

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, July 26, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (188 new fires)  
 New large fires: 6 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 11  
 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.

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 14  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**McGinnis Creek**, John Day Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT2 (Savage). Ten miles southwest of Kimberly, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Multiple structures threatened.

**Johnson Lake Complex** (2 fires), Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Reed). Six miles northeast of Nespelem, WA. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

| 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 |
|----------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| McGinnis Creek       | OR | 952S | 2,187 | ---              | 20    | 7/31    | 332       | ---              | 13  | 24  | 3    | 0         | 602K     | ST         |
| Johnson Lake Complex | WA | COA  | 955   | -23              | 50    | UNK     | 444       | 261              | 13  | 9   | 2    | 0         | 510K     | BIA        |

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 48  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Rescue**, Helena NF. Twenty-two miles northeast of Helena, MT. Timber and grass. Moderate 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Rescue        | MT | HNF  | 457  | 0                | 50    | 7/27    | 27        | 4                | 1   | 1   | 3    | 0         | NR       | FS         |
| * Chokecherry | MT | CES  | 145  | ---              | 100   | ---     | 80        | ---              | 3   | 1   | 4    | 0         | NR       | ST         |

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### **Alaska Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 3

New large fires: 2

Uncontained large fires: 0

**Railbelt Complex** (2 fires), Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. 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.

\* **Tagagawik River 3**, Galena Zone, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Forty-three miles southeast of Selawik, AK. Brush and grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Continental**, Galena Zone, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Forty-eight miles southeast of Selawik, AK. Brush and grass. 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  | 285,463 | 15,986           | N/A   | N/A     | 173       | 10               | 5   | 0   | 5    | 0         | 6.3M     | ST         |
| Rock Slough         | AK | UYD  | 26,500  | 2000             | N/A   | N/A     | 109       | ---              | 4   | 0   | 2    | 0         | 3.1M     | FWS        |
| * Tagagawik River 3 | AK | GAD  | 1,520   | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | BLM        |
| * Continental       | AK | GAD  | 1,130   | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1K       | BLM        |

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 21

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 3

**Bridge**, Dixie NF. Eight miles southwest of Bryce Canyon, UT. Timber. Smoldering and creeping.

**Steep Creek**, Fishlake NF. Eleven miles northeast of Boulder, UT. Timber. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Good Luck**, Salmon-Challis NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Bridge        | UT | DIF  | 3,766 | 0                | 80    | UNK     | 27        | -1               | 1   | 2   | 0    | 0         | 1.6M     | 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Steep Creek   | UT | FIF  | 309  | 0                | 90    | UNK     | 69        | 0                | 2   | 1   | 1    | 0         | 455K     | FS         |
| * Good Luck   | ID | SCF  | 150  | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 147       | ---              | 4   | 1   | 3    | 0         | NR       | FS         |

### **Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 24  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Backbone**, Six River NF. Twelve miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Backbone      | CA | SRF  | 6,324 | ---              | 90    | UNK     | 169       | ---              | 3   | 0   | 6    | 0         | 16.9M    | FS         |

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 8  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
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.

**Carolina Bay**, National Forests in North Carolina. Eight miles south of Havelock, NC. Chaparral. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Beaver Lake**, Texas Forest Service. Two miles northeast of Juno, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate 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 |
|-------------------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 2009 Summer Wildfire Response | TX | TXS  | 6,310 | 47               | 0     | UNK     | 276       | 11               | 0   | 5   | 4    | 0         | 3.3M     | ST         |
| Carolina Bay                  | NC | NCF  | 800   | 300              | 25    | 7/31    | 49        | 0                | 0   | 5   | 1    | 0         | 20K      | FS         |
| * Beaver Lake                 | TX | TXS  | 500   | ---              | 20    | UNK     | 10        | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered, mostly wet, thunderstorms are expected today over Washington, northern Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will develop over the southern Sierras, Great Basin and western Colorado. The Alaska interior will be mostly dry and warmer with gusty winds over portions of the central interior.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
  - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
  - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
  - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
  - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM    | FWS    | NPS | ST/OT  | USFS | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-----|--------|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     | 1      | 1      | 0   | 1      |      | 3      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 13,467 | 22,756 | 3   | 22,246 |      | 58,472 |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 6   | 1      |        |     | 2      | 5    | 14     |
|                     | ACRES | 110 | 0      |        |     | 1,808  | 0    | 1,918  |
| Northern California | FIRES |     | 1      |        | 1   | 18     | 4    | 24     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0      |        | 0   | 1      | 6    | 7      |
| Southern California | FIRES |     | 1      |        | 0   | 15     | 10   | 26     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 5      |        | 6   | 4      | 1    | 16     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 2   |        |        |     | 12     | 34   | 48     |
|                     | ACRES | 168 |        |        |     | 2      | 126  | 296    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     | 6      |        |     | 5      | 10   | 21     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 201    |        |     | 1      | 151  | 353    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 1   | 7      |        |     | 4      | 1    | 13     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 29     |        |     | 0      | 100  | 129    |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 2   | 3      |        |     | 2      | 11   | 18     |
|                     | ACRES | 2   | 6      |        |     | 6      | 60   | 74     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 1   | 1      |        |     | 3      | 8    | 13     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0      |        |     | 1      | 38   | 39     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |        |        |     |        |      | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |        |        |     |        |      | 0      |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |        | 3      |     | 4      | 1    | 8      |
|                     | ACRES |     |        | 41     |     | 19     | 301  | 361    |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 12  | 21     | 4      | 1   | 66     | 84   | 188    |
|                     | ACRES | 280 | 13,708 | 22,797 | 9   | 24,088 | 783  | 61,665 |

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM     | FWS     | NPS    | ST/OT     | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES | 1      | 42      | 38      | 19     | 323       | 18      | 441       |
|                     | ACRES | 1      | 284,412 | 410,780 | 34,464 | 718,355   | 8       | 1,448,020 |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 257    | 117     | 1       | 24     | 484       | 405     | 1,288     |
|                     | ACRES | 1,349  | 2,040   | 1       | 260    | 2,963     | 1,120   | 7,733     |
| Northern California | FIRES | 83     | 27      | 3       | 14     | 1,361     | 390     | 1,878     |
|                     | ACRES | 82     | 19      | 4       | 2      | 7,420     | 10,075  | 17,602    |
| Southern California | FIRES | 27     | 121     | 8       | 14     | 2,011     | 378     | 2,559     |
|                     | ACRES | 42     | 868     | 24      | 1,732  | 8,793     | 9,298   | 20,757    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 521    | 35      | 11      | 11     | 366       | 343     | 1,287     |
|                     | ACRES | 1,422  | 980     | 392     | 2      | 15,855    | 1,889   | 20,540    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 27     | 221     | 3       | 22     | 254       | 148     | 675       |
|                     | ACRES | 65     | 5,270   | 186     | 2,111  | 1,256     | 8,752   | 17,640    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 4      | 242     | 7       | 8      | 63        | 81      | 405       |
|                     | ACRES | 20     | 16,085  | 0       | 20     | 317       | 256     | 16,698    |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 548    | 222     | 8       | 46     | 755       | 701     | 2,280     |
|                     | ACRES | 22,680 | 70,271  | 148     | 3,766  | 281,995   | 69,779  | 448,639   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 334    | 219     | 14      | 9      | 433       | 154     | 1,163     |
|                     | ACRES | 1,462  | 2,465   | 533     | 61     | 66,315    | 695     | 71,531    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 408    |         | 30      | 26     | 11,474    | 518     | 12,456    |
|                     | ACRES | 1,227  |         | 809     | 110    | 103,214   | 6,596   | 111,956   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 298    |         | 184     | 52     | 28,840    | 547     | 29,921    |
|                     | ACRES | 35,259 |         | 42,945  | 43,957 | 857,404   | 26,971  | 1,006,536 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 2,508  | 1,246   | 307     | 245    | 46,364    | 3,683   | 54,353    |
|                     | ACRES | 63,609 | 382,410 | 455,822 | 86,485 | 2,063,887 | 135,439 | 3,187,652 |

|                               |                  |
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| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>50,924</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>3,559,830</b> |

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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 |        |        |         |         | 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      | 152       | 286       |
|                     | ACRES | 224    | 2,515  | 26,582  | 1,450   | 2,891   | 7,260     | 40,922    |
| 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      | 21     | 2       | 7       | 22      | 50        | 103       |
|                     | ACRES | 15     | 3,986  | 770     | 282     | 180     | 13,734    | 18,967    |
| 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     | 109     | 10      | 45      | 121       | 396       |
|                     | ACRES | 7,304  | 4,759  | 18,947  | 5,851   | 1,564   | 28,302    | 66,727    |
| 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      |        | 256     | 80      | 805     | 1,066     | 2,212     |
|                     | ACRES | 2,370  |        | 130,452 | 90,752  | 299,215 | 975,970   | 1,498,759 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 226    | 259    | 925     | 203     | 2,738   | 2,162     | 6,513     |
|                     | ACRES | 92,961 | 79,858 | 264,889 | 110,089 | 391,934 | 1,218,231 | 2,157,962 |

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

| Provinces            | Fires Yesterday | Hectares Yesterday | Fires Year-To-Date | Hectares Year-To-Date |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| British Columbia     | 46              | 512                | 1,307              | 46,616                |
| Yukon Territory      | 0               | 0                  | 65                 | 78,560                |
| Alberta              | 3               | 5                  | 1,197              | 64,182                |
| Northwest Territory  | 0               | 0                  | 22                 | 781                   |
| Saskatchewan         | 0               | 0                  | 460                | 37,732                |
| Manitoba             | 0               | 0                  | 130                | 2,437                 |
| Ontario              | 0               | 40                 | 313                | 20,141                |
| Quebec               | 1               | 0                  | 413                | 122,541               |
| Newfoundland         | 0               | 0                  | 161                | 52,590                |
| New Brunswick        | 0               | 0                  | 153                | 232                   |
| Nova Scotia          | 0               | 0                  | 149                | 935                   |
| Prince Edward Island | 0               | 0                  | 0                  | 0                     |
| National Parks       | 0               | 0                  | 69                 | 32,860                |
| Total                | 50              | 558                | 4,439              | 459,608               |

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

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***