

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, July 31, 2008 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 4

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (183 new fires)
New large fires:	8 (*)
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires:	34
Area Command Teams committed:	3
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	10
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

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

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

Transfer of command from NIMO Team (Cable) to NIMO Team (Gage) yesterday. Team is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Two MAFFS C-130 air tankers from the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina are supporting the State of California at McClellan Airpark in Sacramento, California. The Mission Commander is LTC Dan Mullins, 302th Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Australia and New Zealand are providing 44 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California.

Northern California Area (PL 5)

New fires:	18
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	20
Area Command Teams committed:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Area Command Team (Lohrey) is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity and Mendocino National Forests. Area Command Team (Anderson) is managing fire complexes on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests. Area Command Team (Zimmerman) has been ordered to replace Area Command Team (Anderson).

Rich, Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Hoff). Twenty miles west of Quincy, CA. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with group torching, short crown runs, and long-range spotting. Residences and powerlines threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Lime Complex (2 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Hughes). Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with rapid rates of spread, short crown runs and short-range spotting. Residences, ranches and youth camps threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Iron and Alps Complexes (3 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). IMT 2 (Kaage) ordered. One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with short runs, flanking, backing, single tree torching and spotting. Power lines and residences threatened.

Panther, Klamath NF. IMT 1 (McGowan). Fourteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures and cultural resources threatened.

Ukonom Complex, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Dietrich). IMT is also managing the Siskiyou Complex and the Blue 2 fire. Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with short crown runs and isolated single and group tree torching. Structures, cultural sites, and telecommunication facility threatened.

Siskiyou Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Wilcock) ordered. Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and single and group tree torching. Cultural sites threatened.

Blue 2, Six Rivers NF. Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing and group tree torching. Cultural and communications sites threatened. Trail and road closures in effect.

Bear Wallow Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Johnson) to IMT 2 (Swartzlander) yesterday. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and spotting. Residences threatened. Voluntary evacuations in effect.

Yolla Bolly Complex (3 fires), Mendocino NF. IMT 1 (Larsen). Forty-seven miles southwest of Redding, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with short uphill runs, isolated and group tree torching and short-range spotting. Residences and cultural sites threatened.

Canyon Complex (6 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 2 (Sciacca). Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with downhill backing. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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
Rich	CA	PNF	3,000	2,800	0	8/31	170	120	8	2	0	0	200K	FS
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	61,936	1,375	75	8/15	1,538	-61	38	74	11	5	46.3M	FS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	81,092	1,938	80	8/15	1,818	-74	45	54	8	1	41.2M	FS
Panther	CA	KNF	4,099	2,043	0	UNK	482	126	10	21	0	0	950K	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	39,840	1,751	30	9/15	422	-18	6	17	6	0	18.2M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	57,855	1,983	46	8/30	1,110	-11	26	53	10	0	24.9M	FS
Blue 2	CA	SRF	6,380	465	30	8/30	354	-43	8	10	6	0	6.1M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	9,905	851	0	8/15	416	-39	8	10	3	0	3.7M	FS
Yolla Bolly Complex	CA	MNF	73,516	1,149	35	8/15	571	67	11	26	6	0	6.0M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	37,750	-50	90	8/6	791	1	16	23	5	3	40.4M	FS
American River Complex	CA	TNF	20,541	0	100	---	60	-38	1	2	1	2	24.0M	FS

TNF – Tahoe NF

Southern California Area (PL 4)

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

Telegraph, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Unified Command between Cal Fire IMT 1 (Rambo and Hodson) and Mariposa County FD. Five miles north of Mariposa, CA. Timber, manzanita and chamise. Active fire behavior with running fire, isolated single tree torching and short-range spotting. Communities, communication facilities, power lines and water supply systems threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Tehipte, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP. Confine/contain management strategy. Thirty-three miles southwest of Big Pine, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching and short-range spotting. 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
Telegraph	CA	MMU	33,705	1,642	40	UNK	4,427	635	61	458	13	54	18.8M	ST
* Tehipte	CA	KNP	165	---	20	10/15	68	---	2	0	3	0	250K	NPS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	15
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

Cascade, Custer NF. IMT 1 (Bennett). Twelve miles west of Red Lodge, MT. Timber. Wind-driven fire behavior with crowning, torching, and spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Harley, Lewis and Clark NF. Three miles west of Neihart, MT. Timber litter and understory. Creeping with single tree torching. Residences threatened.

Duck, Charles M. Russell NWR. Twenty-five miles southwest of Fort Peck, MT. Grass and understory. Creeping and smoldering.

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	MT	CNF	7,539	1,603	5	UNK	692	196	19	32	5	5	2.3M	FS
Harley	MT	LCF	167	0	51	8/2	143	31	5	2	3	0	885K	FS
Duck	MT	CMR	457	157	90	7/31	19	1	0	6	1	0	60K	FWS
Parmenter	MT	KNF	130	0	100	---	121	-49	4	0	0	0	813K	PRI

KNF – Kootenai NF

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	86
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Evans Road, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. North Carolina IMT 2 (Hendricks). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Ground fire in deep organic soils. Residences threatened.

South 1, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Smoldering in deep organic soils.

McMillen, Central & Western Office, Oklahoma DOF. Twenty miles northeast of Ardmore, OK. Red cedar and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Parks Complex, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty miles southwest of Sweetwater, TX. Brush. Active fire behavior.

Cogan Creek, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles west of Huntsville, TX. Timber. 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
Evans Road	NC	NCS	40,704	0	80	UNK	212	-5	0	27	1	4	17.7M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	0	95	UNK	55	-3	1	3	0	0	NR	FWS
McMillen	OK	CWU	4,120	520	95	UNK	26	14	2	4	0	0	NR	ST
* Parks Complex	TX	TXS	600	---	0	UNK	13	---	0	3	1	0	NR	PRI
* Cogan Creek	TX	TXS	300	---	50	7/31	15	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Rock Creek	TX	TXS	1,200	0	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Red River	TX	TXS	950	0	100	---	10	0	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	19
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	2

New Fork, Bridger-Teton NF. Fifteen miles north of Pinedale, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Cabin Creek, Payette NF. Thirty-five miles west of Cobalt, ID. Grass and timber understory. Rapid rates of spread. Residences 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
New Fork	WY	BTB	2,600	1,480	0	UNK	129	83	4	6	2	0	NR	FS

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
* Cabin Creek	ID	PAF	686	---	0	UNK	7	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
Flag Knoll – WFU	ID	CTF	350	100	N/A	N/A	36	2	1	4	0	0	85K	FS
* Blackhawk	ID	EIS	1,500	---	100	---	12	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
Bridal Falls	UT	UIF	246	0	100	---	59	0	2	2	1	0	400K	FS

CTF – Caribou-Targhee NF

EIS – Eastern Idaho Area Office, Idaho Dept of Lands

UIF – Unita NF

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires:	2
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	2

Gooseberry, Carson City Field Office, BLM. Ten miles southeast of Doyle, CA. Pinyon pine, juniper and hardwood slash. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Residence threatened.

Little One, Elko Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Midas, NV. Grass and sage. Wind-driven fire activity with rapid rates of spread.

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
Gooseberry	NV	CCD	3,042	2,242	75	7/31	194	21	3	13	2	0	150K	BLM
* Little One	NV	EKD	600	---	10	7/31	31	---	0	7	0	0	NR	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	12
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	0
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

Gunbarrel - WFU, Shoshone NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Forty miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with short runs, crowning and 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	4,701	2,598	N/A	N/A	60	32	2	1	1	0	123K	FS
* Chief	CO	LSD	341	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM

LSD – Little Snake Field Office, BLM

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Cold Springs, Gifford Pinchot NF. Forty miles northwest of Goldendale, WA. Timber. No new information.

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
Cold Springs	WA	GPF	7,729	0	98	8/1	251	11	7	5	2	0	9.6M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Newt - WFU, Kaibab NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. Timber. Backing and flanking fire with isolated and group tree torching. Cultural heritage sites threatened. Trail closures in effect. 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
* Newt - WFU	AZ	KNF	150	---	N/A	N/A	6	---	0	1	0	0	5K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Windy conditions will continue across portions of the northwest quarter of the country; however, wind speeds will be less than yesterday. Isolated mixed thunderstorms are possible in Colorado. Texas will see a gradual increase in relative humidity today.

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



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

Smoke Exposure

Exposure to smoke during fire operations can be a significant safety concern. Research has shown that smoke exposure on prescribed fires, especially in the holding and ignition positions, often exceeds that on wildfires. There are many precautions that can be taken to reduce personnel exposure to smoke.

● Planning: Smoke exposure needs to be considered when planning suppression tactics and prescribed fires. Simple actions can mitigate smoke exposures, such as:

- Altering line locations can have a significant impact on smoke exposure.
- Placing firelines in areas of lighter fuels or moving lines to roads or other barriers that will require less holding, patrol and mopup will significantly reduce the smoke exposure to personnel.
- Use flanking attack as opposed to head attack (where appropriate) in heavy smoke situations.
- Check fire behavior forecasts for smoke and inversion potential.
- In heavy smoke, give up acres to gain control.

● Implementation: Many techniques can help reduce the exposure of personnel to heavy smoke, such as:

- Rotating people out of the heaviest smoke area may be the single most effective method.
- Locate camps and incident command posts in areas that are not prone to inversions.
- Minimize snag falling, consistent with safety concerns, to avoid putting heavy fuels on the ground that will require mopup.
- Changing firing patterns and preburning (black lining) during less severe conditions can greatly reduce exposure to smoke.
- The use of retardant, foam or sprinklers can also significantly reduce the workload and exposure time for holding crews.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		1			2	4	7
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIREs					16	2	18
	ACRES					131	18,698	18,829
Southern California	FIREs					21	2	23
	ACRES					90	2,002	2,092
Northern Rockies	FIREs	1	2		1	9	2	15
	ACRES	12	68		650	11	55	796
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	4			9	5	19
	ACRES	0	3			532	2,050	2,585
Western Great Basin	FIREs		2					2
	ACRES			2,842				2,842
Southwest	FIREs					0	0	0
	ACRES					1	1	2
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		3			7	2	12
	ACRES			338		5	0	343
Eastern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern Area	FIREs					82	4	86
	ACRES					1,414	5	1,419
TOTAL	FIREs	2	12	0	1	146	22	183
	ACRES	12	3,251	0	650	2,184	22,811	28,908

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		13	17	1	273	3	307
	ACRES		700	1,242	0	54,538	0	56,480
Northwest	FIREs	195	91	7	19	459	450	1,221
	ACRES	10,427	53,219	8,148	408	6,702	5,733	84,637
Northern California	FIREs	120	16	5	23	2,110	696	2,970
	ACRES	120	26	161	6,427	279,237	458,516	744,487
Southern California	FIREs	41	78	11	17	2,608	322	3,077
	ACRES	316	2,600	863	13	14,854	282,011	300,657
Northern Rockies	FIREs	836	47	14	4	543	268	1,712
	ACRES	9,877	6,478	6,529	655	43,346	5,288	72,173
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	32	269	5	10	283	210	809
	ACRES	8,399	5,858	513	133	8,430	7,808	31,141
Western Great Basin	FIREs	8	185	2	10	51	40	296
	ACRES	10	15,329	1	4	3,159	53	18,556
Southwest	FIREs	585	203	6	44	660	728	2,226
	ACRES	20,643	80,992	347	926	263,258	91,704	457,870
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	377	214	25	20	441	224	1,301
	ACRES	1,607	2,577	2,014	293	113,522	2,590	122,603
Eastern Area	FIREs	315		14	18	7,288	281	7,916
	ACRES	1,899		252	264	46,086	1,697	50,198
Southern Area	FIREs	765		175	55	30,412	527	31,934
	ACRES	55,727		18,716	54,145	1,480,876	36,735	1,646,199
TOTAL	FIREs	3,274	1,116	281	221	45,128	3,749	53,769
	ACRES	109,025	167,779	38,786	63,268	2,314,008	892,135	3,585,001

Ten Year Average Fires	52,373
Ten Year Average Acres	3,776,461

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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						1	1
	ACRES						25	25
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs				0			0
	ACRES						2	2
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						200	200
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	0	225	227

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIREs					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Alaska								
Northwest	FIREs	10	35	13	3		98	159
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,376	27,531
Northern California	FIREs	25	14	11	12	6	107	175
	ACRES	415	113	22,765	78	1,159	4,464	28,994
Southern California	FIREs		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIREs	16	16	55	5	24	147	263
	ACRES	773	2,161	15,969	309	1,109	17,311	37,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3	20	5	7	15	48	98
	ACRES	200	2,879	346	1,050	2,290	11,278	18,043
Western Great Basin	FIREs		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIREs	23	60	9	12		130	234
	ACRES	2,986	39,090	12,031	1,462		50,818	106,387
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	26	19	105	18	44	111	323
	ACRES	2,932	2,021	18,415	4,444	5,330	33,263	66,405
Eastern Area	FIREs	45		414	21	1,259	117	1,856
	ACRES	30,265		56,757	1,096	74,276	33,843	196,237
Southern Area	FIREs	25		65	82	416	837	1,425
	ACRES	14,613		43,213	60,846	237,640	866,635	1,222,947
TOTAL	FIREs	173	169	683	170	1,779	1,728	4,702
	ACRES	54,619	51,767	172,689	70,653	325,845	1,051,860	1,727,433

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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		6,217	26,182	1,299	3		33,701
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES					8	8	
	ACRES					8,460	8,460	
Southern California	FIRES				8		6	14
	ACRES				168		14,933	15,101
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		7	8
	ACRES				1		455	456
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		7	8
	ACRES				0		976	976
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
	ACRES		81		0		21	102
Southwest	FIRES				2		14	16
	ACRES				112		10,776	10,888
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		2		3	8
	ACRES		0		0		1,404	1,404
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES				1			1
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,544	1,544
TOTAL	FIRES	0	11	17	21	1	52	102
	ACRES	0	6,298	26,183	1,580	3	38,569	72,633

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	13	64	1,051	10,604
Yukon Territory	0	0	56	15,027
Alberta	18	34	1,287	12,082
Northwest Territory	9	15,924	150	192,849
Saskatchewan	2	19,720	549	873,473
Manitoba	2	0	335	113,284
Ontario	1	0	164	405
Quebec	0	0	163	1,381
Newfoundland	4	836	111	4,222
New Brunswick	0	0	139	128
Nova Scotia	0	0	229	2,576
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	12	739	72	2,877
Total	61	37,316	4,306	1,228,909

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