

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, July 24, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (180 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 3
 Uncontained large fires** : 9
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 59 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents. **

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

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Railbelt Complex (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Allen) back to local unit occurred yesterday. Twelve miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tussock with mixed hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Rock Slough, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land, forty-seven miles northeast of Fort Yukon, AK. Black spruce, brush and tundra. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

Shanta Creek, Kenai – Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. Started on FWS land twelve miles southeast of Soldotna, AK. Spruce. No further information received. 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
Railbelt Complex	AK	FAS	253,221	0	N/A	N/A	142	-108	4	0	4	0	5.6M	ST
Rock Slough	AK	UYD	24,000	0	N/A	N/A	109	-5	4	0	1	0	2.9M	FWS
Shanta Creek	AK	KKS	13,221	0	N/A	N/A	33	-9	1	0	1	0	4.8M	FWS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Backbone, Six Rivers NF. Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Minimal fire activity.

Tennant, Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Molhoek) back to local unit will occur today. Ten miles south of Macdoel, CA. Timber. 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
Backbone	CA	SRF	6,324	0	90	7/24	169	-120	3	0	6	0	16.9M	FS
Tennant	CA	KNF	3,225	0	90	7/24	606	-247	11	11	3	3	3.4M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 27
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Bielenburg, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT2 (Secrest). Confine/contain management strategy. Nine miles southwest of Deerlodge, MT. Dead and down timber. 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
Bielenburg	MT	BDF	177	0	N/A	N/A	181	-19	4	2	1	0	437K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 20
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Buniger**, Grand Junction District, BLM. Confine / contain management strategy. Twenty-one miles northwest of Grand Junction, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated 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
* Buniger	CO	GJD	115	---	N/A	N/A	11	---	0	1	1	0	NR	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Bridge, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

Steep Creek, Fishlake NF. Eleven miles northeast of Boulder, UT. Timber. 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
Bridge	UT	DIF	3,716	100	75	UNK	34	13	1	3	0	0	NR	FS
Steep Creek	UT	FIF	309	0	70	UNK	82	-21	2	2	1	0	321K	FS
* Noman	ID	TFD	373	---	100	---	24	---	0	6	0	0	25K	BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

2009 Summer Wildfire Response, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in the state of Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

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2009 Summer Wildfire Response	TX	TXS	6,391	342	0	UNK	262	25	0	5	4	0	3.1M	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13
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
Rossi	NV	EKD	234	166	100	---	26	-7	1	2	0	0	NR	BLM

EKD – Elko District, BLM

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 22
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
Forks	CA	INF	3,268	0	100	---	300	-138	5	3	0	0	2.9M	FS

INF – Inyo NF

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered thunderstorms, some of them dry, are expected today from the Washington Cascade eastward into Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Thunderstorms are also on tap for the Southern Sierras and Great Basin. Otherwise, hot weather will continue across the West. The Alaska interior should once again see gusty winds north of the Alaska Range along with widely scattered thunderstorms.

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



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

Chainsaw Safety

Chainsaw safety is every saw operator's job.

- Always wear proper P.P.E. when handling or working around chainsaws.
 - Eye protection- approved goggles or safety glasses (no sunglasses)
 - Chainsaw Chaps- proper size and length
 - Gloves-proper size
 - Long sleeve shirt-no loose sleeves
 - Leather boots-no loose boot laces
- Take the time to inspect the chainsaw before operating the saw.
 - Check the chain and bar- Sharpness of chain, Bar seated correctly
 - Check the bolts and screws all around the saw- no missing screws or bolts
 - Check the casing of the saw- no cracked or missing plastic
- Make sure you're aware of your surroundings while operating the chainsaw.
 - Look for people working in your area- advise all personnel you're operating the saw.
 - Look for any snags or hazards in your area- look up for power lines, widow makers, etc.
 - Make sure you always have a spotter or swamper to use for communications.
 - Always watch your footing while operating the saw- loose, rocky, steep terrain can cause you to slip while the chainsaw is running.
- Always make sure you are comfortable doing the task at hand.
 - Proper training for personnel running saws.
 - While falling trees know your escape route.
 - If you are not comfortable falling the tree walk away. Notify your supervisor and mitigate the safety issues or turn down the assignment.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2		2		4
	ACRES			650		1		651
Northwest	FIRES	2				8	26	36
	ACRES	0				1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES					12	1	13
	ACRES					41	0	41
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	0	19		22
	ACRES		0	1	3	12		16
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			4	22	27
	ACRES		1			0	406	407
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			4	2	12
	ACRES		626			1	9	636
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4			3	6	13
	ACRES		0			0	1	1
Southwest	FIRES	2	3	1	1	1	10	18
	ACRES	134	12	3	0	1	26	176
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	5			5	5	20
	ACRES	0	118			52	1	171
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						4	4
Southern Area	FIRES			4		9	1	14
	ACRES			308		17	300	625
TOTAL	FIRES	9	21	8	1	67	74	180
	ACRES	134	757	962	3	126	747	2,729

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	41	37	18	319	18	434
	ACRES	1	238,297	371,440	35,133	661,945	8	1,306,824
Northwest	FIRES	244	115	1	21	473	394	1,248
	ACRES	1,223	2,039	1	239	1,141	1,096	5,739
Northern California	FIRES	81	26	3	13	1,336	382	1,841
	ACRES	80	19	4	2	7,417	10,068	17,590
Southern California	FIRES	27	117	8	13	1,984	364	2,513
	ACRES	42	863	24	1,719	8,766	9,167	20,581
Northern Rockies	FIRES	517	34	11	11	320	264	1,157
	ACRES	1,188	980	392	2	15,712	1,153	19,427
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	26	213	5	22	290	132	688
	ACRES	56	4,572	186	801	1,030	8,353	14,998
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	230	7	7	57	77	381
	ACRES	20	15,981	0	20	311	56	16,388
Southwest	FIRES	537	218	8	46	750	682	2,241
	ACRES	21,738	70,264	148	3,766	281,987	69,480	447,383
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	316	216	14	9	418	141	1,114
	ACRES	1,458	3,005	533	61	66,305	366	71,728
Eastern Area	FIRES	408		30	25	11,474	518	12,455
	ACRES	1,227		809	110	103,214	6,596	111,956
Southern Area	FIRES	298		180	52	28,829	547	29,906
	ACRES	35,259		42,879	43,957	857,319	26,170	1,005,584
TOTAL	FIRES	2,458	1,210	304	237	46,250	3,519	53,978
	ACRES	62,292	336,020	416,416	85,810	2,005,147	132,513	3,038,198

Ten Year Average Fires	50,234
Ten Year Average Acres	3,454,572

*** 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							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						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,222	2,222
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2,327	2,327

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3,338		3,338
Northwest	FIRES	15	107	19	2	19	88	250
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	231	12,361	31,759
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	26	163	297
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,891	7,697	41,359
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	5	1	115	137
	ACRES		564	748	1,078	195	8,627	11,212
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	25	77	2	24	182	332
	ACRES	1,973	3,886	18,408	345	2,241	17,474	44,327
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	2	7	21	50	103
	ACRES	15	4,028	770	282	180	13,734	19,009
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2			5	15
	ACRES		1,812	62			219	2,093
Southwest	FIRES	25	29	3	8		214	279
	ACRES	1,739	54,390	501	1,099		108,532	166,261
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	46	108	10	45	121	395
	ACRES	7,304	4,759	18,917	5,851	1,564	28,202	66,597
Eastern Area	FIRES	67		428	43	1,787	169	2,494
	ACRES	72,214		64,351	9,201	82,079	45,752	273,597
Southern Area	FIRES	5		255	80	805	1,063	2,208
	ACRES	2,370		130,345	90,752	299,215	974,366	1,497,048
TOTAL	FIRES	226	260	923	203	2,737	2,170	6,519
	ACRES	92,961	79,900	264,752	110,089	391,934	1,216,964	2,156,600

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	30	3,059	1,138	45,536
Yukon Territory	1	0	65	78,560
Alberta	2	0	1,189	64,174
Northwest Territory	0	0	20	761
Saskatchewan	0	0	459	37,726
Manitoba	0	0	130	2,437
Ontario	1	0	312	20,101
Quebec	2	25	411	122,541
Newfoundland	1	0	161	52,590
New Brunswick	0	0	153	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	148	935
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	69	32,860
Total	37	3,084	4,255	458,452

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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