

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 29, 2007 - 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 5**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (138 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	29
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9
Fire Use Teams committed:	4

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

Northern Rockies Area (PL 5)

New fires:	16
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	12
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

Poe Cabin, Craig Mountain Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 1 (Stanich). Twenty three miles southwest of Grangeville, ID. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with short runs, backing fire and isolated torching. Numerous structures remain threatened. Evacuations remain in effect.

Chimney Complex, Craig Mountain Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Kusicko). Nineteen miles south of Lewiston, ID. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching. Numerous structures remain threatened.

Ahorn, Lewis and Clark NF. IMT 1 (Bennett). IMT is also managing Novak, Little Wolf Creek and Meriwether fires. Thirty miles west of Augusta, MT. Timber litter. Active fire behavior with plume formation. Structures remain threatened. Evacuations remain in effect.

Meriwether, Helena NF. Thirty seven miles northwest of Helena, MT. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior, significant runs and plume domination. Structures remain threatened. Evacuations remain in effect.

Rattlesnake, Nez Perce NF. IMT 2 (Turman). IMT is also managing the Concord WFU. Twenty five miles south of Elk City, ID. Timber, timber litter and grass. Moderate fire behavior with running, torching and short-range spotting. Communities and recreation areas remain threatened.

Garceau, Flathead Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Grant). Fifty five miles south of Whitefish, MT. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior, spotting and torching. Powerlines and structures remain threatened.

Bridge, Clearwater NF. Forty five miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Timber and understory. Active fire behavior with intensive burning. Structures and campgrounds remain threatened. Area closures remain in effect.

Owl, Yellowstone NP. IMT 2 (Wilder). Forty five miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber and grass. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Smoldering. Structures remain threatened.

Skyland, Flathead NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Forty five miles east of Whitefish, MT. Timber, litter and understory. Active fire behavior with crowning, running and spotting. U.S. Highway 2 closed at East Glacier, MT. Structures remain threatened. Campground and trail closures remain in effect.

Sawmill Creek, Lolo NF. Twenty two miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Short-range crowning, torching and backing. Structures remain threatened.

Pattengail Creek, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Ten miles northeast of Wisdom, MT. Timber with bug-kill. Isolated torching.

Fool Creek, Lewis and Clark NF. FUMT (Hall). Thirty miles northwest of Choteau, MT. Timber litter. Increased fire activity with some torching.

Concord, Nez Perce NF. Twenty miles southwest of Elk City, ID. Timber litter. Increased fire activity with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures remain threatened.

Mile Marker 124, Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNR. Nineteen miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Timber, and grass. Running and backing. 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
Poe Cabin	ID	CMS	50,000	3,000	45	8/12	696	77	15	45	7	12	3.5M	ST
Chimney Complex	ID	CMS	51,000	0	80	8/10	386	-20	10	16	5	7	4.7M	ST
Ahorn	MT	LCF	15,700	500	13	UNK	341	5	7	11	3	0	3.8M	FS
Meriwether	MT	HNF	7,500	1,383	10	UNK	72	-6	1	11	0	0	350K	FS
Rattlesnake	ID	NPF	17,800	300	15	10/1	385	18	6	15	3	0	3.2M	FS
Garceau	MT	FHA	3,045	245	50	8/2	323	65	9	19	1	0	938K	BIA
Bridge	ID	CWF	3,800	3,100	0	11/1	10	0	0	0	0	0	150K	FS
Owl	WY	YNP	2,800	0	18	9/20	227	0	7	0	2	0	963K	NPS
Skyland	MT	FNF	1,000	580	UNK	8/3	288	119	7	5	2	0	550K	FS
Sawmill Creek	MT	LNF	200	50	0	10/7	11	0	0	0	1	0	708K	FS
Pattengail Creek	MT	BDF	4,256	0	25	UNK	41	1	1	2	1	0	1.9M	FS
Fool Creek – WFU	MT	LCF	6,264	0	N/A	N/A	75	-1	0	1	3	0	1.1M	FS
Concord - WFU	ID	NPF	1,300	100	N/A	N/A	10	0	0	0	0	0	141K	FS
* Mile Marker 124	MT	SWS	300	---	0	UNK	39	---	0	10	0	0	NR	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 5)

New fires:	7
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	10
Area Command Teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1
Fire Use Teams committed:	2

Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage large fires for the Boise and Payette National Forests.

Cascade Complex (4 fires), Boise NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). Three miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Timber and timber litter. Extreme plume-dominated, crown fires and short and long-range spotting. Communities and structures remain threatened.

East Zone Complex (3 fires), Payette NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Thirty miles northeast of McCall, ID. Timber litter, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and running. Communities, bridges, campgrounds and numerous structures remain threatened.

Middle Fork Complex (5 fires), Boise NF. IMT 2 (Harvey). Fifteen miles northeast of Garden Valley, ID. Timber and brush. Extreme plume-dominated fire behavior with sustained crown runs and long-range spotting. Lookout evacuated and structures remain threatened.

Murphy Complex (2 fires), Twin Falls District, BLM. IMT 1 (Hawkins, Molumby). Fifty six miles southwest of Twin Falls, ID. Brush and juniper. Active fire behavior with running and creeping. Numerous communities and ranches remain threatened.

Trapper Ridge, Boise NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Twenty-eight miles northeast of Idaho City, ID. Timber and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures remain threatened.

Salt Creek, South Central Area, Utah Division of Forestry. IMT 1 (Ruggiero). Five miles east of Nephi, UT. Chaparral, timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Van Horn, Salmon-Challis NF. Fifteen miles north of Challis, ID. Timber litter, snags, dead and down timber. Torching, short crown runs and creeping.

Granite Creek, Bridger-Teton NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Jackson, WY. Timber, dead and down timber. No further information received.

Raines, Payette NF. Thirty eight miles northeast of McCall, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures remain threatened.

Krassel Complex (6 fires), Payette NF. Transfer of command from FUMT (Perkins) to FUMT (Ourada/Soper) yesterday. FUMT is also managing the Raines fire. Forty-four miles northeast of Yellow Pine, ID. Grass, brush, timber litter and downed logs. Active fire behavior with torching.

Black Pine 2, Sawtooth NF. Started on private land eleven miles southeast of Malta, ID. Timber, grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

Dakota Hill (5 fires), Zion NP. Twelve miles northeast of Springdale, UT. Hardwood litter, dead and down timber, grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area 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
Cascade Complex	ID	BOF	16,988	4,610	14	UNK	666	153	20	31	7	0	2.9M	FS
East Zone Complex	ID	PAF	27,115	194	20	8/30	696	138	19	33	4	0	4.5M	FS
Middle Fork Complex	ID	BOF	6,400	131	20	8/11	507	32	13	30	3	0	2.7M	FS
Murphy Complex	ID	TFD	652,524	65	86	7/29	1,161	-69	26	76	6	3	8.3M	BLM
Trapper Ridge – WFU	ID	BOF	11,486	119	N/A	N/A	181	4	8	6	3	0	564K	FS
Salt Creek	UT	SCS	25,456	0	90	7/29	398	-67	5	29	1	17	3.8M	ST
Van Horn	ID	SCF	1,650	0	75	8/4	157	0	6	4	1	0	881K	FS
Granite Creek	WY	BTF	1,450	0	23	8/10	8	1	0	1	0	0	177K	FS
Raines	ID	PAF	14,300	321	0	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	5	707K	FS
Krassel Complex – WFU	ID	PAF	16,236	247	N/A	N/A	49	14	0	0	1	0	405K	FS
Black Pine 2	ID	STF	73,123	0	95	7/30	72	-1	2	3	0	0	3.4M	PRI
Dakota Hill	UT	ZIP	9,156	0	98	7/30	7	-9	0	2	0	0	2.1M	NPS
Tongue Complex	ID	BOD	46,680	0	100	---	22	-3	0	4	0	3	3.1M	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	11
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

Battle Creek Complex (three fires), Wallowa-Whitman NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Hoff) to IMT 2 (Batten) today. Twenty eight miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. Grass, timber, brush and timber litter. Active fire behavior with rapid upslope running and torching. Historic structures, residences and power lines remain threatened.

Monument Complex, Umatilla NF. IMT 2 (West). A transfer of command back to the local unit is planned for 7/31. Five miles north of Monument, OR. Timber, juniper, mixed conifer and grass. Moderate fire activity with interior torching and creeping.

WSA Lightning Complex (three fires), Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Washington IMT 2 (Jennings). Twenty one miles southwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber litter, bug-killed trees and brush. Active fire behavior with flare ups, torching and spotting.

Tolo, North Cascades NP. FUMT (Bonefeld). Thirty three miles west of Winthrop, WA. Timber litter. Active fire behavior with torching. Historic 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
Battle Creek Complex	OR	WWF	63,651	2,674	45	8/11	1,072	5	28	53	7	0	6.4M	FS
Monument Complex	OR	UMF	54,000	0	80	8/1	822	-90	18	44	3	14	9.1M	FS
WSA Lightning Complex	OR	WSA	4,581	0	75	8/1	547	38	14	31	4	0	7.0M	BIA
Tolo	WA	NCP	175	0	10	8/15	113	15	2	1	4	0	548K	NPS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 47
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Elk Complex (5 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Dietrich). Two miles east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, snags, litter and brush. Active fire behavior with short 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
Elk Complex	CA	KNF	10,337	93	59	8/5	1,146	0	27	37	6	0	13.7M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 26
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
NIMOs committed: 1

Zaca, Los Padres NF. NIMO (Gelobter). Fifteen miles northeast of Buellton, CA. Chaparral and hardwoods. Extreme fire behavior reported.

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
Zaca	CA	LPF	31,400	400	80	8/3	502	30	13	7	15	1	37M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Weeping Willow, Florida Division of Forestry. Six miles northeast of Lakeland, FL. Southern rough. No further information 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
Weeping Willow	FL	FLS	600	0	75	UNK	1	-1	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: **Gusty winds in combination with mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected today in the Northern Rockies.** Windy conditions are also expected east of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon. Isolated mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are possible in the central Sierra and across Nevada with wetter storms further south and east.



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

WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

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- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

Fires And Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	0		2		6	11
	ACRES	2	175		0		2	179
Northern California	FIRES	4				38	5	47
	ACRES	4				212	9	225
Southern California	FIRES					24	2	26
	ACRES					14	0	14
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			6	9	16
	ACRES		3			573	6,945	7,521
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			2	2	7
	ACRES		24			0	399	423
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	5	7
	ACRES	0				0	1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	4				3	8
	ACRES	0	0				1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					7	5	12
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					90		90
TOTAL	FIRES	9	10	0	2	84	33	138
	ACRES	6	202	0	0	896	7,362	8,466

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	30	34	16	333	7	423
	ACRES	3	2,469	53,994	685	186,583	2	243,736
Northwest	FIRES	255	170	11	34	1,036	608	2,114
	ACRES	6,084	117,278	252	164	74,978	174,719	373,475
Northern California	FIRES	118	18	1	20	1,280	413	1,850
	ACRES	93	334	1	6	21,260	42,187	63,881
Southern California	FIRES	59	58	12	15	2,613	338	3,095
	ACRES	2,476	8,966	33	2,007	13,676	44,764	71,922
Northern Rockies	FIRES	785	47	15	10	619	574	2,050
	ACRES	14,521	24,028	336	36	85,287	73,813	198,021
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	28	365	4	31	502	397	1,327
	ACRES	23,578	1,057,424	9	8,502	206,053	138,105	1,433,671
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	307	3	23	151	64	551
	ACRES	385	726,043	38	408	136,653	18,993	882,520
Southwest	FIRES	647	134	9	62	648	1,446	2,946
	ACRES	13,308	1,776	1,540	668	38,127	38,466	93,885
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	692	366	13	27	379	312	1,789
	ACRES	1,697	5,322	517	312	28,704	3,186	39,738
Eastern Area	FIRES	420		65	20	7,946	382	8,833
	ACRES	8,371		1,371	453	115,148	38,923	164,266
Southern Area	FIRES	269		94	63	30,689	784	31,899
	ACRES	13,949		343,978	66,944	770,143	160,131	1,355,145
TOTAL	FIRES	3,279	1,495	261	321	46,196	5,325	56,877
	ACRES	84,465	1,943,640	402,069	80,185	1,676,612	733,289	4,920,260

Ten Year Average Fires	50,398
Ten Year Average Acres	3,347,852

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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							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						459	459
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	459	459

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					20,650		20,650
Northwest	FIRES	25	60	17	3		369	474
	ACRES	9,765	8,468	4,783	98		32,664	55,778
Northern California	FIRES		3	7	9	25	194	238
	ACRES		175	19,974	14	2,934	11,412	34,509
Southern California	FIRES		4	10	10	5	90	119
	ACRES		180	3,011	450	57	9,512	13,210
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	20	83	8	54	222	389
	ACRES	438	2,834	19,882	459	1,825	21,672	47,110
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	19	6	3	13	55	100
	ACRES	164	3,241	802	427	3,249	16,543	24,426
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	5	3		1	17
	ACRES		3,439	1,415	5		16	4,875
Southwest	FIRES	52	62	11	18		168	311
	ACRES	9,353	14,808	2,876	2,130		47,539	76,706
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	38	41	99	11	29	103	321
	ACRES	3,744	6,790	23,874	3,609	3,241	34,000	75,258
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		324	36	1,359	143	1,903
	ACRES	15,716		48,185	4,241	87,832	35,615	191,589
Southern Area	FIRES	20		310	69	14,926	882	16,207
	ACRES	18,108		125,793	61,712	949,596	881,999	2,037,208
TOTAL	FIRES	182	217	872	170	16,415	2,227	20,083
	ACRES	57,288	39,935	250,595	73,145	1,069,384	1,090,972	2,581,319

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		22	16	15	3		56
	ACRES		29,923	57,962	26,380	449		114,714
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1		0	1
Southern California	FIRES				12		1	13
	ACRES				148		85	233
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		39	40
	ACRES				1		9,444	9,445
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		13	14
	ACRES				0		16,912	16,912
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		701					701
Southwest	FIRES				5	1	32	38
	ACRES				2	149	28,220	28,371
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		9		1		7	17
	ACRES		385		0		63	448
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10		1	11
	ACRES				1,708		3,481	5,189
TOTAL	FIRES	0	34	16	48	4	94	196
	ACRES	0	31,009	57,962	28,240	598	58,205	176,014

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Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-to-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-to-DATE
British Columbia	11	737	941	14,185
Yukon Territory	2	12	82	44,794
Alberta	11	1,508	957	99,805
Northwest Territory	0	0	168	361,813
Saskatchewan	10	5,297	292	172,962
Manitoba	13	233	289	182,677
Ontario	4	0	533	39,167
Quebec	3	0	659	358,814
Newfoundland	1	0	70	1,638
New Brunswick	2	0	241	426
Nova Scotia	2	0	374	638
Prince Edward Island	0	0	6	18
National Parks	2	0	46	216,592
Total	61	7,774	4,658	1,493,528

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