

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, August 24, 2008 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (69 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:	27
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	12
Fire Use Teams committed:	6

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

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

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	5
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	12
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7
Fire Use Teams committed:	2

Swanson Lake, Northeast District, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (Reed). Four miles southwest of Creston, WA. Timber, grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and torching. Residences and cultural sites threatened.

Summit Springs Complex (3 fires), Sisters Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT 2 (Hirsch). Nine miles north of Sisters, OR. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Structures and cultural sites threatened.

Wild Rivers Complex, Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Suwyn). Seventeen miles southwest of Grants Pass, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

North Fork, Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Batten). IMT is also managing the Rattle incident. Twenty-six miles northeast of Glide, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Bridge Creek, Ochoco NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Five miles southwest of Mitchell, OR. Logging slash. Creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Ochoco Fire Use – WFU (2 fires), Ochoco NF. FUMT (Reidy). Ten miles southwest of Dayville, OR. Timber. Creeping with isolated torching.

Snow Creek Complex (5 fires), Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Fourteen miles west of Sunriver, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Cultural sites threatened. Area closures in effect.

Gnarl, Mt. Hood NF. Twenty-four miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. No new information.

Jack Creek, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. FUMT (Bonefeld). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Subalpine fir. Creeping and smoldering.

Middle Fork Complex (63 fires), Willamette NF. Washington IMT 2 (Gormley). Lane County, OR. Timber, brush and slash. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Lonesome Complex (3 fires), Rogue River NF. Twenty-one miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Backing and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Harvey Lake, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Twenty miles west of Madras, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Clackamas River Complex (30 fires), Mt. Hood NF. Twenty-six miles southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber. Creeping and backing. Structures threatened.

Rattle, Umpqua NF. Six miles northwest of Tokette Falls, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior.

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
Swanson Lake	WA	NES	19,090	0	60	8/25	722	-5	24	75	3	18	2.7M	ST
Summit Springs Complex	OR	955S	1,963	37	45	9/1	901	-18	31	39	9	0	3.1M	ST
Wild Rivers Complex	OR	SIF	645	0	50	9/1	672	59	24	10	7	0	2.5M	FS
North Fork	OR	UPF	451	0	80	8/25	587	-164	16	12	3	0	4.6M	FS
Bridge Creek	OR	OCF	4,891	-11	80	8/25	594	10	15	26	3	0	3.4M	FS
Ochoco Fire Use – WFU	OR	OCF	2,000	0	N/A	N/A	270	-25	6	10	1	0	1.5M	FS
Snow Creek Complex	OR	DEF	447	58	80	UNK	600	137	20	21	2	0	2.2M	FS
Gnarl	OR	MHF	516	---	90	8/31	174	---	2	2	3	0	4.8M	FS
Jack Creek	WA	OWF	1,058	0	0	10/1	27	-10	0	0	4	0	442K	FS
Middle Fork Complex	OR	WIF	200	0	25	9/4	616	257	20	10	6	0	600K	FS
Lonesome Complex	OR	RRF	495	-165	35	9/15	294	0	12	8	3	0	1.4M	FS
Harvey Lake	OR	WSA	152	0	90	UNK	119	-28	4	0	2	0	575K	BIA
Clackamas River Complex	OR	MHF	175	35	65	9/3	55	-45	1	5	1	0	NR	FS
* Rattle	OR	UPF	150	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Foam Creek – WFU	WA	OWF	595	0	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
Rock Lake	WA	WFS	2,172	-69	100	---	161	-28	3	27	0	0	425K	ST

WFS – Washington DNR

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 9
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Slinkard, Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kaage) to NIMO (Gage). Four miles southeast of Seiad Valley, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Restricted traffic control on state highway 96.

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

Siskiyou/Blue 2 Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Smoldering. Cultural sites threatened.

Panther (2 fires), Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Harvey) to NIMO (Gage) today. Fifteen miles south of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and isolated torching.

Bear Wallow Complex (3 fires), Klamath NF. FUMT (Beckman). Confine/contain management strategy. Fourteen miles west of Etna, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity.

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	374	0	90	8/24	302	-129	8	5	0	0	2.6M	FS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	105,325	0	94	9/1	560	-44	11	12	3	1	69.5M	FS
Siskiyou / Blue 2 Complex	CA	KNF	79,768	6	81	8/30	800	118	14	15	6	0	57.6M	FS
Panther	CA	KNF	48,108	107	75	8/28	167	-5	3	3	1	0	14.6M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	44,553	10	40	9/30	98	-6	1	2	3	0	11.4M	FS

Western Great Basin (PL 3)

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

East Slide Rock Ridge, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Transfer of command from FUMT (Svalberg) to IMT 1 (Summerfelt) today. Fifteen miles southeast of Jarbidge, NV. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching, short upslope crown runs and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. 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
East Slide Rock Ridge	NV	HTF	13,150	1,898	0	UNK	279	134	8	9	2	0	850K	FS
Silver Creek	NV	HTF	680	0	100	---	41	-186	1	3	0	0	205K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Knowlton Complex (3 fires), Eastern Land Office, Montana DNR. Thirty miles southeast of Miles City, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures threatened.

Bear Gulch, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Secrest). Twelve miles east of Townsend, MT. Timber. Smoldering.

Indian Creek – WFU, Bitterroot NF. Twenty-nine miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Wapiti – WFU, Bitterroot NF. Twenty-seven miles west of Darby, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Cooper – WFU, Bitterroot NF. Twenty-three miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Knowlton Complex	MT	EAS	7,025	2,525	50	8/26	146	11	0	22	3	0	250K	ST
Bear Gulch	MT	CES	925	170	96	8/24	233	-37	5	5	1	0	1.2M	ST
* Indian Creek – WFU	MT	BRF	400	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
* Wapiti - WFU	MT	BRF	170	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	.3K	FS
* Cooper - WFU	Mt	BRF	115	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	.3K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Gunbarrel, Shoshone NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Previously reported as a WFU. Forty miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Cottonwood, Moffat County FD. Ten miles north of Craig, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. 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	WY	SHF	52,388	1,773	NR	UNK	203	8	3	12	4	8	6.1M	FS
* Cottonwood	CO	MFX	900	---	85	UNK	10	---	0	4	0	0	NR	CNTY

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

South Barker - WFU, Sawtooth NF. FUMT (Soper). Two miles east of Featherville, ID. Mixed conifer, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with 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
South Barker – WFU	ID	STF	12,687	0	N/A	N/A	229	2	8	5	1	0	1.7M	FS
Willow – WFU	ID	CTF	3,000	150	N/A	N/A	83	0	3	3	1	0	700K	FS
4 th of July	ID	LEX	330	0	100	---	15	-51	0	2	0	0	NR	CNTY

CTF – Caribou-Targhee NF

LEX – Lemhi County

Southern Area (PL 2)

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

Old 15th, Cherokee NF. Three miles southeast of Del Rio, TN. Logging slash. Active fire behavior with 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
Old 15 th	TN	CNF	1,150	625	20	8/28	75	19	2	1	1	0	79K	FS

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 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
Mill – WFU	AZ	KNF	775	335	N/A	N/A	26	-7	0	2	0	0	100K	FS
Alta – WFU	NM	SNF	700	100	N/A	N/A	3	-1	0	1	0	0	17K	FS
Black – WFU	AZ	COF	203	76	N/A	N/A	8	0	0	1	0	0	2K	FS

KNF – Kaibab NF

SNF – Santa Fe NF

COF – Coconino NF

Predictive Services Discussion: Warm and dry conditions continue throughout much of the West. Isolated dry thunderstorms are possible in northeast Nevada, northern Utah and western Wyoming. A large low pressure system will approach the Northwest with scattered showers mainly west of the Cascades today, spreading east overnight into Monday. Wind speeds will also begin to increase across the West. Tropical Storm Fay will continue to slowly move westward along the Gulf Coast and bring heavy rainfall to western Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

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



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

Attempting a Frontal Assault On a Fire

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				2	2	5
	ACRES	0				0	1	1
Northern California	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					17	122	139
Southern California	FIRES					15	3	18
	ACRES					0	3	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			3	4	8
	ACRES		17			0	0	17
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		23			0	4	27
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES		1		1	1		3
	ACRES		0		2	0		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					1,195	0	1,195
Eastern Area	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					1	0	1
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	0	1	46	16	69
	ACRES	0	40	0	2	1,214	130	1,386

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	17	1	284	4	320
	ACRES		717	1,243	0	54,541	0	56,501
Northwest	FIRES	263	229	19	62	663	1,143	2,379
	ACRES	34,179	93,471	8,235	520	30,243	13,694	180,342
Northern California	FIRES	161	30	5	24	2,593	835	3,648
	ACRES	333	59	161	12,926	281,924	601,505	896,908
Southern California	FIRES	68	82	11	24	3,027	390	3,602
	ACRES	383	23,818	863	19	51,982	285,240	362,305
Northern Rockies	FIRES	964	76	16	10	737	551	2,354
	ACRES	19,348	7,403	7,102	9,331	54,422	20,866	118,472
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	36	375	5	16	388	342	1,162
	ACRES	9,249	47,243	513	136	13,338	26,022	96,501
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	234	6	15	61	53	377
	ACRES	10	18,965	51	6	3,169	637	22,838
Southwest	FIRES	647	222	6	49	685	837	2,446
	ACRES	19,405	81,201	347	978	263,260	95,589	460,780
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	453	290	24	23	523	305	1,618
	ACRES	2,038	3,265	2,008	318	163,570	1,566	172,765
Eastern Area	FIRES	317		13	16	7,889	278	8,513
	ACRES	1,934		247	64	44,606	705	47,556
Southern Area	FIRES	928		14	59	35,149	539	36,689
	ACRES	59,115		29,559	54,147	1,839,542	37,033	2,019,396
TOTAL	FIRES	3,845	1,552	136	299	51,999	5,277	63,108
	ACRES	145,994	276,142	50,329	78,445	2,800,597	1,082,857	4,434,364

Ten Year Average Fires	60,703
Ten Year Average Acres	5,331,883

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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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	8	14	48	97
	ACRES	200	2,197	346	1,359	2,289	11,303	17,694
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		4	11
	ACRES		2,655	12	27		2,437	5,131
Southwest	FIRES	28	61	9	12		135	245
	ACRES	3,203	39,095	12,031	1,462		53,547	109,338
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		318	17	1,558	99	2,038
	ACRES	30,375		50,637	860	106,226	14,038	202,136
Southern Area	FIRES	20		100	82	418	751	1,371
	ACRES	13,894		41,983	60,846	237,755	714,899	1,069,377
TOTAL	FIRES	175	171	618	164	2,084	1,622	4,834
	ACRES	54,010	52,219	165,299	70,663	358,401	882,642	1,583,234

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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		21	34
	ACRES				7		2,813	2,820
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,330	9,330
Southern California	FIRES				9		6	15
	ACRES				1,062		14,933	15,995
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		46	48
	ACRES				0		9,014	9,014
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				0		16,597	16,597
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		8	11
	ACRES		81		0		11,494	11,575
Southwest	FIRES				2		17	19
	ACRES				112		16,107	16,219
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		4	11
	ACRES		3		0		54,645	54,648
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1,596	1,596
TOTAL	FIRES	0	13	17	35	1	124	190
	ACRES	0	7,481	27,622	2,601	3	136,529	174,236

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	19	0	1,796	11,989
Yukon Territory	0	0	67	18,846
Alberta	3	1	1,483	17,894
Northwest Territory	0	0	234	302,658
Saskatchewan	2	1	574	1,073,275
Manitoba	0	0	381	147,442
Ontario	3	1	260	946
Quebec	1	0	172	1,452
Newfoundland	0	0	115	3,754
New Brunswick	0	0	144	129
Nova Scotia	0	0	238	2,561
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	89	4,084
Total	28	3	5,553	1,585,030

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