

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, September 1, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (143 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires : **	17
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Nationally, there are 80 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.

On August 30, two Los Angeles County firefighters were fatally injured on the Station fire north of Los Angeles, California. The firefighting community extends condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	6
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Station, Angeles NF. Unified command between IMT1 (Dietrich) and Los Angeles County FD. Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Extreme fire behavior. Residences and a major communications facility threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Oak Glen, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Four miles north of San Bernardino, CA. Mixed conifer, oak and chaparral. Active fire behavior. Community of Oak Glen threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Big Meadow, Yosemite National Park, NPS. IMT1 (McGowan). Two miles northeast of El Portal, CA. Brush. Active fire behavior with group torching. Communities of Foresta and El Portal are threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Morris, Angeles NF. IMT2 (Woychak). Five miles north of Azusa, CA. Chaparral. Creeping and smoldering. Road closure in effect.

* **Pendleton**, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles east of Yucaipa, CA. Brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations 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
Station	CA	ANF	105,296	62,796	5	9/8	3,655	1,080	58	399	13	18	13.6M	FS
Oak Glen	CA	BDU	1,012	712	30	UNK	1,251	---	42	95	10	0	NR	ST
Big Meadow	CA	YNP	5,175	493	55	9/10	1,162	194	33	103	10	0	7.9M	NPS
Morris	CA	ANF	2,168	0	95	9/2	354	-40	6	3	3	0	6M	FS
* Pendleton	CA	BDU	400	---	0	UNK	993	---	40	50	1	0	NR	ST
Gloria	CA	BEU	6,437	0	100	---	62	-785	2	9	0	2	4M	ST
Cottonwood	CA	BDF	2,409	0	100	---	368	-294	9	16	1	0	2.6M	FS

BEU – San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire BDF – San Bernadino NF

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 16
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3
NIMOS committed: 1

49, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Four miles north of Auburn, CA. Oak and grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Red Rock, Klamath NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Custer) back to local unit will occur today. Fifteen miles west of Fort Jones, CA. Timber with heavy dead and down fuels. Backing and creeping fire.

*** Kaunakakai**, Maui FD. One mile north of Kaunakakai, HI. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Evacuations 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
49	CA	NEU	340	-160	70	9/1	568	-161	12	55	2	60	1M	ST
Red Rock	CA	KNF	1,382	9	85	9/5	208	-95	4	0	4	0	3.7M	FS
* Kaunakakai	HI	CNTY	6,500	---	30	UNK	92	---	3	34	5	1	NR	CNTY

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Microwave, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT2 (Hirsch). Three miles west of Mosier, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Canal Creek, Willamette NF. IMT2 (Ensley). Eight miles southwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

Concrete Plant, Colville Agency, BIA. One mile north of Coulee Dam, WA. Timber, bitterbrush and grass. No new information.

Oden Road, Northeast Area, Washington DNR. Two miles north of Malott, WA. Timber, brush and grass. 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
Microwave	OR	954S	1,224	-26	75	9/5	638	-130	22	24	4	5	2.4M	ST
Canal Creek	OR	WIF	283	70	10	UNK	603	-74	18	5	6	0	2.5M	FS
Concrete Plant	WA	COA	400	---	80	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BIA
Oden Road	WA	NES	9,607	---	95	UNK	220	---	12	15	0	14	3.7M	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 47

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 2

Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Mill Flats, Dixie NF. IMT1 (Muir). Four miles southwest of New Harmony, UT. Timber. Active fire behavior with spotting and group tree torching. Residences threatened.

* **West Scofield**, Southeast Area, Utah Division of Forestry and State Lands. Forty miles north of Price, UT. Timber, sagebrush and grass. No further information received.

Solomon Basin, Fishlake NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. One mile west of Meeks Lake, UT. Ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and sagebrush. Backing fire. 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
Mill Flats	UT	DIF	10,382	2,232	0	NR	647	256	18	31	4	11	NR	FS
* West Scofield	UT	SES	251	---	10	9/2	200	---	3	20	3	0	NR	ST
Solomon Basin	UT	FIF	1,203	---	N/A	N/A	9	---	0	1	0	0	NR	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 32

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Water Wheel**, Tonto NF. IMT2 (Sciacca). Seven miles northeast of Payson, AZ. Hardwood litter and chaparral. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations 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
* Water Wheel	AZ	TNF	773	---	0	9/5	241	---	6	19	3	0	400K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

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

Scotty Moore Ranch II, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land forty-two miles south of Ozona, TX. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate 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
Scotty Moore Ranch II	TX	TXS	2,445	445	85	9/1	26	2	0	3	0	12	NR	PRI

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Tabaguache Creek, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Six miles north of Nucla, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

* **Kissinger**, White River Field Office, BLM. Confine/contain management strategy. Fourteen miles west of Meeker, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Creeping with isolated torching. 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
Tabaguache Creek	CO	GMF	1,260	560	10	UNK	91	62	3	5	2	0	200K	FS
* Kissinger	CO	WRD	345	---	N/A	N/A	6	---	0	0	1	0	NR	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry weather is on tap today across much of the West. There is a chance of thunderstorms over the southern California mountains, southern Sierra and the Cascades. Thunderstorms are expected over the Southwest and Northern Rockies. Gusty winds are expected over portions of Wyoming.

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



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

Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

Hazardous Materials

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

Illicit Activities

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

Propane tanks

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

Utility lines

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

Septic tanks and fields

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

New construction materials

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

Pets and livestock

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

Evacuation occurring

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

Limited access

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	4	6
	ACRES		0			0	10	10
Northern California	FIRES	1				12	3	16
	ACRES	0				6,797	6	6,803
Southern California	FIRES	2	1		0		3	6
	ACRES	0	200		1		4	205
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			2	8	11
	ACRES		3			0	2	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			10	33	47
	ACRES		1			18	3,767	3,786
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	4			1	24	32
	ACRES	51	55			2	164	272
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					4	2	6
	ACRES					6	0	6
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					8		8
Southern Area	FIRES					15	1	16
	ACRES					33	2	35
TOTAL	FIRES	6	11	0	0	48	78	143
	ACRES	51	259	0	1	6,864	3,955	11,130

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	374	26	511
	ACRES	1	759,030	754,406	101,308	1,319,700	10	2,934,455
Northwest	FIRES	391	291	24	72	915	1,124	2,817
	ACRES	6,225	21,388	2,350	2,220	55,968	21,890	110,041
Northern California	FIRES	99	59	3	23	2,081	790	3,055
	ACRES	93	1,533	4	4	55,851	29,365	86,850
Southern California	FIRES	37	130	14	28	2,693	475	3,377
	ACRES	84	1,117	30	2,597	9,969	101,933	115,730
Northern Rockies	FIRES	670	99	15	29	564	672	2,049
	ACRES	2,245	822	393	3	16,858	5,972	26,293
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	46	464	3	21	454	414	1,402
	ACRES	114	60,860	186	2,120	19,223	32,700	115,203
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	363	9	10	98	107	597
	ACRES	2,440	28,964	150	20	290	278	32,142
Southwest	FIRES	686	264	10	59	841	1,094	2,954
	ACRES	44,460	93,450	3,843	49,736	287,785	122,794	602,068
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	520	399	15	20	629	307	1,890
	ACRES	2,084	9,958	533	65	71,447	7,829	91,916
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	12,512	531	13,534
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	110,893	6,601	119,653
Southern Area	FIRES	298		229	53	31,805	569	32,954
	ACRES	35,259		44,118	43,957	915,016	30,990	1,069,340
TOTAL	FIRES	3,191	2,118	393	363	52,966	6,109	65,140
	ACRES	94,245	977,122	806,822	202,140	2,863,000	360,362	5,303,691

Ten Year Average Fires	62,525
Ten Year Average Acres	5,695,676

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						575	575
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		150					150
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				24			24
Eastern Area	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						45	45
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	150	0	24	0	620	794

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	11	2	1	72	208
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	2,827	31	1	9,796	27,723
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	21	42	19	156	280
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,583	361	2,512	8,255	40,450
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	7	1	115	140
	ACRES	1	564	748	1,248	195	8,627	11,383
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	70	2	24	186	331
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	19,813	345	2,241	18,262	47,044
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	23	85	143
	ACRES	8	11,093	1,225	282	190	15,190	27,988
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			5	10
	ACRES		1,452	62			219	1,733
Southwest	FIRES	27	34	3	8		222	294
	ACRES	2,093	60,000	501	530		109,828	172,952
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	66	42	129	11	45	122	415
	ACRES	7,317	3,776	20,665	5,875	1,535	28,306	67,474
Eastern Area	FIRES	68		442	44	2,164	182	2,900
	ACRES	72,232		69,035	9,221	124,509	47,111	322,108
Southern Area	FIRES	6		271	84	809	1,099	2,269
	ACRES	2,450		142,780	92,916	298,356	995,470	1,531,972
TOTAL	FIRES	233	258	962	207	3,095	2,244	6,999
	ACRES	93,509	91,667	284,239	110,809	432,877	1,241,064	2,254,165

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	0	31,496	2,720	216,752
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	294,907
Alberta	7	0	1,411	34,272
Northwest Territory	0	0	40	2,051
Saskatchewan	0	0	481	37,748
Manitoba	0	0	141	2,691
Ontario	0	0	332	20,622
Quebec	0	0	441	122,643
Newfoundland	0	0	166	166
New Brunswick	3	0	174	244
Nova Scotia	0	0	160	930
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	122	36,762
Total	10	31,496	6,306	769,788

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

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