Walla Walla, WA. Grass, brush and timber. Smoldering. Road and trail closures in effect.

Cedar Creek, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles southwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Monitoring by air

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Tripod Complex	WA	OWF	175,114	70	10/31	505	9	10	4	2	83M	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
Columbia Complex	OR	UMF	109,422	85	10/15	92	0	14	3	28	35.4M	ST
Cedar Creek	WA	OWF	1,661	95	UNK	6	0	0	1	0	NR	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Derby (two fires), Gallatin NF. IMT 2 (Reid). Fifteen miles south of Big Timber, MT. Timber, grass and heavy dead and down fuels. Smoldering and creeping.

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	217	2	5	1	47	21.9M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Red Mountain, Boise NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Subalpine fir and lodgepole pine. Confine and contain. Isolated interior torching, creeping and smoldering.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Red Mountain	ID	BOF	35,482	90	10/1	28	1	1	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion

Warm, dry weather will persist in California through Friday. High pressure over the West will continue to bring warm, dry weather with light winds over the next few days. A low pressure trough will move into the Northwest over the weekend and this will bring cooler weather to California along with higher humidity. Dry weather is expected for northern Florida for the next several days.



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

Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) Tank Hazards

Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) tanks are commonly found in the wildland-urban interface and present hazards to firefighters in that environment. LPG tanks may be found in a number of other environments such as motor homes, travel trailers, grills, campstoves, lanterns, etc. Directly attacking LPG tank fires is a structural fire task involving hazardous materials and should only be attempted by trained personnel using full structural personal protective equipment and equipped with a volume of water adequate to safely attack the fire.

● Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions (BLEVE)

- The most recognized hazard with LPG tanks is BLEVE (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions) or sudden complete failure of the tank. Some training courses have directed responders to approach the tank from the sides, believing that the force of the explosion will occur on the ends of the tank. However, this is not a guarantee that you will be safe from projectiles or missiles from the explosion, as they may travel in ALL directions up to 2,500 feet away. Leave the area immediately if you smell propane, hear a rising sound from venting safety devices or see discoloration or deformation of the tank. If you leave the area, get at least 2,500 feet away and do not go down wind or down slope of the leaking propane. BLEVEs are a major hazard to emergency responders!

● Fuel Reduction Around Tanks

- Wildland firefighters may take action to prevent direct flame impingement on LPG tanks by removing wildland fuels in the area. However, be aware that lines from the tank to structures may be above or below ground, and may be cut by tools or equipment. Propane gas is heavier than air, and may move along the ground at some distance, and may ignited when it reaches open flame or another ignition source. Use extreme caution when doing fuel reduction around tanks, and flag any lines you encounter.

● Other Wildland Fire Considerations

- Do not position engines or other apparatus near LPG tanks or down wind / down slope from tanks.
- Do not deploy fire shelters near LPG tanks or down wind / down slope from tanks.

● Cooling Tanks

- In light fuels such as grasses, where any heat exposure to the tank will be very limited, rapid application of cooling water on the outside of the tank above the liquid level can reduce the likelihood of container failure by lowering the external temperature of the shell of the exposed tank. Water should not be directed at the valve safety devices, due to the potential of "icing" the valve closed.
- In heavy fuels where long duration heat exposure to the LPG tank is likely, evacuate all personnel and equipment 2,500 feet away and not down slope or down wind. NFPA says that direct flame impingement protection requires water flow of at least 500 gpm from an unmanned monitor nozzle. This is a situation for properly trained, equipped and supported structural firefighters.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		1			1	2	4
Northern California	FIRES		1			5	0	6
	ACRES		10			4	1,297	1,311
Southern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						5,784	5,784
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES				1	1		2
	ACRES				1	1		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				10		10
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES					6	4	10
	ACRES					10	9	19
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	0	1	20	13	39
	ACRES	0	11	0	1	27	7,092	7,131

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	213	425	41	34	1,183	1,508	3,404
	ACRES	8,230	387,338	528	5,561	144,039	392,060	937,756
Northern California	FIRES	132	72	17	26	3,116	928	4,291
	ACRES	234	5,832	135	10	98,342	188,732	293,285
Southern California	FIRES	86	82	13	53	2,006	766	3,006
	ACRES	307	4,403	7	6,471	69,669	227,833	308,690
Northern Rockies	FIRES	933	60	47	21	1,098	1,227	3,386
	ACRES	53,867	124,006	83,915	17,677	313,242	356,997	949,704
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	76	1,095	3	54	872	798	2,898
	ACRES	6,605	746,549	3	14,417	164,197	281,276	1,213,047
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	802	33	24	166	160	1,190
	ACRES	28	1,001,911	41,289	505	232,366	30,678	1,306,777
Southwest	FIRES	932	342	12	129	2,192	1,840	5,447
	ACRES	15,914	32,694	10,161	7,648	512,748	181,958	761,123
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	875	746	44	58	1,235	598	3,556
	ACRES	36,977	27,984	1,975	688	348,816	37,846	454,286
Eastern Area	FIRES	587		46	61	11,901	651	13,246
	ACRES	5,856		1,452	255	76,060	47,878	131,501
Southern Area	FIRES	1,112		175	48	40,206	1,045	42,586
	ACRES	170,414		16,803	19,212	2,149,711	53,690	2,409,830
TOTAL	FIRES	4,956	3,640	440	511	64,217	9,522	83,286
	ACRES	298,499	2,334,659	238,922	73,766	4,290,695	1,798,948	9,035,489

Ten Year Average Fires	63,869
Ten Year Average Acres	5,029,741

*** 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				14	14
	ACRES		2,945				635	3,580
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					286		286
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	1				2	5
	ACRES	51	75				165	291
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		383					383
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,065	1,065
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		50				140	190
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					1	146	147
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	0	0	6	24	34
	ACRES	51	3,453	0	0	287	2,151	5,942

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	127	61	1	1	254	459
	ACRES	6,852	15,789	6,793	98	180	34,399	64,111
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	21	4	13	104	182
	ACRES	207	2,991	27,010	66	18	4,717	35,009
Southern California	FIRES		6	8	6	2	65	87
	ACRES		870	320	909	21	2,689	4,809
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	143	2	42	309	517
	ACRES	40	4,344	24,529	268	3,710	36,800	69,691
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	6	25	7	4	5	62	109
	ACRES	1,664	3,406	2,464	2,030	129	23,631	33,324
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11	4	3		2	20
	ACRES		3,092	14	183		1,110	4,399
Southwest	FIRES	37	23	5	11		146	222
	ACRES	5,400	13,395	8,456	4,081		52,348	83,680
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	22	111	15	34	102	315
	ACRES	4,424	5,946	22,433	8,996	1,767	29,887	73,453
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		562	35	1,545	150	2,332
	ACRES	15,175		62,234	4,959	76,135	29,051	187,554
Southern Area	FIRES	22		170	64	14,928	873	16,057
	ACRES	6,639		74,165	33,331	943,725	684,212	1,742,072
TOTAL	FIRES	169	257	1,093	145	16,577	2,067	20,308
	ACRES	40,401	49,833	238,028	54,921	1,028,114	898,844	2,310,141

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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		3,000		9,248	12,251
Northern California	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		1,495	1,495
Southern California	FIRES				32		13	45
	ACRES				9,280		12,166	21,446
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		111	117
	ACRES				2,205		28,441	30,646
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1			4		77	82
	ACRES	105			1,095		37,084	38,284
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		7			13
	ACRES		3,026		323			3,349
Southwest	FIRES				19		33	52
	ACRES				315		35,927	36,242
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	13	3	77	1	255	350
	ACRES	105	3,029	300	16,281	10	140,027	159,752

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR to DATE	HECTARES YEAR to DATE
British Columbia	8	33	2,501	131,632
Yukon Territory	0	0	78	109,724
Alberta	8	0	1,861	118,339
Northwest Territory	0	0	158	53,335
Saskatchewan	1	0	497	1,162,602
Manitoba	0	0	668	151,996
Ontario	9	0	2,256	146,681
Quebec	1	0	674	124,233
Newfoundland	0	0	89	3,434
New Brunswick	0	0	305	377
Nova Scotia	4	0	226	1,625
Prince Edward Island	0	0	34	47
National Parks	1	0	135	27,677
Total	32	33	9,482	2,031,703

*** Last Canada report for 2006 ***

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	5	9	33	43	11	3			174	224
Northern California	43	77	13	88	6	17	7		179	261
Southern California	57	53	57	235	23	16	11		381	616
Northern Rockies	3	2	1	5		1			106	56
Eastern Great Basin	5		11		1				13	
Western Great Basin			10	2	2					
Southwest	3		1						2	
Rocky Mountain			7	2					6	3
Eastern Area	1				2				29	4
Southern Area										
Total	117	141	133	375	45	37	18	0	890	1164

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