

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, September 4, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (171 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 5
 Uncontained large fires : ** 10
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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.

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 23
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Station, Angeles NF. Unified command between IMT1 (Dietrich), IMT2 (Woychak) and Los Angeles County FD. Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Residences and a major communications facility threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Big Meadow, Yosemite National Park, NPS. IMT1 (McGowan). Two miles northeast of El Portal, CA. Brush. Moderate fire activity.

Oak Glen 3, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (McClelland). Four miles north of San Bernardino, CA. Mixed conifer, oak and chaparral. 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
Station	CA	ANF	147,418	7,268	38	9/15	4,847	112	121	419	19	141	28.5M	FS
Big Meadow	CA	YNP	7,240	957	70	9/10	1,113	-169	28	74	10	0	11.8M	NPS
Oak Glen 3	CA	BDU	1,159	0	90	9/7	1,304	-404	38	71	6	2	5.8M	ST
Morris	CA	ANF	2,168	0	100	---	146	-208	2	6	0	0	7.4M	FS
Pendleton	CA	BDU	860	0	100	---	438	-282	14	45	0	1	1.3M	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 34
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Mill Flat, Dixie NF. IMT1 (Muir). Four miles southwest of New Harmony, UT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. 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
Mill Flat	UT	DIF	12,607	43	33	NR	746	-19	19	20	10	11	4.1M	FS
West Scofield	UT	SES	251	0	100	---	110	-46	3	3	2	0	810K	ST

SES - Southeast Area, Utah Division of Forestry and State Lands

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 48
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Milepost 281, Colville Agency, BIA. Washington IMT2 (Barnett). Four miles southwest of Okanogan, WA. Scattered timber, brush and grass. Interior smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Canal Creek, Willamette NF. IMT2 (Ensley). Eight miles southwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. Minimal 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
Milepost 281	WA	COA	310	0	95	UNK	301	-165	8	18	2	0	500K	BIA
Canal Creek	OR	WIF	283	0	50	UNK	374	-53	8	2	5	0	4.1M	FS
Microwave	OR	954S	1,224	0	100	---	258	-278	9	13	0	5	2.7	ST

954S - The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Kaunakakai, Maui FD. One mile north of Kaunakakai, HI. Timber, brush and grass. No further information received.

Red Rock, Klamath NF. Fifteen miles west of Fort Jones, CA. Timber with heavy dead and down fuels. Minimal fire activity. 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
Kaunakakai	HI	CNTY	7,800	0	80	UNK	103	0	4	11	2	1	94K	CNTY
Red Rock	CA	KNF	1,364	-18	95	9/4	81	-88	4	0	0	0	4.2M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 3
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Eagle Mount**, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Two miles west of Columbus, MT. Ponderosa pine, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

* **Little People**, Crow Agency, BIA. Confine/contain management strategy. Three miles southeast of Pryor, MT. Lodgepole pine with heavy dead and down fuels. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Gabe Creek**, Flathead NF. Confine/contain management strategy. Nineteen miles northeast of Seeley Lake, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning, 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
* Eagle Mount	MT	SOS	600	---	0	UNK	70	---	0	20	4	0	20K	ST
* Little People	MT	CRA	100	---	N/A	N/A	97	---	4	0	3	0	55K	BIA
* Gabe Creek	MT	FNF	150	---	N/A	N/A	3	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Tabaguache Creek, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. Six miles north of Nucla, CO. Timber, brush and grass. 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
Tabaguache Creek	CO	GMF	935	---	70	9/7	40	---	1	2	1	0	300K	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 19
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
Water Wheel	AZ	TNF	773	0	100	---	186	-140	3	5	1	0	1.6M	FS

TNF – Tonto NF

Predictive Services Discussion: It will be a little cooler in southern California today with continued low humidity over the mountains. Otherwise, warm and dry over most of the West with widely scattered thunderstorms, some of them dry, from the southern Sierras to the Rockies. Rain is expected along the Pacific Northwest coast.

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



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

Falling Snags

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) 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.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags 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 may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.

- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:

- Strong winds
- Night operations
- Steep slopes
- Diseased or bug-killed areas

- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green 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
- Absence of needles, bark or limbs
- Leaning or hung-up trees

- Mitigation measures to take:

- Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
- Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
- Establish lookouts.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	9			2	22	15	48
	ACRES	23			0	14	8	45
Northern California	FIRES	1				12	1	14
	ACRES	15				22	1	38
Southern California	FIRES				0	22	1	23
	ACRES				13	1	4,000	4,014
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2			3	6	11
	ACRES		2			600	280	882
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			12	16	34
	ACRES		2			27	154	183
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			1		1
Southwest	FIRES	7	7			3	2	19
	ACRES	40	17			0	2	59
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	2			3	1	11
	ACRES	0	8			0	7	15
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					107		107
TOTAL	FIRES	22	19	0	2	86	42	171
	ACRES	78	29	0	13	772	4,452	5,344

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	375	26	512
	ACRES	1	759,030	754,545	101,308	1,319,711	10	2,934,605
Northwest	FIRES	399	288	24	74	944	1,148	2,877
	ACRES	6,982	26,076	2,350	2,220	56,012	22,530	116,170
Northern California	FIRES	100	60	3	23	2,106	786	3,078
	ACRES	108	1,533	4	4	56,020	30,250	87,919
Southern California	FIRES	38	132	14	28	2,752	482	3,446
	ACRES	84	1,117	30	2,650	9,993	246,072	259,946
Northern Rockies	FIRES	685	119	15	29	577	698	2,123
	ACRES	2,319	846	393	3	17,476	6,261	27,298
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	46	469	3	24	494	462	1,498
	ACRES	114	59,602	186	2,120	19,433	36,258	117,713
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	368	9	10	101	108	606
	ACRES	2,440	28,966	150	20	291	278	32,145
Southwest	FIRES	700	277	10	59	851	1,115	3,012
	ACRES	44,889	93,475	3,843	49,736	287,788	125,584	605,315
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	534	327	15	20	642	318	1,856
	ACRES	2,086	8,804	533	65	75,925	7,856	95,269
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	12,521	544	13,556
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	110,898	6,596	119,653
Southern Area	FIRES	298		229	53	31,888	569	33,037
	ACRES	35,259		44,118	43,957	914,955	30,990	1,069,279
TOTAL	FIRES	3,244	2,089	393	368	53,251	6,256	65,601
	ACRES	95,522	979,449	806,961	202,193	2,868,502	512,685	5,465,312

Ten Year Average Fires	63,379
Ten Year Average Acres	5,805,610

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						100	100
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						45	45
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	145	145

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	108	11	2	1	74	211
	ACRES	7,122	8,396	2,827	31	1	9,856	28,233
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	21	42	19	103	227
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,583	361	2,512	6,831	39,026
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	81	2	24	187	343
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	20,966	345	2,241	18,270	48,205
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	4	7	23	85	142
	ACRES	8	11,053	1,225	282	190	15,190	27,948
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			5	10
	ACRES		1,452	62			219	1,733
Southwest	FIRES	36	34	3	8		222	303
	ACRES	9,285	60,000	501	530		109,828	180,144
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	66	33	129	11	45	123	407
	ACRES	7,317	3,209	20,665	6,001	1,535	28,406	67,133
Eastern Area	FIRES	69		442	44	2,166	178	2,899
	ACRES	72,261		69,035	9,221	124,646	47,135	322,298
Southern Area	FIRES	6		271	84	809	1,104	2,274
	ACRES	2,450		142,780	92,916	298,356	996,055	1,532,557
TOTAL	FIRES	243	249	973	207	3,097	2,196	6,965
	ACRES	100,730	91,510	285,392	110,935	433,014	1,240,417	2,261,998

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	4	169	2,806	221,241
Yukon Territory	0	0	118	294,907
Alberta	4	1	1,426	64,273
Northwest Territory	0	0	41	2,055
Saskatchewan	0	0	481	37,748
Manitoba	7	103	149	2,797
Ontario	0	0	334	20,622
Quebec	0	0	443	122,643
Newfoundland	0	0	167	52,593
New Brunswick	1	0	175	245
Nova Scotia	0	0	160	930
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	123	36,957
Total	16	273	6,423	857,011

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

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