

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, September 27, 2008 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (92 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2
Fire Use Teams committed:	0

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

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

Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF4) at the National Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C., the Regional Response Coordination Center in Denton, TX, and the Joint Field Office in Austin, TX are staffed to support hurricane activity.

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	3
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Lonesome Complex, Rogue River NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Twelve miles east of Prospect, OR. Timber. Creeping with occasional single tree torching. Historical structures threatened.

Gnarl Ridge, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (West). Ten miles south of Parkdale, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Kitson, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Seven miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Creeping with isolated tree torching. Area closures in effect.

Rattle, Umpqua NF. IMT 1 (Hoff). Confine/contain management strategy. Six miles northwest of Tokete Falls, OR. Timber and brush. Backing, short uphill runs, creeping and short-range spotting. Area closures in effect.

Wizard, Deschutes NF. Eighteen miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Ponderosa pine. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Horseshoe, Deschutes NF. Twenty-five miles southeast of Lapine, OR. Timber with brush and grass. 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
Lonesome Complex	OR	RRF	19,263	-98	35	10/15	936	-100	26	18	9	0	14.7M	FS
Gnarl Ridge	OR	MHF	3,280	0	50	10/15	774	-33	19	29	4	0	11.7M	FS
Kitson	OR	WIF	1,000	0	25	10/1	516	254	16	18	6	0	800K	FS
Rattle	OR	UPF	18,078	39	62	10/15	654	-69	8	27	4	0	17.9M	FS
Wizard	OR	DEF	300	100	10	UNK	257	142	9	10	4	0	NR	FS
Horseshoe	OR	DEF	415	0	75	9/28	15	-7	0	6	0	0	50K	FS

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 39
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0
NIMOs committed: 1

Hurricane Ike Support, Federal Emergency Management Agency. NIMO (Custer) is assisting Texas Forest Service with operations at Houston, TX.

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 15
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0
NIMOs committed: 0

Klamath Complex, Klamath NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Gage) back to local unit yesterday. Confine/contain management strategy. Fourteen miles west of Etna, CA. Timber and brush. Active backing and flanking.

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Klamath Complex	CA	KNF	192,038	0	90	9/30	276	0	5	4	6	0	126.1M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 16
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Hidden, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP. Twelve miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Mixed conifer and timber litter. Moderate fire activity with slow rates of spread, backing and short upslope runs.

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Hidden	CA	KNP	3,492	538	94	9/30	170	-383	3	2	6	0	8.2M	NPS

Predictive Services Discussion: Mainly warm and dry conditions will be in place once again over much of the country. Some scattered thunderstorm activity is expected in the four corners states during the afternoon. Pockets of heavy rain and potential coastal flooding is expected along the eastern seaboard, as tropical storm Kyle strengthens into a hurricane. Afternoon relative humidity will be low across western Florida and southeast Alabama today.

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



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

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES					11	4	15
	ACRES					2	6	8
Southern California	FIRES				0	14	2	16
	ACRES				537	400	151	1,088
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	4	8
	ACRES		0			7	0	7
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					1	0	1
Southern Area	FIRES					38	1	39
	ACRES					337	15	352
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	73	17	92
	ACRES	0	0	0	537	747	175	1,459

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	19	1	300	3	337
	ACRES		644	1,352	0	60,651	0	62,647
Northwest	FIRES	294	254	25	76	767	1,408	2,824
	ACRES	36,335	99,987	8,227	649	33,850	39,812	218,860
Northern California	FIRES	170	3	8	32	3,070	951	4,234
	ACRES	692	1	175	12,928	284,665	582,514	880,975
Southern California	FIRES	76	129	14	48	3,513	522	4,302
	ACRES	385	26,883	871	3,520	53,125	290,992	375,776
Northern Rockies	FIRES	997	80	18	12	771	621	2,499
	ACRES	20,525	4,743	7,882	9,331	152,825	21,027	216,333
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	453	5	29	423	434	1,393
	ACRES	9,300	64,017	513	926	22,183	34,925	131,864
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	258	6	16	78	68	434
	ACRES	10	21,891	51	6	3,375	45,425	70,758
Southwest	FIRES	641	228	8	49	704	942	2,572
	ACRES	19,425	81,218	351	982	263,267	96,011	461,254
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	628	359	24	26	544	347	1,928
	ACRES	2,128	16,567	2,008	318	184,014	9,376	214,411
Eastern Area	FIRES	342		17	18	9,150	303	9,830
	ACRES	1,961		157	65	53,242	725	56,150
Southern Area	FIRES	956		84	64	35,715	562	37,381
	ACRES	59,259		48,375	54,917	1,844,169	37,233	2,043,953
TOTAL	FIRES	4,161	1,778	228	371	55,035	6,161	67,734
	ACRES	150,020	315,951	69,962	83,642	2,955,366	1,158,040	4,732,981

Ten Year Average Fires	67,367
Ten Year Average Acres	6,227,682

*** 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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				2	1		3
	ACRES				120	70		190
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	1				2	3
	ACRES	480	1,950				850	3,280
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				35			35
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						105	105
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		79				191	270
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						111	111
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	3	1	6	11
	ACRES	480	2,029	0	155	70	1,287	4,021

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	42	21	1		139	213
	ACRES	2,435	16,996	2,639	6		19,655	41,731
Northern California	FIRES	25	3	17	12	10	102	169
	ACRES	415	7	23,388	397	2,120	2,653	28,980
Southern California	FIRES		4	5	7	6	129	151
	ACRES		118	857	1,327	73	13,114	15,489
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	19	60	5	31	194	331
	ACRES	2,088	3,678	16,638	309	2,108	23,679	48,500
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	27	6	8	10	55	110
	ACRES	860	10,681	376	3,421	1,653	16,572	33,563
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	3	3		4	13
	ACRES		2,655	37	62		2,437	5,191
Southwest	FIRES	29	64	11	14		161	279
	ACRES	3,214	39,533	20,031	3,148		59,581	125,507
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	31	107	20	46	125	356
	ACRES	2,971	5,014	18,971	4,748	5,814	35,940	73,458
Eastern Area	FIRES	46		336	17	1,602	97	2,098
	ACRES	30,380		53,558	860	108,272	11,447	204,517
Southern Area	FIRES	20		204	82	489	780	1,575
	ACRES	13,894		107,160	60,846	268,032	727,018	1,176,950
TOTAL	FIRES	183	193	770	169	2,204	1,786	5,305
	ACRES	56,257	78,682	243,655	75,124	392,062	912,096	1,757,876

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		7	15	5	1		28
	ACRES		7,397	31,830	1,420	3		40,650
Northwest	FIRES				15		24	39
	ACRES				99		2,938	3,037
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,301	9,301
Southern California	FIRES				11		6	17
	ACRES				3,986		14,933	18,919
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		49	51
	ACRES				0		11,863	11,863
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		24	25
	ACRES				0		48,025	48,025
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		9	12
	ACRES		81		0		10,145	10,226
Southwest	FIRES				2		19	21
	ACRES				112		17,689	17,801
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		4	11
	ACRES		25		0		54,645	54,670
Eastern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			3				3
Southern Area	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1,986	1,986
TOTAL	FIRES	0	14	18	39	1	150	222
	ACRES	0	7,503	31,833	5,617	3	171,525	216,481

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	49	99	1,902	12,058
Yukon Territory	0	0	68	18,846
Alberta	17	54	1,558	18,530
Northwest Territory	0	0	240	308,789
Saskatchewan	0	0	582	1,127,811
Manitoba	0	0	0	0
Ontario	5	29	310	1,292
Quebec	4	1	207	1,478
Newfoundland	0	0	122	3,780
New Brunswick	0	0	160	131
Nova Scotia	0	0	242	2,717
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
Total	75	183	5,391	1,495,432

*** CIFFC table updated weekly. ***

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