

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, August 19, 2008 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (223 new fires)
New large fires:	12 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	30
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	14
Fire Use Teams committed:	6

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

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

NIMO Team (Whitney) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	27
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	15
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

NIMO Team (Custer) is assigned to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Slinkard, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Four miles southeast of Seiad Valley, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior. Cultural sites threatened.

Jack, Lava Beds National Monument. IMT 2 (Swartzlander). Brush. Active fire behavior with rapid rates of spread and spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Iron and Alps Complexes (3 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Molumby) and IMT 2 (Cowie). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Backing, flanking, creeping and smoldering. Numerous residences, structures and powerlines threatened.

Siskiyou/Blue 2 Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with timber litter. Creeping and smoldering. Cultural sites threatened.

Panther (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Harvey). Fourteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with short runs and interior torching. Recreational areas closures in effect.

Yolla Bolly Complex (3 fires), Mendocino NF. IMT 2 (Blume). Forty-seven miles southwest of Redding, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior.

Bear Wallow Complex (3 fires), Klamath NF. FUMT (Beckman). Includes previously reported Ukonom-South Complex. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Active surface fire with isolated torching. Increase in acreage due to inclusion of Ukonom-South Complex.

Canyon Complex (2 fires), Plumas NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
* Slinkard	CA	KNF	130	---	6	UNK	112	---	10	9	2	0	NR	FS
* Jack	CA	BNP	3,000	---	30	8/22	202	---	6	16	0	0	80K	NPS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	105,123	712	90	9/1	888	-104	17	30	10	1	65.0M	FS
Siskiyou / Blue 2 Complex	CA	KNF	79,272	1,947	74	8/30	617	-91	9	16	9	0	57.4M	FS
Panther	CA	KNF	47,472	1,817	75	8/28	276	-64	3	11	1	0	13.6M	FS
Yolla Bolly Complex	CA	MNF	89,994	505	95	8/19	253	-44	3	4	3	0	15.4M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	44,219	291	35	9/30	132	57	2	2	3	0	10.5M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	37,831	---	97	9/30	104	---	2	1	2	3	45.5M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	99
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5
Fire Use Teams committed:	2

Bridge Creek, Ochoco NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Seven miles southwest of Mitchell, OR. Logging slash. Isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures, historic and cultural sites threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Gnarl, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (West). Twenty-four miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity with downhill backing. Structures threatened. Light precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

North Fork, Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Batten). Twenty-six miles northeast of Glide, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity with creeping, smoldering and short uphill runs.

Summit Springs, Sisters Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT 2 (Hirsch). Nine miles north of Sisters, OR. Timber. Wind-driven crown runs with short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Ochoco Fire Use – WFU, Ochoco NF. FUMT (Reidy). Ten miles southwest of Dayville, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity with single tree torching. Light precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Jack Creek, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. FUMT (Bonefeld). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Subalpine timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching, short crown runs and spotting. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Snow Creek, Deschutes NF. Washington IMT 2 (LaFave). Twenty-seven miles southwest of Bend, OR. Timber. Moderate rates of spread and torching. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Malott, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Two miles northwest of Malott, WA. Brush. No new information.

Bessie Rock, Rogue River NF. Seven miles east of Prospect, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior.

Wildcat, Freemont NF. Eleven miles west of Lakeview, OR. Timber and grass. Backing fire with single tree torching and spotting. Residence threatened.

Arctic Creek – WFU, North Cascades NP. Twenty-nine miles northwest of Marblemount, WA. Timber. Smoldering and creeping. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

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
Bridge Creek	OR	OCF	4,902	1,902	35	8/25	413	228	13	20	0	0	727K	FS
Gnarl	OR	MHF	516	0	25	UNK	544	15	16	10	7	0	3.5M	FS
North Fork	OR	UPF	450	50	20	8/28	718	267	23	14	5	0	1.2M	FS
* Summit Springs	OR	955S	1,350	---	10	9/1	83	---	0	12	0	0	NR	ST
Ochoco Fire Use – WFU	OR	OCF	2,000	0	N/A	N/A	208	129	6	5	0	0	NR	FS
Jack Creek	WA	OWF	1,017	67	0	10/1	37	0	1	0	1	0	227K	FS
Snow Creek	OR	DEF	350	0	5	UNK	86	50	3	8	0	0	NR	FS
Malott Fire	WA	NES	333	---	80	UNK	177	---	7	10	0	0	NR	ST
* Bessie Rock	OR	RRF	150	---	0	8/28	104	---	4	4	2	0	NR	FS
* Wildcat	OR	FRF	100	---	10	8/20	68	---	2	2	2	0	NR	FS
* Arctic Creek-WFU	WA	NCP	110	---	N/A	N/A	7	---	0	0	1	0	NR	NPS
Minam Peak – WFU	OR	WWF	300	100	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
Foam Creek – WFU	WA	OWF	300	-9	N/A	N/A	3	0	0	0	1	0	NR	FS

WWF – Wallowa-Whitman NF

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 21
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Porcupine, Nez Perce NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Twenty miles east of Elk City, ID. Bug killed timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs and group tree torching. Structures threatened and road closures in effect.

Bear Gulch, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Secrest). Twelve miles east of Townsend, MT. No further information received.

Snow Hole, Craig Mountain Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. Twelve miles southwest of Cottonwood, ID. Brush and grass. Creeping, smoldering with occasional torching.

Moose Creek - WFU, Nez Perce NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Powell, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, creeping, torching and short-range spotting. Monitor fire. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Rattlesnake, Nez Perce NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty miles west of Darby, MT. Timber. Short upslope crown runs, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
* Porcupine	ID	NPF	300	---	0	10/1	NR	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
* Bear Gulch	MT	CES	400	---	0	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Snow Hole	ID	CMS	2,900	0	95	UNK	282	-41	8	8	2	0	3.3M	ST
* Moose Creek-WFU	ID	NPF	500	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	FS
Rattlesnake	ID	NPF	2,600	---	NR	10/15	13	---	0	0	0	0	50K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

North Minidoka, Twin Falls District, BLM. Started on private land three miles north of Minidoka, ID. Sage brush and grass.

South Barker - WFU, Sawtooth NF. FUMT (Ourada/Soper). Five miles northwest of Rocky Bar, ID. Mixed conifer brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with short runs, intermittent torching and spotting.

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
* North Minidoka	ID	TFD	15,000	---	10	8/20	79	---	0	10	3	0	NR	PRI
South Barker – WFU	ID	STF	4,691	1,715	N/A	N/A	220	-9	8	6	1	0	700K	FS
Willow – WFU	ID	CTF	1,825	610	N/A	N/A	49	16	2	3	0	0	NR	FS

CTF - Caribou-Targhee NF

Western Great Basin (PL 2)

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

Silver Creek, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. IMT 2 (Whalen). Twenty miles northwest of Bridgeport, CA. Timber and brush. Active crown fire. Structures threatened.

East Slide Rock Ridge, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. FUMT (Svalberg). Previously reported WFU incident. Timber. Running crown fire with short-range spotting. Area closures in effect.

Fossil, Ely Field Office, BLM. Thirty-eight miles west of Caliente, NV. Brush and grass. Active running fire.

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
* Silver Creek	NV	HTF	400	---	15	8/25	298	---	9	19	4	0	1.2M	FS
East Slide Rock Ridge - WFU	NV	HTF	1,500	---	N/A	N/A	18	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
* Fossil	NV	ELD	300	---	0	UNK	64	---	2	24	1	0	NR	BLM

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 23
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Santa Lucia Lightning Complex (3 fires), Los Padres NF. IMT 2 (Smith). Eighteen miles east of Santa Maria, CA. Brush. Minimal fire activity. Area closures in effect.

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
Santa Lucia Lightning Complex	CA	LPF	256	0	60	8/21	499	-42	12	1	9	0	2.1M	FS
South	CA	ANF	135	-115	100	---	355	-101	10	20	1	0	800K	FS

ANF - Angeles NF

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Gunbarrel - WFU, Shoshone NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Forty miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Short uphill runs, group tree torching and short-range spotting. 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
Gunbarrel – WFU	WY	SHF	42,148	742	N/A	N/A	139	-12	2	7	2	8	5.2M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0

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
Alta - WFU	NM	SNF	475	90	N/A	N/A	5	4	0	1	0	0	12.5K	FS

SNF – Santa Fe NF

Predictive Services Discussion: Thunderstorms are expected today over eastern portions of the Pacific Northwest, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah. Gusty winds are expected from the Cascades and northern Sierras to Montana and Wyoming. Dry weather will continue over southern California.

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



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

CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	19	5	1	13	15	46	99
	ACRES	280	23	1	3	20	52	379
Northern California	FIRES		5			10	12	27
	ACRES		0			183	4,749	4,932
Southern California	FIRES				3	18	2	23
	ACRES				0	13	100	113
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1			6	12	21
	ACRES	181	0			404	611	1,196
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			2	2	6
	ACRES	1	15,000			5	195	15,201
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		300				205	505
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3				3	6
	ACRES		1				3	4
Eastern Area	FIRES					7	3	10
	ACRES					4	1	5
Southern Area	FIRES					21	2	23
	ACRES					205	81	286
TOTAL	FIRES	22	16	1	16	79	89	223
	ACRES	462	15,324	1	3	834	5,999	22,623

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	17	1	282	4	318
	ACRES		715	1,243	0	54,489	0	56,447
Northwest	FIRES	230	204	17	45	613	933	2,042
	ACRES	16,692	84,446	8,150	500	8,185	8,512	126,485
Northern California	FIRES	160	30	5	23	2,528	819	3,565
	ACRES	333	59	161	6,426	281,881	616,066	904,926
Southern California	FIRES	66	81	11	23	2,965	382	3,528
	ACRES	333	23,818	863	19	50,972	285,139	361,144
Northern Rockies	FIRES	956	72	16	10	686	524	2,264
	ACRES	19,095	6,877	7,102	9,331	49,057	16,922	108,384
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	36	356	5	15	373	329	1,114
	ACRES	9,249	28,896	513	135	10,327	24,652	73,772
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	229	6	14	60	52	369
	ACRES	10	17,888	51	6	3,169	297	21,421
Southwest	FIRES	612	220	6	48	683	818	2,387
	ACRES	19,384	81,201	347	976	263,260	95,580	460,748
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	453	266	24	23	468	295	1,529
	ACRES	2,038	3,084	2,008	318	162,050	1,832	171,330
Eastern Area	FIRES	317		13	14	7,803	270	8,417
	ACRES	1,934		247	63	44,511	702	47,457
Southern Area	FIRES	922		14	59	34,981	534	36,510
	ACRES	59,025		29,559	54,147	1,834,666	36,915	2,014,312
TOTAL	FIRES	3,760	1,472	134	275	51,442	4,960	62,043
	ACRES	128,093	246,984	50,244	71,921	2,762,567	1,086,617	4,346,426

Ten Year Average Fires	59,214
Ten Year Average Acres	5,030,530

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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			1				1
	ACRES			142				142
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		100					100
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					20		20
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						67	67
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
	ACRES	0	100	142	0	20	67	329

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	10	35	13	3		99	160
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,377	27,532
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	12	9	7	98	165
	ACRES	415	617	22,907	14	1,160	2,648	27,761
Southern California	FIRES		4	4	8	5	129	150
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	13,114	15,440
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	16	50	5	27	148	262
	ACRES	773	2,161	15,787	309	1,599	18,016	38,645
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	19	5	7	14	48	96
	ACRES	200	2,197	346	1,125	2,289	11,303	17,460
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	28	61	9	12		135	245
	ACRES	3,203	39,095	12,031	1,462		53,543	109,334
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	19	105	18	45	111	325
	ACRES	2,715	2,021	18,415	4,445	5,331	33,263	66,190
Eastern Area	FIRES	46		317	17	1,556	99	2,035
	ACRES	30,375		50,159	860	106,198	14,038	201,630
Southern Area	FIRES	20		100	82	417	691	1,310
	ACRES	13,894		41,983	60,846	237,705	654,931	1,009,359
TOTAL	FIRES	175	170	617	163	2,081	1,562	4,768
	ACRES	54,010	51,594	164,821	70,429	358,323	822,670	1,521,847

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	15	5	1		27
	ACRES		7,397	27,621	1,420	3		36,441
Northwest	FIRES				13		15	28
	ACRES				7		437	444
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,330	9,330
Southern California	FIRES				9		6	15
	ACRES				982		14,933	15,915
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		45	47
	ACRES				0		3,409	3,409
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		4,569	4,569
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		7	10
	ACRES		81		0		437	518
Southwest	FIRES				2		17	19
	ACRES				112		14,824	14,936
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		2		4	9
	ACRES		0		0		43,234	43,234
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1,596	1,596
TOTAL	FIRES	0	11	17	35	1	115	179
	ACRES	0	7,478	27,622	2,521	3	92,769	130,393

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	128	128	1,599	11,154
Yukon Territory	1	0	65	18,742
Alberta	15	60	1,452	17,926
Northwest Territory	0	0	225	279,209
Saskatchewan	1	6,454	567	1,067,535
Manitoba	3	0	369	131,654
Ontario	3	0	207	416
Quebec	0	0	168	1,453
Newfoundland	2	0	115	3,754
New Brunswick	0	0	143	129
Nova Scotia	0	0	235	2,597
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	85	4,080
Total	155	6,642	5,230	1,538,649

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